

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday, 16th December, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

FROM THE PASTOR

OUTSIDE THE CITY

God, it seems, favours the powerless, the unnoticed, children, babies, outsiders, and refugees with no resources or place to go.

That's why Jesus was born outside the city, in a stable, unnoticed, outside all fanfare, away from all major media, and away from all the persons and events that were deemed important at the time, humble and anonymous. God works like that. Why?

In the rock opera, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, that question is asked of Jesus: *Why'd you choose such a backward time in such a strange land? If you'd come today you could have reached a whole nation. Israel in 4 BC had no mass communication.*

Scripture answers by telling us that God's ways are not our ways and *our ways are not God's ways*. That's true here. We tend to understand power by how it works in our world. There it works through popularity, through mass media, through historical privilege, through financial clout, through higher education, through idiosyncratic genius, and, not infrequently, through raw aggression, greed, and insensitivity to the needs of others and of nature.

But even a quick reading of scripture tells us that's not how God works. The God that Jesus incarnates doesn't enter into this world with a huge splash, as a royal birth eagerly anticipated and then announced by all the major media outlets, with photos of him and his parents on the cover of every popular magazine, with universal predictions as to his future greatness and influence, and then with privileged access to the best educational institutions and circles of power and influence.

Clearly, clearly, that's not the story of Jesus' birth, nor of how his life unfolded. God, as scripture shows, works more through anonymity than through the headlines, more through the poor than the powerful, and more through those outside the circles of power than those inside them. When we examine how God works, we see it's no accident that Jesus was born outside the city and that after he was crucified he was also buried outside the city.

FROM THE PASTOR

God's work in our world generally does not make the headlines. God never breaks into our world or into our consciousness by showy displays of power. God works more discretely, in quiet, touching soul, touching conscience, and touching that previously touched part inside of us where we still unconsciously bear the memory of once, long before birth, being touched, caressed, and loved by God. That's why Christ was born into this world as a baby and not as superstar, as someone whose only power was the capacity to touch and soften the hearts of those around him. Babies overpower no one, physically, intellectually, or athletically. They lie helpless and cry for love and care. That's why, paradoxically, at the end of the day, they're more powerful than anyone else. No physical, intellectual, or athletic power can ultimately touch the human conscience as can a baby – and similar sights of innocent helplessness, a wounded bird, an abandoned kitten, a young child alone and crying. What's best in us enflames, healthily, in the presence of powerlessness and innocence.

That's how God enters into us, gently, unnoticed. No big splash. That's also why God tends to bypass circles of power to favour the abandoned and vulnerable. For example, when the Gospel of Luke records how John the Baptist came to be specially blessed, it takes a scathing swipe at both the civic and religious powers of its time. It names all the major civil and religious leaders of the time (the Roman rulers, the kings in Palestine, and the religious high priests) and then tells us plainly that the word of God bypassed them all and came instead to John, a solitary, living in the wilderness, (Luke 3, 1-3). According to the Gospels, the wilderness is where we're most likely to find and experience God's presence because God tends to bypass the centres of power and influence to find a place instead in the hearts of those outside those circles.

You see this too, though admittedly without the same theological weight as is manifest in scripture, in the various apparitions of Mary, Jesus' mother, that have been approved by the church. What's common to all of them? Mary has never appeared to a president, a pope, a major religious leader, a Wall Street banker, the CEO of a major company, or even to an academic theologian in his study. None of these. She's appeared to children, to a young woman of no earthly importance, to an illiterate peasant, and to various other persons of no worldly status.

We tend to understand power as residing in financial influence, political clout, charismatic talent, media influence, physical strength, athletic prowess, grace, health, wit, and attractiveness. On the surface, that assessment is accurate enough, and indeed none of these are bad in themselves. But, looked at more deeply, as we see in the birth of Christ, God's word bypasses the centres of power and gestates instead in the hearts and consciences of those *outside the city*.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the heart of Christ

Fr Mark Hanns MSC

10 ATTITUDES FOR ADVENT

- Search** (magnifying glass icon): God in others and in your day to day life.
- Be generous** (hands icon): Share your time and your joy.
- Trust** (smiling face with halo icon): God is always listening.
- Be coherent** (paperclip icon): Match your actions to your beliefs.
- Love** (heart icon): others through simple and kind gestures.
- Reconcile** (two people icon): with God and others.
- Speak** (silhouette with sound waves icon): about God. Don't be ashamed of Him.
- Be grateful** (thumbs up icon): with God for all your blessings.
- Illuminate** (lightbulb icon): others with joy. Be a light in the world.
- Pray** (prayer hands icon): Dedicate some special time to God.

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after Mass until 5:00pm in the Parish Centre Chapel.

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.

COMMUNITY ROOM LIBRARY

The Community Room library is now available for borrowing (and returning) of books. All books have been stamped and a coloured dot will be added shortly. 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.

CHRISTMAS CHRONICLE

The 2018 St Therese Christmas Chronicle is seeking articles. Any articles are to be supplied to the Parish Office or emailed moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au. Articles are required before 17th December 2018.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This is the last opportunity to provide items of non-perishable food (long life Milk, Cereals, Rice and Pasta) and Toiletries (Soap, Shampoo, Toilet paper, Toothpaste) for Christmas hampers. These hampers will be packed after the 4:30pm Mass on Sunday and will be distributed to people in need over the 17-18 December. On behalf of St Vincent de Paul Moonah Conference thank you to everyone who has assisted this great cause.

SAINT 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

The Piety Shop sells a range of cards, birthday, baptism, confirmation etc. and other religious items. All proceeds go to assist the MSC Missions.

MOVEMBER DONATIONS TO SUPPORT FR MARK

Fr Mark wishes to thank everyone who supported him during "Movember". \$335.00 was raised to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. Donations can still be made for this cause by donating at <https://mobro.co/13940417?mc=1>.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00pm	Carols
6:30pm	Mass

Midnight Christmas Mass

10:00pm	Mass (Polish)
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Midnight Christmas Mass

11:30pm	Carols
12:00 midnight	Mass

Christmas Day Mass

9:00am	Mass
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Christmas Day Mass

10:45am	Mass (Polish)
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2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday 20th December 2018 at 7:00pm.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

The next Anointing of the Sick Mass will be celebrated on Friday 21st December during the normal 12 midday Mass. A light lunch will be served in the Community Room following the Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share.

PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK

Our Parish Memorial Book is about to be updated. Please forward the names of family members whom you would like included, to Deacon Michael, before 20th January.



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VOLUNTEER MINISTERIES

With the holiday period close, rosters for Communion Ministers and Lectors will not be operating. Volunteers are sought during this time. If you would like to assist the Parish during this time please add your names to the sheets located in the foyer.

JOSEPHITE CALENDAR 2019

A few 2019 Josephite Calendar are still available for \$9.00. If you would like a calendar please see Deacon Michael.

CAROLS ON THE HILL

Due to inclement weather this weekend, Carols on the Hill has been postponed until **Saturday 22 December**. If you would like to attend this event (free tickets are still available) at www.eventbrite.com.au and enter 'Carols on the Hill'.

WAY TO ST JAMES PILGRIMAGE

Have you registered yet for the Way to St James Pilgrimage which will be held on January 11th and 12th 2019? Registrations are due now so make the most of this opportunity to be a part of this wonderful two-day walk through the scenic Huon Valley to the Church of St James in Cygnet. You can register here at www.waytostjames.com.au/register/

CATHOLIC STANDARD

The last 2018 "Christmas issue" is available this weekend. **Some highlights include:**

- Christmas pageants Hobart/Launceston
- Missionary Sisters of Service mark 75 years
- New Mission evenings for 2019
- 'Blueprint for the future' signals extension to year 11 and 12 for Hobart Catholic schools
- Missionary disciples in the making: Cathedral Parish embraces Alpha
- Tassie pilgrims prepare for Panama
- St Mary Our Hope Church reopens in Dover
- St Anne's hoping to ring in milestone with historic bell

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK COURSE

Dr David Daintree of the Christopher Dawson Centre, in association with the Verbum Domini Institute, will offer an intensive course in the *koine* Greek of the New Testament. **Where:** Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. **When:** 21-25 January, 9am-3pm daily. **Cost:** \$100 plus textbook (pensioner concession available). **Registrations and information:** Dr David Daintree on 0408 879 494, or dccdain@gmail.com

Australia



Encounter in 2019

rich immersions
of our
Palms mission
experience of
and Samoa.

Timor Leste- April & Sept
Samoa - June
Myanmar- November

www.palms.org.au/encounters

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:	\$ 1,546.00
Loose:	\$ 836.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2,382.00

Week's Budget Collections:
\$ 2,538.00

Loss \$ 156.00

Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." PHILIPPIANS 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

PLENARY COUNCIL 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.

GOOD NEWS

(Luke 3:10-18)

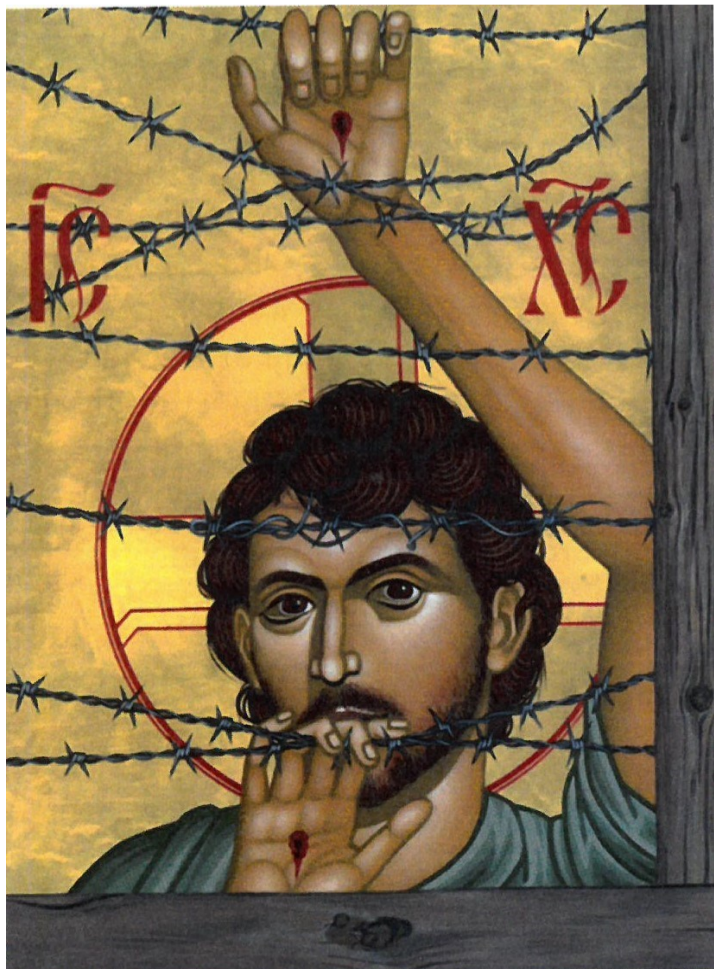
Today's texts invite us to rejoice. This is the way to wait for the Lord's coming. Vigilance presupposes being attentive to the signs of the times.

What must we do? How do we get ourselves ready? We are getting ready for the birth of the Lord into our world again this Christmas. The prophet Zephaniah gives us the key to our preparation. "Shout with joy, Sion; Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart. ... The Lord your God is in your midst. ... He will exult with joy over you; he will renew you by his love." The prophet's whole message is one of rejoicing because God is already in our midst.

As any parents will tell you, there is great rejoicing as the time of their child's birth draws near. It was the same for Mary at this time. She and Joseph were preparing to travel to Bethlehem. It does not really matter where the child is born. The central desire in their hearts is for the child to be born. There is restlessness both in the child and the mother. Even the child lets the mother know it is about to be born.

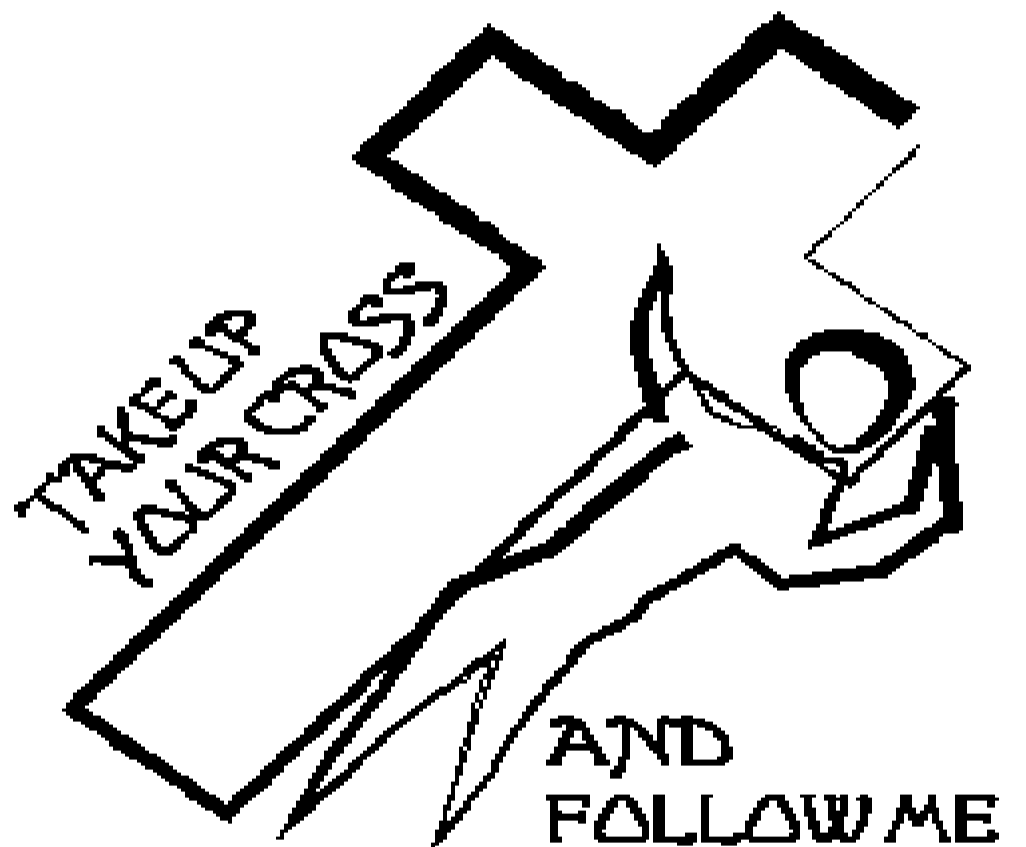
John tells people very simply what to do. His answers are direct. We all know what we must do. It is written on our hearts. We need only to be reassured that God is with us. He

is



binding himself even more closely to the human family by a bond that can never be broken.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our liberating God, you are ever faithful to your promises and you remain always close to your people. You sent your Son, Jesus, to set us free. He came to bring wholeness and healing to all. Help us to be free of all that binds us: our addictions to gossip, junk food, judging others, our narrowness of vision, our personal chains, and all that imprisons us in life. May we help everyone in our community to be free, to dream and to be creative, to be full of life and hope and joy.



'You must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me.' Mark 8:34

Christ on the Margins

The icon does not make clear which side of the fence Christ is on.

Is he imprisoned or are we?

Through our cultural institutions and personal lives we all place barriers between ourselves and true happiness.

We and our institutions also try to imprison Christ in various ways, to tame him

and the dangerous memories he would bring us of our goals and ideals. Christ on the Margins cannot be tamed.

Robert Lentz ofm

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, Will van Luxemborg, Peter van Loggerenberg, Fr Kazimierz Bojda.

Anniversaries

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, 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.

Recently Deceased

Stefano Gravina

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www.hobart.catholic.org.au

SAFE COMMUNITIES:

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

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

PLENARY COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

16th December, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

Indeed, the Lord is near

FIRST READING: (Zephaniah 3:14-18)

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

PSALM: (Isaiah 12:2-6 R. v.6)

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: (Philippians 4:-4-7)

The Lord is near.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 3:10-18)

What, then, must we do?

MASS TIMES

Monday 17th to Sunday 23rd December 2018

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th December 2018

	English	Polish
Monday	6:30pm Midnight	10:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am	10:45am

READINGS/ROSTERS

23rd December, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING: (Micah 5:1-4)

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

PSALM: (Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19)

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: (Hebrews 10: 5-10)

I am coming to do you will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 1: 38)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 1:39-44)

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Monica Sianski, Threesa K

Ministers Rebecca Goss, Ed Sianski

Projector Chris K

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Fadi Elbarbar, Tony Webb

Ministers Marty Ogle, Paul de Groot

Sick Paul de Groot

Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Carlene Larkin, John Kitt

Ministers Daniel Duharte, Melissa Brown

Projector Kerrie Morrisby

Altar Fran Smith

Cleaning Kerrie Morrisby, Marj Smith

Counters Goldie McGuinness,
Kerrie Morrisby