

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



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St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday, 10th February, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FROM THE PASTOR

OUR RESISTANCE TO LOVE

There's nothing simple about being a human being. We're a mystery to ourselves and often our own worst enemies. Our inner complexity befuddles us and, not infrequently, stymies us. Nowhere is this truer than in our struggle with love and intimacy.

More than anything else, we hunger for intimacy, to be touched where we are most tender, where we are most ourselves, where all that's most precious in us lies, vulnerable and yearning. Yet, in the actual face of intimacy, sensitive people often become disquieted and resistant.

We see two powerful instances of this in the Gospels: The first in a story, recorded in all four Gospels, where a woman enters a room where Jesus is dining and, in a series of lavish gestures, breaks an expensive bottle of perfume, pours the perfume onto his feet, washes his feet with her tears, dries them with her hair, and then begins to kiss his feet. What's the response of those in the room, save for Jesus? Discomfort and resistance. This shouldn't be happening! Everyone shifts uncomfortably in their chairs in the face of this raw expression of love and Jesus, himself, has to challenge them to look at the source of their discomfort.

Among other things, he points out that, ironically, what they are uncomfortable with is what lies at the very centre of life and at the very centre of their deepest desires, namely, the pure giving and receiving of love and affection. It's this, Jesus affirms, for which we are alive and it's this experience which prepares us for death. It's what we are alive for. It's also what we most yearn for? So why our discomfort and resistance when we actually face it in life?

The second instance occurs in John's Gospel where, at the Last Supper, Jesus tries to wash his disciples' feet. As John records it, Jesus got up from the table, stripped off his outer robe, took a basin and towel, and began to wash his disciples' feet. But he meets discomfort and resistance, clearly voiced by Peter who simply tells Jesus: "Never! You will never wash my feet!"

Why? Why the resistance? Why resistance in the face of the fact that, no doubt, more than anything else, what Peter most deeply desired was exactly that Jesus should wash his feet, that he would enjoy this kind of intimacy with Jesus?

FROM THE PASTOR

Answering the question of our struggle with intimacy in this context provides one clue for why we sometimes become uncomfortable and resistant when we are in the actual face of what we desire so deeply. Our feet are too-intimate; they're a part of our bodies where we worry about dirt and smell, not a part of ourselves that we feel comfortable having others touch. There's an innate vulnerability, a discomfort, an inchoate shame, attached to having someone else touch and wash so intimate a part of us. Intimacy demands an ease which our vulnerability sometimes renders impossible. And so this text speaks to one kind of resistance to intimacy, to a particular unease within certain circumstances.

But Peter's resistance here speaks too of something else, something more salient: If we are healthily and sensitive, we all will naturally experience a certain discomfort and resistance in the face of raw gift, before raw intimacy, before raw gratuity. And, while this is something to be overcome, it's not a fault, a moral or psychological flaw on our part. On the contrary, in its normal expression, it's a sign of moral and psychological sensitivity. Why do I say this?

Why is something that seems to block us from moving towards the very essence of life not a sign that there's something fundamentally wrong inside of us? I suggest that it's not a flaw but rather a healthy mechanism inside us because narcissistic, boorish, and insensitive persons are often immune to this discomfort and resistance. Their narcissism shields them from shame and their callousness allows them an easy and brute ease with intimacy, like someone who is sexually jaded enough to be comfortable with pornography or like someone who takes intimacy as something to be had by right, casually or even aggressively. In this case, there's no shame or discomfort because there's no real intimacy.

Sensitive people, on the other hand, struggle with the rawness of intimacy because genuine intimacy, like heaven, is not something that can be glibly or easily achieved. It's a lifelong struggle, a give and take with many setbacks, a revealing and a hiding, a giving over and a resistance, an ecstasy and a feeling of unworthiness, an acceptance that struggles with real surrender, an altruism that still contains selfishness, a warmth that sometimes turns cold, a commitment that still has some conditions, and a hope that struggles to sustain itself.

Intimacy isn't like heaven. It is salvation. It is the Kingdom. Thus, like the Kingdom, both the road and the gate towards it are narrow, not easily found. So be gentle, patient, and forgiving towards others and yourself in that struggle.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the Heart of Christ.

Fr Mark MSC.

NOTICES

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Parish Pastoral Council has a number of vacancies. If you are interested in joining PPC please see Fr Mark. PPC meets normally on the third Monday February to November at 5:30pm in the Church Community Room. Anyone is welcomed to attend.

CATHOLIC STANDARD

The latest issue is available in the Church foyer. Highlights of this edition include:

- Tasmania's pilgrims at World Youth Day Panama
- Australia's First School on Marriage and Family
- Fr Lawrie and Br Michael leave for Melbourne
- Three Benedictine brothers make first vows
- Blessing for peaceful place of quiet reflection - St Brendan Shaw College
- The Way to St James Cygnet Pilgrimage
- Food and friendship on the menu at Dining with Friends - Launceston
- Searching for old copies & clippings of the Standard Newspaper

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CRAFT SHOP

The Catholic Women's League Craft shop has reopened. The shop is located at 16 Criterion Street Hobart and is open from Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm. If you are looking for a unique gift, come and see what is available.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVdP) 2019 BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Over the next two weekends we will be holding a leaving collection for the Vinnies Tasmania 2019 Bushfire appeal. All monies goes directly to those affected by the fires. Your donations can provide: \$50 a hot meal and blankets; \$80 clean clothes to families; \$200 food assistance for families; \$500 furniture and household items for families and; \$1000 refencing of properties.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVdP) ST THERESE'S CONFERENCE THANK YOU

With gratitude the SVdP St Therese's Conference wishes to thank all members of the Parish and School Communities for their assistance with Christmas Hamper appeal. The conference was able to assist 35 families at a time when they were most in need. Thank You.

THANK YOU JOE HIGGINS

For the last number years Joe Higgins has been President, Secretary and Treasurer of the SVdP St Therese's Conference. Joe has worked tirelessly for the Society and this Conference for decades and continues to do so. The Conference wishes to thank Joe for his work and looks forward to his continued role continuing as Treasurer and Member of the Society. Thank you Joe.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

The Catholic Women's League will be holding its first meeting for 2019 on Tuesday, 19th February 2019 between 11:30am - 12:30pm with a shared lunch. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Women's League, come along as new members are most welcomed.

FAREWELL FR PETER O'LOUGHLIN

Fr Peter O'Loughlin Parish Priest of Bellerive-Lindisfarne is retiring. A farewell function will be held on Friday, 1st March 2019 at 7:30pm at Blundstone Arena (Ricky Ponting Room). This will be an informal gathering (neat, casual dress) to celebrate Fr Peter's 53 years of Priestly Service to the people of Tasmania. \$35.00 cost per person includes a variety of finger food and tea/coffee. Drinks can be purchased at the bar. Please RSVP by 16th February 2019 with payment. Payment options are Cash, Cheque or Debit/Credit Card. A payment slip is available in the foyer. Enquiries can be

directed to:- Inga Shelverton on 0417 026 617 or email ishelverton@hotmail.com or Mike Gallagher on 0418 126 574 or email mikegall55@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE MASS FOR THE RENEWAL OF VOWS

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous on Sunday, 24th February, 2019 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart 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@aohatas.org.au or on 6208 6036. Catholic married couples will receive a special acknowledgement from Archbishop Julian on the day.

OLD VIRGILIANS' LUNCHEON

The next Old Virgilians' Association Luncheon will be held at the Austins Ferry campus commencing at 12 noon on Tuesday, 26th February, 2019. A two course meal with drinks is provided (\$30). All Old Virgilians and friends are invited. Please notify attendance to SVC office 6249 6555 or email: adminsvs@stvirgils.tas.edu.au. Peter Imlach, Secretary.

SACRED CONCERT - DAVID PARKES

Irish singer, David Parkes, will be giving a Sacred Concert on Tuesday, 26th February at Claremont. It will commence with Mass at 6.30pm at St. Bernard's Church, 27 Wyndham Road with the concert to follow in the Parish Hall at approximately 7pm. During the concert David will give his testimony about his miraculous healing from Crohns disease when prayed over by Fr. Peter Rookey in Medjugorje. John Canavan, Director of Divine Mercy Publications in Australia, will also give his personal witness on how Divine Mercy dramatically changed his life. Entry is free but a collection will be taken up to help with expenses. David's latest CD "Remember Me" will be available to purchase. The evening will end with supper. Enquiries: Maree Triffett 0429 024 621.

AUSTRALIAN BYZANTINE CHOIR CONCERT

The Sydney based '*Australian Byzantine Choir*' is to perform at a one only **free concert**: at *Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Hobart, 50 Warwick Street, Hobart on Saturday 2nd March at 6:00pm*. His Grace, Bishop Ezekiel of Dervis (an Assistant Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia) and other special guests will be attending the concert. Copies of the choir's CDs will be on sale at the concert.

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PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
Give us the grace to see your face in one another and recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop,
pray for us.

CALLED TO SERVE

Luke 5:1-11

You will often hear people ask: How did you come to be doing this job? Why do you think you are called to do this? We all have our talents and abilities. We are called to use them as well as we can. We are all called to different vocations.

In this scene, Luke takes us to the heart of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, called to share his mission. Jesus has been anointed with the Spirit to preach the Good News to the poor. Here we catch a glimpse of those who are willing to hear that word and become followers.

Jesus met Peter at his work. While Jesus was speaking to the crowds, Peter was busy washing the fishing nets with his companions. His call came in the midst of his everyday work. Jesus decided to borrow Peter's boat so that he could preach to the

people from that boat. The boat is always a symbol of the church.

Then Jesus invited Peter to put out into the deep and cast his net. To their amazement, the catch was more than they could have expected. They had been fishermen all their lives. Yet they had a catch that surpassed every former catch.

In this, Jesus was making it clear that their ministry was not their own. The success of their ministry was beyond their natural talents. Simon had already told Jesus: 'We have worked all night and caught nothing' (v.5). Their human endeavours had been fruitless. It seems that we have to exhaust ourselves in a fruitless way to be ready to acknowledge that the good they do is the fruit of grace. It is pure gift.

When Simon Peter sees the great catch of fish, he falls at Jesus' feet and declares: 'Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man.' Jesus tells him: 'Do not be afraid.' The work you are called to do is God's work, not your own. Simon Peter, together with James and John, immediately leave everything and follow Jesus.

Peter surrendered to God's call and produced extraordinary results. So why do we hold back when we are called? It is God's work, not ours!

Fr Noel Mansfield MSC ©

STEWARDSHIP

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."



*'They caught a large number of fish!'
Luke 5.6 Good News Bible
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LET US PRAY FOR *The Sick*

Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner,
Susan Wilson, Josh Stokes, Lise Levaque,
Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Olga Woods,
Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan,
Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards,
Marie Morrisby, Lorna Brazendale,
Leo Manning, Felicity Matthews,
Marie Knight, Alicia Stroud,
Peter van Loggerenberg, Jan Grubb.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,616.00

Loose: \$ 998.10

TOTAL: \$ 2614.10

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Difference \$ 76.10

Thank You!

Anniversaries

Charles Burnett, David Curtin, Jozef Kremzer,
Emilia Cisak, John Dwyer, Sydney Grubb,
Amy Kennedy, Mary Brown, Ella Hoskins,
Joan Etherington, Antoni Halys,
Fr Robert Hyland MSC, Rodger 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,
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Shirley Etjel May Thomas, Esmay Henry,
Michael Noonan, Grace Phyllis Dance,
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Tara-Ann Radcliffe, Pauline Krushka Brown,
Irene Scanlon, Margaret Monaghan,
Max Watson, Elvie J. Keenan,
Denis Francis Duggan, Marj Symmons,
Denis Henry Scanlon, Marion Keenan.

Recently Deceased

Stanislaw Orłowski,
Fr Adrian Meaney MSC, Elia De Cesare.

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Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

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By appointment

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

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

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PLENARY COUNCIL:

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READINGS

9th/10th February, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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 6:1-8)

Here am I! Send me.

PSALM: (Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8)

In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

I preach what they preach, and this is what
you believe.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 4:19)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 5:1-11)

They left everything and followed him.

MASS TIMES

Monday 11th to Sunday 17th February
2019

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	10:00am (Anointing & Healing Mass)
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

16th/17th February, 2019
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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: (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a
blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

PSALM: (Psalm 1:1-4)

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20)

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith
is in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 6:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Ed & Monica Sianski
Ministers Steve Randell, Donna Bone
Projector Alec Avellana

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Aleksandra Lejda,
Peter van Loggerenberg
Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott
Sick Gerard Synnott
Projector Melissa Philp

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Bill Jacob, John Kitt
Ministers Marj Smith, Melissa Brown
Projector Daniel Duharte
Altar Nirmalee Mudalige, Threesa K
Cleaning Fracalossi Family
Counters Milagros Jacob & Aileen Watson