

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

Moonah-Lutana



St Therese of Lisieux Church
In the care of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)

Sunday, 8th December, 2019

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**ST THERESE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC PARISH MOONAH LUTANA
IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND NURTURING CULTURE
FOR ALL PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH.**

Alleluia Every Day

Someplace along the way, in the early years of my growing up, I heard someone explain that people who went to heaven would sit at the throne of God and sing, "Alleluia," all day long. "Oh, no," I groaned inwardly. At that moment, heaven, however important it remained in my young mind, lost some of its immediacy, if not some of its lustre.

Then, I grew up and realised the import of what it really meant to be able to sing alleluia all day long, every day of your life. The very thought of it spun my world in an audacious new direction. What if life itself was meant to be one long alleluia moment? Here, indeed, resided the real meaning, the real hope, of life. But was it possible?

How is it possible to say alleluia to the parts of life that weigh us down, that drain our spirits dry, that seem to deserve anything but praise?

The question is a worthy one. Life, after all, is a struggle, a journey in uncharted space, an exercise in both gain and loss, joy and sorrow. No life consists of nothing but success and satisfaction, security and self-gratification. Failure and disappointment, loss and pain, are natural parts of the human equation. Then what use is an alleluia, except perhaps to encourage some kind of emotionally unhealthy self-deception?

But alleluia is not a substitute for reality. It is simply the awareness of another whole kind of reality—beyond the immediate, beyond the delusional, beyond the instant perception of things. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the word is an injunction to praise, a call to the people to summon up praise in themselves. It is a challenge to see in life more than is seeable in any single moment and to trust it. In the Christian Scriptures, it is a formula of praise. Most of all, it is an intensely emotional response that, in early liturgical use, was said the entire year, even in liturgies. In the most ancient part of the tradition, then, it calls us to see all of life as life-giving, somehow, in some way, whether its present gifting is apparent or not.

Every segment of life is both gift and challenge, both endowment and responsibility. We lurch back and forth between total confidence and abject despair, between security and uncertainty, between the enrichment that comes from differences and the divisions that come from fear. It is learning to cling to a sense of alleluia for both that carries us through life to that moment when everything in us has come to fullness and our only next step is immersion in God.

Alleluia is a call to reflection, the basis of contemplation, the final "Amen," to all that is.
—from *Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is*, by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams ©

The Holy Gift of Awareness

All of life is a sacred adventure in the coming of the Reign of God, a journey to fullness of life rather than its denunciation. Yet many still follow the privatisation of the spiritual life that blossomed in the nineteenth century. They still cling to the notion that the purpose of the spiritual life is to enable people to flee the sullyng secularism of the world for the sake of personal sanctification. It is a spirituality that “practices” religion but does not identify with the Gospel messages that embody it.

If there is anything about the prophetic dimension of life that is clear, it is surely this: more people decline to accept the appointment than embrace it. As much as the church across time has recognised the role of prophets as charismatic carriers of the word of God for humankind, as much as prophetic religious groups have left behind them models and ministries enough to rebuild the world from century to century, an old heresy remains. The struggle to escape the world - to avoid conflict and let things take care of themselves - stays strong in us.

We have lost the holy gift of awareness of the world’s needs that the prophets brought to fullness. We have overlooked what the prophets knew best: the time most germane to our own sanctification is now. What we do and say, see and respond to, in our own day is the real seed of our own sanctification. It is the times we live in that are our call to courage.

No doubt about it: The purpose of prophecy is to leaven the world, to bring it closer to the Reign of God one small step at a time. The quality of life we create around us as followers of Jesus is meant to seed new life, new hope, new dynamism, the very essence of a new world community.

No exception is made for anyone. None of us, however isolated from the rest of life, is forgiven the responsibility. But how can it possibly be done by busy people with family and professional lives to live? The truth is that it’s actually not difficult.

To be spiritually mature, we must each be about something greater than ourselves. Every local area is being affected by great global movements. To own the implications of prophetic spirituality in the Christian life, we must think beyond our own small world to the effects other issues are having on the local area and make a response to them - with others or alone.

It has been said that every community has at least one prophet. The poet Mary Oliver may have written the best definition of what it means to be a prophet in contemporary spirituality. She writes, “Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.”

--from *The Time Is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage*, by **Joan Chittister** (Penguin Random House) ©

In the Heart of Jesus

Fr Mark Hanns MSC

NOTICES

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Mass times for Christmas and New Year are available in the Church Foyer.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The St Therese's Conference St Vincent de Paul is seeking donations for food items for the 2019 Christmas Hampers. A listing of items is available in the Church foyer and the items can be placed into the hampers in the church foyer. Items can be donated up until **NEXT** Sunday, 15th December.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ASSIST-A-STUDENT

St Vincent de Paul Assist-a-Student is an education program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. If you are able to assist please see the brochures available in the church foyer.

CHRISTMAS CHRONICLE

Calling for articles for the Christmas Chronicle. These articles are due to the Parish Office before **NEXT** Friday, 13th December 2019.

LEAVING COLLECTION

The last two weeks we have had a leaving collection for NSW and QLD bushfires, for drought affected farmers in NSW & QLD, Rural Aid and Fr Mark's Drought affected family. This collection has raised \$1,767.60. The distribution is as follows: Rural Aid \$362.01, Rural Aid - Water \$167.01, Qld Drought \$177.01, NSW Drought \$189.51, QLD Fires \$192.01, NSW Fires \$233.01 and Fr Mark's Family \$447.01. Thank you for your kind donation.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SAINT VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

THIS weekend the Christmas Collection for Saint Vincent de Paul will be held. Envelopes are located on the pews and can be placed into the collection baskets.

PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO 'FORMED'

We're pleased to announce the availability of 'FORMED', an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and ebooks On Demand anytime, anywhere! As a parishioner, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. We are providing this resource free of charge to help our parishioners learn and grow in their faith. You will be able to easily access any featured content that we are promoting within our parish community from time to time. So please join us. Also once you have signed up, don't forget to download the free iOS or Android app to put 'FORMED' at your fingertips. We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift and please spread the word to others. To sign up for FREE, just visit us here: <https://sttheresemoonahlutana.formed.org> then click "Register now" and follow the prompts for your own access to all 'FORMED' content on demand. If any parishioner has a personal 'FORMED' account, you might consider cancelling it, using the parish one and donating what you save towards the parish account. If you have any issue please see Deacon Michael on 0438 243 533.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after the 12 noon Mass until 4:00pm in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel in the Parish Centre.

PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK

Our Parish Memorial Book is being updated. If you wish for your loved ones or family members to be included please give these to Deacon Michael, before the 20th January.

ROOM TO RENT MOONAH

Maria Luu has a room to rent at 96 Albert Road, Moonah. If you know someone who might be interested call Maria on 0409 496 278.

COMMUNITY ROOM LIBRARY

The Community Room library is available for borrowing (and returning) of books. All books have been stamped and a coloured dot. If you would like to borrow a book please record into the borrowing book with your name and phone number and when returning place a line through your entry. We unfortunately don't require any more books for the library at this point in time, Thank You.

SAIN T VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX

In the foyer of the Church is located the Saint Vincent de Paul poor box. All monies added to the poor box go directly to those who need assistance within the St Therese's Conference area.

PIETY SHOP

To the left of the statue of Saint Therese in the Church foyer, is located the Parish Piety Shop. The Piety Shop sells a range of cards, birthday, baptism, confirmation etc. and other religious items. All proceeds go to Saint Vincent de Paul. We have received a supply of Christmas Cards for sale.

2020 JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

The 2020 Josephite Calendars are available for sale for just \$9.00. See Deacon Michael or Eva.

CAROLS ON THE HILL - TICKETS AND SAVE THE DATE

Tickets to the Archdiocese of Hobart's Carols on the Hill event in Hobart are now available to order online. Supported by the City of Hobart, Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event specifically designed for families to share in the joyful spirit of Christmas. The event will be staged at the Hobart campus of Guilford Young College on Saturday, 21st December from

7pm to 9pm, with gates opening at 5.30pm. The oval is secure and can comfortably hold around 1200 people, making it an ideal venue for families with children. **How to order your tickets.** Entry to Carols on the Hill is free; however, attendees must order tickets through an official website. A valid email address is required to order tickets.

- Individuals can order up to a maximum of six (6) tickets.
- A single general admission ticket must be reserved for each & every attendee (adults & children)
- Tickets are free. There are no costs involved when ordering tickets.
- You can choose to receive tickets by email that requires printing, or electronic tickets delivered to your smart phone or tablet.
- Tickets are available once you accept the event Terms & Conditions on the ticketing website.

To reserve your tickets, go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search for 'Carols on the Hill'.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2020

The Immaculate Mission School 2020 is a ten day live-in formation school for young people, with talks on the faith from awesome speakers, daily Mass & prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship, fun & fellowship & lots more! From 1st -10th January, 2020, at The Glennie School, Toowoomba. It is open to 15-35 year olds. Speakers include: Dr Ralph Martin (USA), Professor of Sacred Theology, international speaker on evangelisation and the spiritual life. Dr Martin is a consulter to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation, Archbishop Julian Porteous, Vince Fitzwilliams, James Parker, Jess Leach, Paul Elarde, Sisters of the Immaculata & more. The cost is \$450 (cost includes all accommodation, food, speakers and activities). **For more info or to register:** www.sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims.

MADE FOR EACH OTHER SUMMER SCHOOL: JANUARY 20-24 IN HOBART

The Made for Each Other Summer School will be held from January 20-24, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. It will be a unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35. The Summer School will offer a series of lectures from a well-qualified faculty, group discussions, field trips, prayer time and social occasions to create a unique experience of the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church's teaching on relationships, sexuality, marriage and the family. For more information please contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or ben.smith@aohtas.org.au. A web page with detailed information on the event can be viewed at: www.bit.ly/2oCtnOU.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

The Good News starts with John the Baptist. He is the first to proclaim God's Kingdom. He announces it in the desert, the place where our faith is tested and where we encounter God. In the Old Dispensation, the people of Israel had to cross the desert to come to the promised land. This implies a change of attitude, a conversion. Without conversion it is impossible to welcome Christ. Baptism is a sign of that change of heart, of conversion.

The Pharisees and Sadducees come to John; but he refuses to receive them. John finds that the politically powerful and the wealthy are not able to accept the kingdom. He is asking for a change that is not merely formal. It is not simply carrying out mere external rituals. John demands that they 'bear fruit worthy of repentance.' (3:8)

Our actions determine our lives. Any tree that does not bear fruit will be cut down. There is either wheat or chaff (3:12), acceptance or rejection. There is no idle ground. John precedes Jesus in time. Yet, we who come after him must also have

something of the forerunner. Bearing witness to the reign of God consists in preparing for the Lord's coming. Welcoming our neighbour is the condition and the expression of Christ's welcoming us. (Rom 15:7)

Isaiah, quoted by John, reminds us, that the Messiah 'will judge the poor with righteousness.' (11:4) Justice is part of John's proclamation. This puts him in opposition to the powerful leaders of his time. In Isaiah, God's kingdom expresses a world of profound peace and harmony. The beautiful images taken from a rural setting simply reinforce this proclamation (11:6-9). The establishment of justice is an indispensable condition of the kingdom.

This struggle for peace and justice goes on today in so many countries. Struggling for peace means also struggling for justice. Many have paid the price of this with their lives. Those who have given their lives are also precursors of Jesus as John was. They are calling us to convert and to prepare the way for the advent of the Lord.

Noel Mansfield, msc ©



THE WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE 2020

The Way to St James Pilgrimage is on again in 2020, and registrations are now open.

Inspired by the famous Spanish El Camino of St James this two day pilgrim walk will take you through the scenic and peaceful Huon Valley to a celebration at the Spanish mission styled Church of St James, nestled in the heart of Cygnet.

Through fellowship, reflection, rejoicing and ritual you will find an opportunity to reconnect with the spiritual dimensions of your life.

The pilgrimage commences on Saturday 11th January 2020 at 10.30am from the Mountain River Community Hall, and finishes on Sunday 12th January 2020 at approx. 5pm at St James Church, Cygnet in the midst of the wonderful Cygnet Folk Festival.

For further details, and to register go to: www.waytostjames.com.au

Or visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/waytostjamescygnet/>

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,393.50

Loose: \$ 1,203.50

TOTAL: \$ **2,597.00**

Week's Pledged Collections: \$ 2,538.00

Difference \$ **59.00**

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Thank You!

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Olga Woods, Susan Wilson, Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards, Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning, Jan Grubb, Alicia Stroud, Aileen Jones, Paddi McDonald, Peter van Loggerenberg, Joe Higgins, Gracie Manson.

Anniversaries

James William Monaghan, Kevin Baker, William Henry Hinds, John Aiken, Eileen Hardinge, James Malcom Monaghan, Dennis Cashion, Istuan Ferencz, Stanislaw Wojtowicz, Darrekk Baldock, Jan Rodziewicz, Margaret Belcher, Rozalina Hajduk, Kerry Jones, Aleksander Bidejowski, Win Manning, Samuel George Lyden, Ray Voss, Gwen Kelly, Andrew Clifford, Veronica May Jones, Christopher Davey, Mark Davey, Fr Kevin Graydon, Von Jenkins, Zofia Jablonski, Augustyn Celny, Arthur Manning, Paul Duggan, Josephine (Betty) Taylor, Iris Daley, Bruce Malm, Tom Aiken, Stan Ryan, Barbara McMaster, John B. Driessen, Fredrick Harry Butler, Gilles Jacobus Stokman, Ernie McGuinness, Iris Burnett, Annie Winifred Williams, Stefan Chrost, Wladyslaw Dorzdz, Geoffrey Brazendale, Oliver John (Jack) Baker, Herminio Gabriel, Nellie Cashion, Anna Catharina Stokman, Charles John Devereux, Eileen Hardinge.

Recently Deceased

Chris Poulson, Marysia Drelich.

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BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

SAFE COMMUNITIES:

<https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/safe-communities>

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

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PLENARY COUNCIL:

<http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

READINGS

7th /8th December, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIphon: (Cf Isaiah 30:19, 30)

O People of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 11:1-10)

He judges the poor with justice.

PSALM: (Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17.)

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness
of peace for ever.

SECOND READING: (Romans 15:4-9)

Christ, the hope of all people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 3:4, 6)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight
his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 3:1-12)

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at
hand.

MASS TIMES

Monday 9th to Sunday 15th December

2019

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	9:00am
Wednesday	12:00 noon 6:00pm (Grade 6 Graduation)	
Thursday	9:15am (Including Whole School)	
Friday	12:00 noon	9:00am
Saturday	6:30pm	
Sunday	9:00am 4:30pm	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

14th /15th December, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIphon: (Philippians 4:4-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 35:1-6, 10)

God himself will come and save us.

PSALM: (Psalm 145:6-10)

Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING: (James 5:7-10)

You also must be patient: do not lose heart,
the Lord's coming will be soon.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 11:2-11)

Are you the one who is to come, or must we
wait for someone else?

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Shane Poulson,
Margaret Henderson

Ministers Phil Blake, Gerry McGushin

Projector Threesa K

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Fadi Elbarbar, Marie Anders

Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott

Sick Gerard Synnott

Projector Melissa Philp

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Cameron Brown, John Kitt

Ministers Melissa Brown, Daniel Duharte

Projector Daniel Duharte

Altar Silpa Cherpanath & Bev White

Cleaning Kerrie Morrisby & Marj Smith

Counters David Devereux & Roy Munro