

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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



Sunday, 20th January, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

106TH WORLD DAY MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

FROM THE PASTOR

RELIGION, SECULAR THOUGHT, AND HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

There is no such a thing as pure objectivity, a view that is free of all bias.

Yet that's the claim often made by non-religious, secular thinkers in debates about values and public policy. They argue that their views, unlike those who admit that their views are grounded in religious principles, are objective and free from bias. Their underlying assumption is that a purely rational argument, a view in effect from nowhere, is objective in a way that religious arguments, based upon someone's faith and religious perspective, can never be, as if there was such a thing as a purely objective starting point. There isn't.

We all have a bias. The late Langdon Gilkey used to put this in a gentle, more-palatable way. We don't have a bias, he says, but rather a "pre-ontology", a subjective stance from which we look at reality. And that stance includes both the place where we stand, outside, when we look into any reality, as well as the software through which we perceive and reason as we look at anything. He's right. There's no view from nowhere, no view that's unbiased, and no view that's purely objective. Everyone has a bias. The religious person and the secular person simply stand at different subjective places and process things through different subjective, mental software.

Does this mean then that all views are equally subjective and that everything is relative? Can we not then distinguish between science and superstition? No. There are clearly degrees of objectivity, even if no one can claim absolute objectivity. To admit that even the strictest empirical scientific research will always contain a degree of subjectivity is not to put science on the same level as superstition or even of faith. Empirical science and rational thought must be given their due. It is medical doctors, not faith-healers, who cure physical diseases. Likewise, the scientific theory of evolution and the fundamentalist religious belief that our world was made in seven days are not to be given an equal claim. Much as religious thinkers are sometimes irritated by the absolutist claims of some secularists, science and critical rational thinking must be given their due.

But religious thinking must also be given its due, especially in our debates about values and politics. Religious opinion also needs to be respected, not least with the more-explicit acknowledgement that secular reasoning too operates out of a certain faith, as well as by the acknowledgement that, like its scientific and philosophical counterparts, religious thinking also brings invaluable and needed perspectives to any debate. A lot of the world's knowledge is contained within science and philosophy, but most of the world's wisdom is contained in its religious and faith perspectives. Just as we cannot live on religion alone, we too cannot live on science and philosophy alone. Wisdom needs knowledge and knowledge needs wisdom. Science and religion need to more deeply befriend each other.

FROM THE PASTOR

More important however than having a proper apologetic about the place of faith and religion inside of public policy is an understanding of this for our own health and happiness. We need to understand how subjectivity colours everything, not so much so that we might eventually convince secularists that religious perspectives are important in any discussion, but so that we can more deliberately choose the right pre-ontology so as to see the world through better eyes and make better judgments on the world.

The 12th century mystic, Hugo of St. Victor, gives us, I believe, the right pre-ontology out of which to operate: *Love is the eye!* For Hugo, we see most accurately when our eyesight works through the lens of love and altruism, just as we see most inaccurately when our eyesight is coloured by suspicion and self-interest. And this isn't an abstract idea. Experience tells us this. When we look at someone in love, beyond of course those periods when love is overly-obsessed with romantic attraction, we see straight. We then see the other as he or she really is, with full recognition of his or her virtues and faults. That's as accurate as we will ever see. Conversely, when we see someone through the eyes of suspicion or self-interest our vision is clouded and there's not as fair a perception.

Jesus says as much with the first words that come out of his mouth in the Synoptic Gospels. In his very first remarks, he invites us, in one word, to see the world as it really is. His first word? *Metanoia*. This is a Greek word that is generally translated in English bibles, as *Repent*, but it literally means "to enter a different, higher mind". And that connotation is highlighted when we contrast it to another Greek word which we already know, namely, *Paranoia*. *Metanoia* is the opposite of *paranoia*.

When we look at the world through the eyes of paranoia, we are not seeing straight. Conversely, when we look at the world through eyes of metanoia, we are seeing straight, religiously and scientifically. Love, indeed, is the eye.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the Heart of the Saviour,

Fr Mark MSC

STEWARDSHIP

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,309.50

Loose: \$ 1,080.20

TOTAL: \$ 2,389.70

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Loss \$ 148.30

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

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, 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, Susanne Brazendale, Emilia Gabriel Abueva, Helena Niemczyk.

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MOVIE NIGHT WITH POLISH SISTERS

This Friday, 25th of January at 6:30pm The Church Community Room St. Therese's Church will be the first movie night with the Polish Sisters. This month's film will be **The Fourth Wise Man**. The Movie based on Henry van Dyke's classic, The Story of the Other Wise Man. It is a fictional story set in Biblical times. A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah. Artaban takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah.

READINGS

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.

MASS TIMES

Monday 21st to Sunday 27th 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

26th/27th January, 2019

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: (Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10)

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

PSALM: (Psalm 18:8-10,15)

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 12:12-30)

Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Nathan Shane, Shane Poulson

Ministers Volunteers

Projector Rebecca Goss

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Volunteers

Ministers Phyllis Nicolls, Volunteer

Sick Volunteer

Projector Volunteer

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers John Kitt, Peter Flint

Ministers Carol Kitt, Carlene Larkin

Projector Kerrie Morrisby

Altar Fran Smith

Cleaning Rexine & Gerard Synnott

Counters Coney & Jun Avellana