

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

In the care of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)

Sunday, 9th February, 2020

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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

Dear friends, this Sunday we return to Ordinary time and we are reading through Matthew's gospel, focusing on Jesus as teacher of the Law (Torah) par excellence. This takes up almost 3 chapters and when we hear the gospels in well-sliced snippets every Sunday, we may not always realize that Jesus' exhortation this Sunday —that we should be the salt of the earth and light for the world—is a small part of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. Last Sunday if not for the feast of the Presentation, we would have read through the beatitudes that begin the sermon: blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger for justice, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers etc. These are far from qualities that would be considered great and enduring in our world, but they describe who Jesus is. The point and audacity of his mountainside Torah, his great teaching to his disciples, is that, if we become like him and live as he lives, we will be blessed even if the world persecutes us. And this is precisely the way we can be salt of the earth preserving all that is good, and the light that shines in darkness! When we actively follow Jesus, his power transforms not just us alone but also those with whom we interact with and encounter. What is this power that can be described as salt and light? It is simply the love he shares with the Father. This is the power that inspired him to a lifetime of service and a self-sacrificial death. This is the power he now shares with us through the Holy Spirit.

We all know people who bring something different into the world, something that makes a difference as salt would to food and light would to darkness. I like to share the example of one such person who followed the example of Christ to be salt and light. His story was reflected in a movie I saw earlier this week called 'Just Mercy' based on true events.

In 1989, idealistic young Harvard law graduate Bryan Stevenson travelled to Alabama hoping to help fight for poor people who cannot afford proper legal representation. He founded the Equal Justice Initiative and visited a prison to meet its death row inmates. Here he met Walter "Johnny D" McMillian, an African American man who was convicted of the 1986 murder of a young Caucasian woman. Bryan looked over the evidence in the case and discovered it hinged entirely on the testimony of a convicted felon who provided a highly self-contradictory testimony in exchange for a lighter sentence in his own pending trial. This started for both men the long journey toward justice where they encountered opposition from the powers that be and the racism inherent even in the legal system of their country.

At the US Senate Hearing on the Death Penalty after Walter has been finally freed (spoiler alert!), this was Bryan's testimony when enquired about what drove him to do what he did:

I came out of law school with grand ideas in my mind about how to change the world. But Mr. McMillian made me realize we can't change the world with only ideas in our minds. We need conviction in our hearts. This man taught me how to stay hopeful, because I now know that hopelessness is the enemy of justice. Hope allows us to push forward, even when the truth is distorted by the people in power. It allows us to stand up when they tell us to sit down, and to speak when they say be quiet. Through this work, I've learned that each of us is more than the worst thing that we've ever done. That the opposite of poverty isn't wealth. The opposite of poverty is justice. That the character of our nation isn't reflected in how we treat the rich and the privileged, but how we treat the poor, the disfavoured and condemned. Our system has taken more away from this innocent man than it has the power to give back. But I believe if each of us can follow his lead, we can change this world for the better. If we can look at ourselves closely, and honestly, I believe we will see that we all need justice. We all need mercy. And perhaps, we all need some measure of unmerited grace.

The movie and quote from Bryan are adapted from his book 'Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption'. It was one of the most moving moments in the movie for me to appreciate anew how our human need for mercy and justice that unites us is greater than the differences of race and creed that divide us. Like Bryan, we are called to start from where we are, to be true to the stirrings and conviction in our hearts, to be open to learning from others, and to not give up when the going gets tough. This is how we can become salt for our earth and light for our world. When we live up to this calling, there's no telling how we can enrich the communities and world we live in. The question for each of us moving forward then is: What are my gifts that I can bring to the table and share in building up this parish community?

In the Heart of Jesus,
Fr Krish Mathavan MSC

NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES/MASSES

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday, 26th February and is the commencement of Lent. The following Services/Masses will be celebrated on Ash Wednesday.

- 7:30am - Liturgy
- 9:00am - Mass (Polish)
- 12:00noon - Mass (Including Whole School)
- 5:30pm - Mass
- 6:30pm - Mass (Polish)

PRAYERFUL CENTRING

Church as a community is central to who we are, so it is a good thing to get re-connected to each other at church. Church is also a praying community, so it is a spiritually helpful practice to prepare for the beginning of Mass in a way that focuses and centres us for the sacrament we are about to enter into. Thus, we have introduced a brief period of reflection before the Mass begins. We will begin by bells ringing, followed by a minute or two of silence before the bells will sound again and the welcome and entrance procession. Many people do this now, but they are surrounded by much conversation. This will allow us to become centred and to also be mindful of others who are praying. Whenever we are in the body of the church, let us be mindful to maintain this reverent quietness, not suppressing all conversation but keeping it to a very low volume, so others can pray.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We welcome you to St Therese of Lisieux Moonah Lutana Parish! To help you become involved in our parish life and any of the various ministries of the parish, please complete a registration form located in the Church foyer and return to the Parish Office or place it on the collection plate at any Mass. We will then be in touch.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX

In the foyer of the Church is located the St 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 St 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 St Vincent de Paul.

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.

ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group has recommenced for 2020. They normally meet each fortnight on a Monday afternoon from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in the Community Room at St Therese's Church. A donation and a shared afternoon tea is held, so bring a plate to share. All are welcome to come along. Dates for 2020 are: 17th February, 2nd, 16th and 30th March, 6th and 20th April, 4th and 18th May, 1st, 15th and 29th June, 13th and 27th July, 10th and 24 August, 7th and 21st September, 5th and 19th October, 2nd and 16th November.

FORMED HAS BEEN UPDATED!

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to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. 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.

LENTEN PROGRAM

Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday). The word "Lent" comes from the same root as the Anglo-Saxon word "lengthen". It was a word for springtime when the daytime lengthens rapidly. Therefore, Lent is in essence the Church's springtime. We are encouraged to look at this period of Lent as a journey. Lent reminds us that this is the season to turn away from our worldly distractions and journey home to God. This should be a time of inner reflection, and at the end of the Lenten journey, we should expect to find ourselves at a different place spiritually than when we started. At the end of our Lenten journey, if we have truly humbled and submitted ourselves to the Lord, the grace of God working in our lives should have conformed us more perfectly to the image of Christ, who is, himself, the image and likeness of God the Father. If you would like to journey with your fellow parishioners over this Lenten period, come join us in two opportunities. These will be held in the Church Community Room on Wednesday after the Midday Mass and on Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. If you would like to join either please place your name and phone number onto the registration sheet in the Church foyer. The first sessions will commence on Tuesday, 25th February at 6.30pm and Wednesday, 26th February, after the Midday Mass.

FEBRUARY ISSUE CATHOLIC STANDARD

The February issue of the Catholic Standard is available in the church foyer. Highlights include:

- Fr Ed Zammit OFM farewelled by George Town Parish
- Santo Nino celebrations
- Made for Each Other Summer School
- New parish priest for Moonah-Lutana Parish
- Way to St James Pilgrimage coverage
- Kings Meadows Parish extend welcome to visiting workers
- Tasmanians honoured on Australia Day
- Generosity and prayer in response to bushfires
- Safe Communities: Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS AND PRAYER

The Catholic Women's League is seeking members and wish for everyone to pray for new members.

Grant, I ask you Lord, a blessing on the works performed by the members of the Catholic Women's League. I pray that by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, more women will become participating members of the Catholic Women's League. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

PPC wishes to keep you informed of organisations representing Catholic Women in the Church. The Office for Participation of Women in the Church has a monthly newsletter for which you can register.

Details can be found at <https://www.opw.catholic.org.au/newsletter/from-the-office>. This is in addition to "Catholic Women Speak", who are seeking to bring Catholic women's voices into dialogue with others in the Catholic Church.

Their details are at:

www.catholicwomenspeak.com.

MARRIAGE MASSES FOR THE RENEWAL OF VOWS

Masses will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday, 16th February, 2020 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am and on Sunday, 23rd February, 2020 at Church of the Apostles, Launceston at 10.30am. Couples celebrating Catholic Marriage milestones including couples in the early years of marriage (1st, 5th and 10th anniversaries) are invited to RSVP to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family by emailing ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

SILENT RETREAT - SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

We invite you to experience 5 days of silent retreat to go in a deeper encounter with Jesus within you. During these days will be offered Latin Mass, Rosary, Adoration, Conferences in the Spiritual Exercises, Spiritual Direction, Confession and Way of the Cross. **Speaker:** Fr Pius, a Benedictine monk from Notre Dame Priory Monastery in Colebrook, Tasmania. **Date:** 2 - 7, March 2020. **AUD 550,00** - per person (accommodation, meals and fee). **Place:** Emmanuel Centre (123 Abbott Street, Newstead - Launceston). **RSVP:** 0418 183 511 or palavravivatasmania@gmail.com

ST PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE

The annual "St Patrick's Pilgrimage" from Richmond to Colebrook is back and will be held on the weekend of 14-15 March 2020! The pilgrimage is open at all young people from 14-35yo and celebrates the feast of our Archdiocese's patron saint (St Patrick). It is a great opportunity for personal growth where you will likely be challenged both physically and spiritually. Join Archbishop Julian and many other young people for two days of journeying through the natural beauty of Tassie with times for prayer, Mass, song, fellowship, reflection, camping and plenty more. For more information and to register, head to eventbrite.com.au and search for "St Patrick's Pilgrimage."

LITURGY OF LAMENT IN BURNIE

On Saturday, 21st March 2020 at 11:00 am at the Rhododendron Garden, 55 Breffny Road, Romaine, a liturgy of Lament will be held. This liturgy will acknowledge the historical sexual abuse, which took place at Marist College, Burnie between 1957 until the 1970s. You may or may not be aware that a significant number of students were abused over a period of many years. A committee was appointed to work towards a formulating a Ritual of Lament, to acknowledge this abuse. During the ritual, it is anticipated that

Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Tony Corcoran SM (Provincial Leader of the Marist Fathers in Australia) and Gregg Sharman (Acting Principal at Marist Regional College, Burnie) will each offer a public formal apology for the sexual abuse that took place at Marist College. There will also be the blessing of a bronze plaque which will be later installed at Marist Regional College. A cuppa and light refreshments will be offered after the ritual at the Rhododendron Gardens. Further information will be made available during late February and early March including a website link giving further information about this event.

If you have been affected by any abuse please contact the **Towards Healing Helpline** on **1800 356 613** or the **Sexual Assault Service** on **03 6231 1811** (Day (Hobart) or **1800 697 877** (24/7) or **03 6334 2740** (Day) (Launceston), or contact **Tasmanian Police Service** on **131 444**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,285.40

Loose: \$ 1,129.30

TOTAL: \$ 2,414.70

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Difference -\$ 123.30

Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognise that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

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

Hedley Hodgetts, Richard Daniel Coad, Camden Cashion, Wilhelm Waiser, Charles Burnett, David Curtin, Josef Kremzer, Emilia Cisak, John Dwyer, Sydney Grubb, Amy Kennedy, Mary Brown, Ella Hoskins, Joan Etherington, Antoni Halys, Fr Robert Hyland MSC, Roger Cashion, Evelyn May Hope, Earla Poulson, Mollie Cooper, Antonia (Toni) Luxemborg, Beattie Jones, Editha Gabriel Malicdan, Graeme Bresnehan, Elizabeth Trojanowski, Francis Robert Young, Gavin Davey, Pawel Cichon, Kathleen D. McCabe, Vale Stanwix, Nancy Veronica Cullen, Stanislaw Czachor, Humphrey Beckitt, Grant Brazendale-Brooks, Susanne Brazendale, Emilia Gabriel Abueva, Helena Niemczyk, Lucy Frazik, Fr John Eldrigde MSC, Tess Triffett, Boleslawa Kempa, Stefan Adam Jedyka, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC, Michelle Ann White (Read) Jack Webster, Shirley Ethel May Thomas, Esmay Haney, Michael Noonan, Grace Phyllis Dance, Karol Michalowski, Elaine Voss, Ieva Andrikonis, Stephen John Horne, Bert de Groot, David Blake, Bertram Williams, Thelma Dalton, Bridget Beckwith, Fr Harold Bridgwood MSC, Dino Bighin, Margaret Mills.

Recently Deceased

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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

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:

Phone: 1800 356 613

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE:

Phone: 03 6231 1811 (Day) (Hobart) or
1800 697 877 (24/7)

03 6334 2740 (Day) (Launceston)

PLENARY COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

8th/9th February, 2020
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Psalm 94:6-7)

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 58:7-10)

Your light will shine like the dawn.

PSALM: (Psalm 23:7-10)

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 8:12)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light
of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 5:13-16)

You are the light of the world.

MASS TIMES

Monday 10th to Sunday 16th February
2020

| | English | Polish |
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| Monday | 9:15am | |
| Tuesday | No Mass | 9:00am |
| Wednesday | 12:00 noon | |
| Thursday | 9:15am | |
| Friday | 12:00 noon | 9:00am |
| Saturday | 6:30pm | |
| Sunday | 9:00am 4:30pm | 10:45am |

READINGS/ROSTERS

15th/16th February, 2020
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Cf Psalm 30:3-4)

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: (Sirach 15:15-20)

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

PSALM: (Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34)

Happy are they who follow the law of the
Lord!

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

God in his wisdom predestined our glory
before the ages began.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Cf Matthew 11:25)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 5:17-37)

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am
speaking to you.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Shane Poulson,
Margaret Henderson

Ministers Phil Blake, Rebecca Goss

Projector Anne Thuringer

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Maria Rodgers, Melissa Philp

Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott

Sick Gerard Synnott

Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Fadi Elbarbar, Melissa Brown

Ministers Karin Chan, Kerrie Morrisby

Projector Daniel Duharte

Altar Polish Community

Cleaning Fracalossi Family

Counters David Devereux & Roy Munro