

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

**Sunday 11th March, 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B**



## FROM THE PASTOR

### OUR ACHE FOR EARTHLY IMMORTALITY

We share the world with more than seven and a half billion people and each of us has the irrepressible, innate sense that we are special and uniquely destined. This isn't surprising since each one of us is indeed unique and special. But how does one feel special among seven and half billion others?

We try to stand out. Generally we don't succeed, and so, as Allan Jones puts it, "We nurse within our hearts the hope that we are different, that we are special, that we are extraordinary. We long for the assurance that our birth was no accident, that a god had a hand in our coming to be, that we exist by divine fiat. We ache for a cure for the ultimate disease of mortality. Our madness comes when the pressure is too great and we fabricate a vital lie to cover up the fact that we are mediocre, accidental, mortal. We fail to see the glory of the Good News. The vital lie is unnecessary because all the things we truly long for have been freely given us."

All of us know what those words mean: We sense that we are extraordinary, precious, and significant, irrespective of our practical fortunes in life. Deep down we have the feeling that we are uniquely loved and specially called to a life of meaning and significance. We know too, though more in faith than in feeling, that we are precious not on the basis of what we accomplish but rather on the basis of having been created and loved by God.

But this intuition, however deep in our souls, invariably wilts in the face of trying to live a life that's unique and special in a world in which billions of others are also trying to do the same thing. And so we can be overwhelmed by a sense of our own mediocrity, anonymity, and mortality and begin to fear that we're not precious but are merely another-among-many, nobody special, one of billions, living among billions. When we feel like this, we are tempted to believe that we are precious and unique only when we accomplish something which precisely sets us apart and ensures that we will be remembered. For most of us, the task of our lives then becomes that of guaranteeing our own preciousness, meaning, and immortality because, at the end of the day, we believe that this is contingent upon our own accomplishments, on creating our own specialness.

# **FROM THE PASTOR**

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And so we struggle to be content with ordinary lives of anonymity, hidden in God. Rather we try to stand out, to leave a mark, to accomplish something extraordinary, and so ensure that we will be recognised and remembered. Few things impede our peace and happiness as does this effort. We set for ourselves the impossible, frustrating task of assuring for ourselves something which only God can give us, significance and immortality. Ordinary life then never seems enough for us, and we live restless, competitive, driven lives. Why isn't ordinary life enough for us? Why do our lives always seem too small and not exciting enough? Why do we habitually feel dissatisfied at not being special?

Why our need to leave a mark? Why does our own situation often feel so suffocating? Why can't we more easily embrace each other as sisters and brothers and rejoice in each other's gifts and each other's existence? Why the perennial feeling that the other is a rival? Why the need for masks, for pretence, to project a certain image about ourselves?

The answer: We do all of these things to try to set ourselves apart because we are trying to give ourselves something that only God can give us, significance and immortality. Scripture tells us that "faith alone saves." That simple line reveals the secret: Only God gives eternal life. Preciousness, meaning, significance and immortality are free gifts from God and we would be a whole lot more restful, peaceful, humble, grateful, happy, and less competitive if we could believe that. A humble, ordinary life, shared with billions of others, would then contain enough to give us a sense of our preciousness, meaning, and significance.

Thomas Merton, on one of his less restless days wrote: "It is enough to be, in an ordinary human mode, with one's hunger and sleep, one's cold and warmth, rising and going to bed. Putting on blankets and taking them off, making coffee and then drinking it. Defrosting the refrigerator, reading, meditating, working, praying. I live as my Fathers have lived on this earth, until eventually I die. Amen. There is no need to make an assertion of my life, especially so about it as mine, though doubtless it is not somebody else's. I must learn to live so as to gradually forget programme and artifice."

Ordinary life is enough. There isn't any need to make an assertion with our lives. Our preciousness and meaning lie within the preciousness and meaning of life itself, not in having to accomplish something special.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

I am very grateful to all of you who offered your booster seats and car seats for my five-year-old great-niece. So thanks for your kindness.

In His Heart  
Fr Mark MSC

# **PARISH NOTICES**

## **THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

You are invited to join a group of like-minded people, who are thinking about becoming Catholic. If you are interested please see Fr Mark.

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after the 12 noon Mass until 5:00pm. The Rosary is prayed between 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Chapel in the Parish Centre.

## **LENTEN PROGRAM**

Lenten Prayer Group on Wednesday is at 10:30am in the Community Room. The Thursday Lenten Prayer group on Thursday at 7:00pm in the Chapel Saints Louis and Zelig Martin Parish Centre.

## **"OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR COMMITMENT" 2018-2021**

If you were unable to return your pledge commitments of Time, Talent and Treasure last weekend, please place these onto the collection plate. If you are presently on a roster (Lector, Minister of Communion, Cleaning, Counting, Altar etc.) or currently part of the offertory (planned) giving (envelopes) you need to complete the required form of Time/Talent or Treasure, to ensure your continued pledging of either/ or Time, Talent or Treasure is continued. This Pledge is your offering to God. In accord with the vision and the values of Jesus, we are striving to build a welcoming and inclusive community to provide life-giving support and services to all peoples. This is a time for renewal for everyone.

## **MSC FEAST DAY**

We are seeking interested parishioners to form a sub-committee to work towards a Parish celebration for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year's feast day is on Friday 8th June with the possibility of celebrating the feast across the weekend. If you are interested in helping to plan this celebration please place your name onto the sheet in the Church foyer.

## **WORK WANTED**

Silpa Thomas is looking for all types of data entry jobs, web site development or software development. If you know of anything please contact Silpa on 0450 123 721.

## **COLES - SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**

### **DOCKETS**

Coles is running the "Sports for Schools" docket promotion whereby if you spend \$10 you can receive a voucher. These vouchers allow St Therese's School to redeem the vouchers for sports equipment. So if you are able to collect these vouchers you can place them into the Big Blue Box in the Church Foyer. This promotion runs until 3rd April 2018.

## **BOOK AND CRAFT FAIR**

The Polish Welfare Office will be holding a Book and Craft Fair on Saturday 17th March 2018 between 10.00am to 2.00pm at the Polish House 22-24 New Town Road, New Town. For more information or to book your own table, call 03 6228 6258.

## **TRANSPORT TO 9:00AM SUNDAY MASS**

A parishioner is seeking assistance to get to 9:00am Sunday Mass. If you are able to help please see Fr Mark or Deacon Michael.

## **DOMINIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

### **THURSDAY 15 MARCH**

Take a closer look at what makes Dominic College a leading Catholic, co-educational, Kindergarten to Year 10 College in Hobart on our upcoming Open Day. Experience the College in operation on one of our Learning in Action Tours during school hours or take a Facilities Tour after school hours. All tours will commence from our LOTE Room - Savio Centre, Upper Level. Tour times are as follows: **11:00am Kindergarten - Year 6 - Learning in Action Facilities Tour; 11:30am Year 7 - 10 - Learning in Action Tour; 4.30pm Kindergarten - Year 6 - Facilities Tour; 5.30pm Year 7 - 10 - Facilities Tour; 6.30pm Year 7 2019 Information Evening – Oratory Space.**

Please note: Enrolments for Kindergarten are due 4 May, 2018. Enrolments for Year 7, 2019 are due 29 March, 2018. Enrolments for Year 7, 2020 are due 14 September, 2018. For more information call Leesa on 6274 6010 or for bookings please visit <https://www.dominic.tas.edu.au/enrolment/transition-events> 204 Tolosa St, Glenorchy.

## **ST MARY'S COLLEGE 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUN DAY**

We welcome the community to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fun Day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00-3.00pm on the St Mary's College convent lawns. Dress in colonial dress (or green in nod to our Irish roots) and enjoy complimentary food and entertainment. There will be old fashioned games, face painting, jumping castle, Irish music, birthday cake and more!

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call 03 6228 6258.

## **ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

St Mary's College warmly welcomes prospective parents and students to Open Day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9.30am-12.30pm. Take a tour, speak with our students and staff and see what we get up to on a regular day at St Mary's College. Tours depart regularly from 9.30am. Register on the day at Reception at the lower Brisbane Street entrance. For further enquiries email [enrol@smc.tas.edu.au](mailto:enrol@smc.tas.edu.au) or call 6108 2560.

## **GRIEF TO GRACE - HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE**

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation, violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org).

## **ST MARY'S COLLEGE 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER**

Kick up your heels – it's time to party! We are very excited to announce that tickets to our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner are now available for purchase. All members of the St Mary's College community are invited to join us in celebrating our major milestone by attending the dinner, which will be held from 5.30pm on Saturday 12 May 2018 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart. Tickets are \$89 a head (includes three courses and musical entertainment). Book a ticket and let us know with whom you would like to sit (e.g. other alumni from your graduating year) or get together a group of friends and book a whole table! Go to [www.smc.tas.edu.au/150th-anniversary/](http://www.smc.tas.edu.au/150th-anniversary/) to buy your tickets. For more information contact [hello@eventsphere.com.au](mailto:hello@eventsphere.com.au) or 0418 325 927

## KENOSIS RETREAT

Kenosis means self emptying and refers to God, putting his divinity aside to come amongst us as a human being. This retreat we will explore who we are so as to accept ourselves and truly be in a position to empty ourselves for others. Date: June 15th – 18th 2018, Presenter: Fr Ray Sanchez C.P. Venue: Maryknoll House of Prayer Blackman's Bay. Further information call Anne on 0407704539 or email [journallingretreat@iinet.net.au](mailto:journallingretreat@iinet.net.au).

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP 2018 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Commence in Melbourne 23rd October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3rd November 2018.** **COST EX HOBART: \$3,355.00** (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **A SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00.** For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au).

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CRAFT SHOP

The Catholic Women's League Craft Shop is located in Mathers Place, 108 Bathurst Street and is open Monday to Friday 10:00am to 3:00pm. Phone Enquiries on 03 6234 1513. This shop is stocked with affordable goods—knitting for babies, toddlers, shawls, tea cosies, caps, bed socks, handcrafted toys, tea towels etc., cards for all occasions and many more, seeing is believing. Proceeds enable the Catholic Women's League to donate to several charities.

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

**Rachel's Vineyard** has helped many men and women to move on with hope. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

## THANK YOU ST THERESE'S PARISH MOONAH

Last year, many parishioners signed a petition for the Timor Sea Justice Campaign, asking the Australian government to negotiate in good faith with Timor-Leste about the "Timor Gap". Last Wednesday 7th March 2018, Australia and Timor-Leste signed a treaty that will finally establish permanent maritime boundaries in the Timor Sea. This is a huge win for the Timorese people and the people like you who stood in solidarity with them. Br Sean McManus.

## VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA - GET OUT THERE AND BE THE CHURCH, "BRUISED, HURTING AND DIRTY"



Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? Ever thought of **sharing them with our global family** to reduce poverty and make a fairer world? Palms volunteers help **build capacity** of overseas communities **over the long term**. They don't do quick fixes on short stays, but immerse themselves in another culture and exchange skills within **trusting, mutually beneficial relationships**. Right now, schools, clinics and community organisations in the Pacific, Asia and Africa, Asia seek volunteers to mentor their local personnel and develop communities sustainably. **Are you ready to "Get out there?" Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/)**

## **CALVARY HOSPITAL SEEKING MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Is God calling you to minister to the vulnerable and sick in our community? Calvary Hospitals are seeking Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to join our team of voluntary Parish Visitors. You would bring the Sacrament after Mass on one Sunday a month to be distributed to Catholic patients currently in our hospitals. This would require a monthly commitment of around one hour. There are vacancies at both our Lenah Valley and St John's South Hobart campuses. No experience required, just a heart for those in need and a willingness to be trained and endorsed by your parish priest. Speak to your parish priest regarding your interest, or if you have any further questions, contact Sean Conry, Pastoral Care Manager for Calvary Hobart on 6278 5232.

## **HOBBY MIX'S STANDARD GRADE COCO-PEAT**

If you are interested in purchasing Coco-peat block these are now available from a local parishioner by calling 0426 496 864. The Coco-peat is available for \$12.00 per block or 4 blocks for \$10.00 each. Further information visit [www.hobbymix.com.au](http://www.hobbymix.com.au) or email [info@hobbymix.com.au](mailto:info@hobbymix.com.au) or calling 0426 496 864.

## **ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC TENNIS CLUB**

St Therese's Catholic Tennis Club continues to enjoy tennis at the Domain Tennis Centre each Tuesday and Friday morning, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and on the fourth Sunday of the month (afternoon). Contact Ros Williams on 0407 838 367.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes:	\$ 1,790.50
Loose:	\$ 1,509.55
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 3,300.05</b>
<u>Week's Budget Collections:</u>	
	<u>\$ 2,368.00</u>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ \$932.05</b>

## **STEWARDSHIP**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - **John 3:16**

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts - that we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

## **EASTER MASS TIMES**

### **29th March**

THURSDAY of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm  
(Combined Communities)

### **30th March**

Stations of the Cross 10:00am  
FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD  
3:00pm  
Polish 5:00pm

### **31st March**

The EASTER VIGIL in the HOLY NIGHT  
(Combined Communities) 7:30pm

### **1st April** (Daylight savings ends at 3:00am)

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION  
Resurrection Mass (Polish) 7:00am  
Mass 9:00am  
Mass (Polish) 10:45am  
**NO MASS 4:30PM**

## **LET US PRAY FOR**

### ***The Sick***

*Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Susan Wilson,  
Fr Peter Nicholls, Josh Stokes, Maria Di Noia,  
Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik,  
Jay Jennings, Olga Woods, Tony Dalton,  
Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray,  
Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby,  
Marian Zieba, Alan O'Rourke,  
Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning,  
Genowefa Grzegorzczuk, Felicity Matthews.*

### ***Anniversaries***

*Stefan R Zelek, Walenty Bodel,  
Laurie Belcher, Leokadia Sadkowski,  
Wladyslaw Osuckowski, Giuseppe Cugino,  
Marjorie Williams, Joanne Maree Read,  
Lawrence Triffett, Frank Brown,  
John Skaraupa, Jan Cisak,  
Wladyslaw Gniasek, Paul Krizanovic,  
Bertram Williams, Mary Monaghan,  
Aloisy Kempa, Bridget Beckwith,  
William Clare, Lola Hutchinson OAM,  
Belle Ayton, Kazimierz Jablonski,  
Elizabeth Streat, Peter Hope, Zofia Cisak,  
Harold Poulson, Thirza Beryl Barber,  
Prudencia Gabriel Salas, Fr Norbert Baldwin,  
Fr Frederick Morduant, Fredrick Hoskins,  
Pate Weronika, Klaus Joseph Goerss,  
Bernard Aitken, Kazimieras Paschkewizchus,  
Michalina Machnik, George McGuire,  
Basilio Gabriel.*

### ***Recently Deceased***

*Tara Radcliffe, Pauline Brown,  
Ingrid Leszczyński,  
Hon Dr Vanessa Goodwin MLC,  
Pauline Watts, Reg Morrisby.*

## **PARISH OFFICE AND PRESBYTERY**

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## **RECONCILIATION:**

*Saturday 11:00am-11:30am*

## **BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:**

*By appointment*

## **ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:**

[www.hobart.catholic.org.au](http://www.hobart.catholic.org.au)

## **TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:**

*Phone: 1800 356 613*

## **TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING COUNCIL:**

<http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au>

## READINGS

*10th/11th March, 2018*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling  
breast.

### FIRST READING: (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23)

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are  
revealed in the exile and liberation of his  
people.

### PSALM: (Psalm 136)

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget  
you!

### SECOND READING: (Ephesians 2:4-10)

When we were dead through sins, he  
brought us to life.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 3:16)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus  
Christ!

God loved the world so much he gave us his  
only Son, that all who believe in him might  
have eternal life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus  
Christ!

### GOSPEL: (John 3:14-21)

God sent his Son into the world that we  
might be saved through him.

## MASS TIMES

### Monday 12th to Sunday 18th March 2018

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

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*17th/18th March, 2018*

*Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause  
against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### FIRST READING: (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

The days are coming when I will make a new  
covenant with Israel and I will forgive their  
iniquity.

### PSALM: (Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15)

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

### SECOND READING: (Hebrews 5:7-9)

He learnt to obey and became for all the  
source of eternal salvation.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 12:26)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### GOSPEL: (John 12:20-33)

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and  
dies, it yields a rich harvest.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers* Eva Hangan, Gerry McGushin

*Ministers* Margaret Henderson,  
Steve Randell

*Projector* Anne Thuringer

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers* Annie Brush, Eva Hangan

*Ministers* Paul de Groot,  
Barbara McArthur

*Sick* Paul de Groot

*Projector* Izak Hangan

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers* Cameron Brown,  
Colleen Rakowski

*Ministers* Carol Kitt, Daniel Duharte

*Projector* Kerrie Morrisby

*Altar* Fran Smith

*Cleaning* Monica Sianski, Victoria Maty

*Counters* Eva & Michael Hangan