

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, 17th February, 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FROM THE PASTOR

UNDERSTANDING GRACE MORE DEEPLY

The mark of genuine contrition is not a sense of guilt, but a sense of sorrow, of regret for having taken a wrong turn; just as the mark of living in grace is not a sense of our own worth but a sense of being accepted and loved despite our unworthiness. We are spiritually healthy when our lives are marked by honest confession and honest praise.

Jean-Luc Marion highlights this in a commentary on St. Augustine's famous *Confessions*. He sees Augustine's confession as a work of a true moral conscience because it is both *a confession of praise and a confession of sin*. Gil Bailie suggests that this comment underlines an important criterion by which to judge whether or not we are living in grace: "If the confession of praise is not accompanied by the confession of sin it is an empty and pompous gesture. If the confession of sins is not accompanied by a confession of praise, it is equally vacuous and barren, the stuff of trashy magazines and tabloid newspapers, a self-preening parody of repentance."

Gil is right, but doing both confessions at one and the same time is not an easy task. We generally find ourselves falling into either a confession of praise where there is no real confession of our own sin; or into the "self-preening parody of repentance" of a still self-absorbed convert, where our confession rings hollow because it shows itself more as a badge of sophistication than as genuine sorrow for having strayed.

In neither case is there a true sense of grace. Piet Fransen, whose masterful book on grace served as a textbook in seminaries and theology schools for a generation, submits that neither the self-confident believer (who still secretly envies the pleasures of the amoral that he's missing out on) nor the wayward person who converts but still feels grateful for his fling, has yet understood grace. We understand grace only when we grasp existentially what's inside the Father's words to his older son in the parable of the prodigal son: *My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.*

The older brother would not be bitter if he understood that everything his father owns is *already* his, just as he would not be envious of the pleasures his wayward brother tasted if he understood that, in real life, his brother had been dead. But it takes a deeper grasp of what grace is to intuit that, namely, to grasp that life inside God's house dwarfs all other pleasures. The same is true for the convert who has given up his wayward life but still secretly rejoices in the experience and sophistication it brought him and nurses a condescending pity for the less-experienced. He too has not yet really understood grace.

FROM THE PASTOR

In his book, *The Idea of the Holy*, now considered a classic, Rudolf Otto submits that in the presence of the holy we will always have a double reaction: fear and attraction. Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we will want to build a tent and stay there forever; but, like him too before the miraculous catch of fish, we will also want to say: “Depart from me for I am a sinful man.” In the presence of the holy, we want to burst forth in praise even as we want to confess our sins.

That insight can help us to understand grace. Piet Fransen begins his signature book on grace, *The New Life of Grace*, by asking us to imagine this scene: Picture a man who lives his life in mindless hedonism. He simply drinks in the sensual pleasures of this world without a thought for God, responsibility, or morality. Then, after a long life of illicit pleasure, he has a genuine deathbed conversion, sincerely confesses his sins, receives the sacraments of the church, and dies in that happy state. If our spontaneous reaction to this story is: “Well, the lucky fellow! He had his fling and still made it in the end!” we have not yet understood grace but instead are still embittered moralisers standing like the older brother in need of a further conversation with our God.

And the same holds true too for the convert who still feels that what he’s experienced in his waywardness, his fling, is a deeper joy than the one known by those who have not strayed. In this case, he’s come back to his father’s house not because he senses a deeper joy there but because he deems his return an unwanted duty, less exciting, less interesting, and less joy-filled than a sinful life, but a necessary moral exit strategy. He too has yet to understand grace.

Only when we understand what the father of the prodigal son means when he says to the older brother: *Everything I have is yours*”, will we offer both a confession of praise and a confession of sin.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the Heart of Christ.

Fr Mark MSC.

NOTICES

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVdP) 2019 BUSHFIRE APPEAL

This is the last weekend 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 re-fencing of properties.

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.

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.

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@aohtas.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.



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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.

ADRIAN FRANCIS MEANEY MSC
(1933-2019)



This pen and photo portrait of Adrian was sent by a correspondent for this site

Born: 15th December, 1933
(Teneriffe, Brisbane)
Parents: James Aloysius Meaney
(Bauple, Qld) & Margaret Mary
Whelan (Koroit, Vic)
Siblings: Basil (dec), Carmel & Damien



Childhood homes:
Teneriffe, Harrisville, Tully,
Ingham, Mt Isa, Nambour &
Mackay
Novitiate: 1954 (Douglas Park)
Magnificent Seven:
Russell Andersen, Kevin Barr,
Paul Castley, Michael Fallon,

Adrian Meaney (dec),
Patrick Sharpe, Brian Taylor
(the only year to have all
members, ordained and intact
until Adrian's death)

Novice Master:

Fr Paddy "Brickie" McGuane

Profession: 22nd February 1955

(Fr Mortimer Kerrins)



The Meaney Family: Front row (L to R): Margaret (mum), Damien & James (dad);
Back row (L to R): Adrian, Carmel & Basil

1955-1961: Croydon Monastery (received
during this time at St Patrick's
Cathedral, Melbourne: tonsure
and the minor orders of
porter, acolyte, exorcist,
sub-deacon and deacon)



Ordination: 29th June, 1961 (St Stephen's
Cathedral, Brisbane with
brother Basil, Paul Castley,
Russell Andersen and other
QLD religious and diocesans)

Pastoral year:

1961-62, Sacred Heart
Monastery, Kensington
(attached to Annals office,
part-time tropical medicine
course at Sydney Uni with
Brian Taylor)

1962-1971: Port Moresby, PNG (first
appointment)

1971-1972: Darwin (secretary to Bishop. O’Laughlin)

1972-1981: PP, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs



Alice Springs

1981 EAPI course, Manila, Philippines

1981-1982: Gerehu, PNG

1982-1989: Boroko, PNG (PP and Vicar General. Papal visit of JPII in 1984)

1989-1990: Bereina, PNG

1990-1997: Koki Point, PNG (2nd Papal visit of JPII in 1996)



22nd March, 1998 – 6th February 2019: MSC Mission Office, Kensington



MSC Mission Office

Had it not been for that fateful letter with the papal seal, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart would most likely never have arrived in Australia. In 1881, the Society still in its infancy with only a handful of men at his disposal, Father Founder Jules Chevalier, in his reply to Cardinal Simeoni, humbly submitted to Pope Leo XIII’s request and

formally accepted the mission to Melanesia and Micronesia. The rest, as they say, is history. Many great missionaries have since come and gone, giving of themselves selflessly to grow and develop the MSCs into the largest male religious order in Australia. Much is owed to those that have come before us, yet amongst these greats, perhaps none has kept his eyes as firmly fixed or maintained the level of zeal for the founder’s original vision as Adrian Francis Meaney - the man affectionately known across the MSC world as ‘Fr Christmas’ - to deliver the Good News and minister to the needs of some of the poorest and most marginalised people on earth. The following is an excerpt from one of the earliest editions of the Mission Outreach Newsletter in which Adrian explains the origins of the movement:

“Five years ago, a group of MSC Priests and Brothers spent a week together at a retreat centre near Cairns. They came from Japan, India, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Fiji and the Northern Territory of Australia. Among the recommendations made was to establish the ‘MSC Mission Office’, whereby our missionaries might be supported by prayer, co-workers and financial assistance. At the same time there was the desire to inform and support others in their missionary calling. Now after three and a half years, with the help of volunteers and the support of the Provincial Office, we are up and running. We work with the people of good will, and assist others no matter what is their creed. Of course, we are Catholic to the core and seek inspiration from the Holy Spirit who led Jesus.” AFM

Having already served with distinction a total of thirty-six years in PNG and the NT, Adrian single-handedly devised, built and marketed the most efficient not-for-profit Catholic charity organisation in the whole of Australia - all in his retirement from the monastery in Kensington. In just over

twenty years, the Mission Office has raised in excess of \$20million for Clean Water, Disadvantaged Youth, and Health projects; extending his outreach beyond our pacific neighbours to include South East Asia, the Sub-Continent, Africa and parts of Central and South America. It has truly become a global movement, impacting on the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the margins.

To call Adrian 'colourful' would be an understatement – he had certainly established a formidable reputation as being one of the most polarising MSCs in the entire province. Although he talked the talk, he most certainly backed it up by walking the walk. He was one of the hardest working and most compassionate of men, often showing more concern for the missions than the MSCs born and raised in those countries. He celebrated private Mass early each morning, giving thanks to all the generous benefactors who made his work possible. He was renowned for taking on work others shied away from: raising money for the poor, organising functions and events, caring for sick and ailing missionaries, looking after visiting confreres, supplying to any parish,

STEWARDSHIP

"Blessed are you when people hate you, ... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

wherever and whenever. To the volunteers and staff: he was a fiercely loyal and most generous leader. He shouldered all responsibility, and accepted the idiosyncrasies and personal circumstances of each individual with understanding and care. A man with a mission – driven by a flame that burned so bright, it was impossible not to catch fire.

In his later years he suffered terribly from a long list of illnesses and ailments. Each time he was struck down he bounced right back up, bigger and better than ever. Adrian was a true fighter – not a silky-smooth tactician but a brawler who had the stamina to go the distance. It was his way or the highway, yet the Spirit was with him because he did it for the right reasons. To the people in the missions he was their life-line – a guardian angel, giving them a fighting chance at a better life. Who, now, will care for the poor?

Although his earthly flame is now extinguished, Adrian's Spirit burns brighter than ever as a star in the heavens, watching over us and urging us all to "have a go!".

He has run the good race.
May he rest in peace.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,221.50

Loose: \$ 999.45

TOTAL: \$ 2,220.95

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Loss \$ 371.05

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, Elsa Natoli,
Peter van Loggerenberg, Jan Grubb.

Anniversaries

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,
Pawel Cichon, Kathleen D. McCabe,
Vale Stanwix, Nancy Veronica Cullen,
Stanislaw Czachor, Humphrey Beckitt,
Grant Brazendale-Brooks, Lucy Frazik,
Susanne Brazendale, Emilia Gabriel Abueva,
Helena Niemczyk, Fr John Eldridge MSC,
Tess Triffett, Boleslaw Kemp,
Stefan Adam Jedyka, Esmay Haney,
Michelle Ann White (Read), Jack Webster,
Shirley Etjel May Thomas, Michael Noonan,
Grace Phyllis Dance, Karol Michalowski,
Elaine Voss, Ieva Andrikonis, Bert de Groot,
Stephen Horne, David Blake, Thelma Dalton,
Bertram Williams, Bridget Beckwith,
Fr Harold Bridgwood, Margaret Mills,
Benjamin Bresnehan, 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, Stefan R. Zelek,
Walenty Bodel, Ingrid Leszczynski,
Laurie Belcher, Leokadia Sadkowski.

Recently Deceased

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

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Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

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READINGS

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!

MASS TIMES

Monday 18th to Sunday 24th February
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

23rd/24th February, 2019
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me.

FIRST READING: (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23)

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will
not raise my hand against you.

PSALM: (Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13)

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we
must carry the heavenly image.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 13:34)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 6:27-38)

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Gerry McGushin, Phil Blake

Ministers Margaret Henderson,
Rebecca Goss

Projector Chris K

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Marty Ogle, Marie Anders

Ministers Silpa Cherpanath, Paul de Groot

Sick Paul de Groot

Projector Izak Hangan

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Carlene Larkin, Melissa Brown

Ministers Cameron Brown, Carol Kitt

Projector Daniel Duharte

Altar Silpa Cherpanath, Bev White

Cleaning Victoria Maty, Kieran Aherne,
Monica Sianski

Counters David Devereux & Joe Higgins