

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday, 13th January, 2019

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

FROM THE PASTOR

REFLECTIONS ON A NEW YEAR'S EVE

When I was a child, New Year's Day was very special. Our family always had a big celebration, complete with a number of rituals.

The rituals began already on New Year's Eve. We didn't go out that evening, but stayed in and celebrated together as a family. Everyone stayed up until midnight and, just before twelve, whatever else we were doing was stopped and my father would lead us in a brief prayer.

This prayer never strayed far from a basic theme: My father thanked God for the year that had just passed, for, in the words of his generation, "the graces that we had received." He thanked God for having protected us, that we were still alive and together in faith and in family. Then he would, very simply, ask for God's blessing and protection for the coming year. Finally, exactly at midnight, when the old year ended and the new one began, we would sing together the hymn, Holy God We Praise Thy Name. After this there would follow the "Happy New Year" greetings, the hugs, handshakes, drinks and the food.

New Year's Day, itself, was, after church, given up mostly to visiting and receiving friends. At the door of each house, everyone was expected to greet each other with a formal New Year's greeting (about 10 lines in length, in German) that had to be memorised and recited, even if you no longer knew German. After this ritual greeting, you were given food, a drink, sweets, and (if you were a child) some money. When you finally completed the round of houses and returned home, you were loaded with treats and money and so, of course, as a child this was a day that rivalled Christmas.

My parents have now been dead for over 36 years. Within those 36 years most of these rituals have died. Mobility, the death of most of my parents' generation, the breakdown of the immigrant sociology of our district, and the natural changes that the passing of time brings, has made for an almost altogether new situation in our old district and in the world at large. Few persons still do the old rituals, and the heart has gone out of them. About the only real continuity lies with the drinks, that ritual survives the changes of time and the breakdown of any sociology. My own family has regrouped around new rituals, but the description and prescription of these is not my purpose here since this is reminiscence, not a homily.

FROM THE PASTOR

As I get older, what I remember most about those New Year's celebrations, what lies inside of me as a set of sturdy roots that I use to steady myself and to draw a certain sustenance from, is that New Year's Eve prayer by my dad at midnight and the singing of Holy God We Praise Thy Name. Our new rituals still include that. Socrates once said that "the unexamined life is not worth living." That could be recast to say: A blessing that is unasked for, unrecognised, and for which thanks is not given, is at best only a half-blessing.

When my father prayed his end-of-the-year prayer in which he thanked God that we were all still alive and within which he asked for God's providence and protection for the coming year, Socrates would have been proud. My father was not living the unexamined life, nor was he neglecting Christ's request that we ask for blessings and the Holy Spirit.

The end of one year and the beginning of a new year are a naturally reflective time. Anthropology wonderfully conspires with spirituality in almost forcibly highlighting a significant transition. Our society rightly makes a big deal out of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

If you come to the end of a year and are still alive, then you haven't had a bad year. If you are still within the family of faith, then you've had a good year, irrespective of personal sickness, economic misfortune, lost relationships, or any other tragedy. Moreover, if there's gratitude in your heart and you can ask God for providence and protection for the coming year, you've entered that year on the right note. If you can follow this by expressing sincere love and best wishes for those around you (the words and embraces that say "Happy New Year") well, that's all a human being can do to welcome a new year properly.

Last year, I suspect, was for all of us a year of mixed blessing. It had its cold bitter moments and more than enough heartaches and headaches. But, for all of us too, I am sure, it had its joys and its newness, its extraordinary blessings and providence. Each of us, in our more lucid moments, knows exactly how many bullets we dodged. If we are still alive and we still have faith, it was a good year. It deserves to be celebrated with expressions of gratitude, affection, and a doxology... and even with another old ritual, drinks!

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the Heart of the Saviour,

Fr Mark MSC

STEWARDSHIP

"John answered them all, 'I baptise you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming... he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit...'" (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptised Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.*

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 2,001.50

Loose: \$ 2,610.70

TOTAL: \$ 4,612.20

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Difference \$ 2,074.20

Thank You!

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, Fr Kazimierz Bojda.

Anniversaries

Anna Balazs, Reginald Herbert Watson, Wasyl Haluszak, Harold Vivian Halton, Jan (John) Rakowski, Susane Hansch, Jean Mary Round, Michael Duggan, Nancy Mackey, Aleksander Cisak, Pauline Sikora, Violet Monaghan, Mary Hinds, Jadwiga Wyrwa, Fr John Northey, Gladys Haley, Alicja Krawczyk, James Francis Coad, Janet Jones, Janina Sadkowski, Claude James Coad, Kathleen Mary Wood, Carol Trojan, Joshua Flack, Otto Fritz, Jadwiga Dmuchowski, Marianna Gladysz, Paul Taylor, Elizabeth Ann Rakowski, Teresita Gabriel Despacio, Fr Vincent Dwyer, Fr Patrick Moloney, 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, Rodger Cashion, Evelyn May Hope, Earla Poulson. Mollie Cooper, Antonia (Toni) Luxemborg, Beattie Jones, Editha Gabriel Malicdan.

Recently Deceased

William van Luxemborg, Karol Stateczny.

WORLD YOUTH DAY—AUSSIE FEST

The Aussie Fest will be held at St Mary's Cathedral hall (and outdoor area) on Sunday, 27th January and will give young people in Tasmania the chance to be a part of **World Youth Day** in Panama! Come along to celebrate with all the Aussies In Panama through live music, video, free BBQ, prayer, talks and plenty more! We will also have live streaming of the WYD event with the Pope in Panama. Sam Clear, will speak to us about his adventures in walking around the world for Christian unity. More info on the event can be found at our Facebook page below: <https://www.facebook.com/events/328284518009815/>

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By appointment

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READINGS

12th/13th January, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

PSALM: (Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30)

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: (Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 3:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

MASS TIMES

Monday 14th to Sunday 20th January 2019

	English	Polish
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

19th/20th January, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 62:1-5)

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

PSALM: (Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10)

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (2 Thessalonians 2:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 2:1-11)

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Nathan Shane, Shane Poulson

Ministers Bec Goss, Volunteer

Projector Volunteer

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Eva Hangan, Volunteer

Ministers Volunteers

Sick Volunteer

Projector Volunteer

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Peter Flint, Carlene Larkin

Ministers Volunteers

Projector Volunteer

Altar Silpa Cherpanath & Bev White

Cleaning Kerrie Morrisby & Marj Smith

Counters David Devereux & Roy Munro