

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday, 25th November, 2018

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNVERSE - YEAR B

FROM THE PASTOR

OUR LACK OF WELCOME

“Widows, orphans, and strangers”, that’s code in scripture for the three most vulnerable groups within a society at any given time. And both the great Jewish prophets and Jesus, himself, assure us that ultimately, we will be judged by how we treated these while we were alive.

It’s interesting to look at any given book in the bible and ask this question: “What did the author of this book consider as the very essence of religion? You’ll get different answers. For example, if you had asked that question to the authors of *Exodus*, *Deuteronomy*, or *Numbers*, they would have answered that what was central to their faith was proper religious practice, keeping the Commandments and being faithful to the other prescribed codes of religious practice of their time.

However, when the great prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Joel) came along they painted a different picture. For them, true religiosity was not identified simply with fidelity to religious practice; it was judged rather on how one treated the poor. For them, *the quality of your faith is to be judged by the quality of justice in the land; and the quality of justice in the land is always to be judged by how “widows, orphans, and strangers” fare while you are alive.* For the prophets, the practice of justice took priority over proper religious belonging and fidelity to religious practice.

We see numerous sayings by the prophets that warn us that what God wants from us is not sacrifice on altars but fair wages for the poor, not the recitation of prescribed prayers but justice for widows, and not the honouring of religious festivals but the giving of hospitality to strangers.

It should be noted, of course, that, after the prophets, we have the great wisdom figures in Jewish history. For them, the essence of religion was neither faithful religious practice nor simple outreach to the poor, but having a wise and compassionate heart, out of which you would then be faithful to both proper religious practice and outreach to the poor.

This is the tradition that Jesus inherits. What does he do with it? He ratifies all three. For Jesus, true religiosity asks for all of these: faithful religious practice, outreach to the poor, and a wise and compassionate heart. For Jesus, you don’t pick between these, you do them all. He tells us clearly: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14); but he also tells us that we will ultimately be judged on the basis of how we treat the poor (Matthew 25); even as he tells us that what God really wants from us is a wise, compassionate heart. (Luke 6 & 15)

FROM THE PASTOR

For Jesus, we are true disciples when we have compassionate hearts out of which we keep the commandments, humbly worship our God, but make it a religious priority to reach out to the most vulnerable groups in our society. Indeed, on this latter point, Jesus' warnings are much stronger even than those of the great Jewish prophets. The prophets affirmed that God favours the poor; Jesus affirmed that God is in the poor ("whatsoever you do to the least, you do to me"). How we treat the poor is how we are treating God.

Moreover (and I doubt we've ever taken this seriously) Jesus tells us that, at the final judgment, we will be judged for heaven or hell on the basis of how we treated the poor, particularly on how we treated the most vulnerable among them ("widows, orphans, and strangers"). In Matthew 25, he lays out the criteria upon which we will be judged, for heaven or for hell. Notice that in these particular criteria there aren't any questions about whether we kept the commandments, about whether we went to church or not, or even whether our sexual lives were in order. Here we're to be judged solely on how we treated the poor. It can be rather frightening and confusing to take this at face value, namely, that we will go to heaven or hell solely on the basis of how we treated the poor.

I highlight this because today so many of us, sincere, church-going, Christians do not seem to have either an eye or a heart for the "widows, orphans, and strangers" around us. Who are the most vulnerable groups on our world today? Who today, as Gustavo Gutierrez defines the poor, does not have a right to have rights?

Let me risk stating the obvious: Among the "widows, orphans, and strangers" in our world today are the unborn, the refugees, and the immigrants. Happily, most sincere Christians are not blind to the plight of the unborn. Less happily, too many of us are religiously blind to the plight of millions of refugees looking for someone to welcome them. Every newscast we watch tells us that we're not much welcoming the stranger.

How soon we forget God's warning: "You are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were once foreigners." (Deuteronomy 10, 18-19)

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI ©

In the heart of Christ

Fr Mark Hanns MSC

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our Parish children are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and we ask for everyone to please pray for them. The remaining dates for preparation meetings are:

- **Mass THIS** Sunday, 25th November.
- **Mass - NEXT** Sunday, 2nd December, Mass, 9:00am. This will be followed by the **Third Preparation Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre from approx. 10:15am to 11:15am.
- **First Reconciliation**, Monday, 3rd December, at 6:30pm, for Parents, Children and Family.

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 HAMPERS

The St Therese's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference and our Parish School are seeking items of non-perishable food for Christmas hampers which will be distributed to people in need prior to Christmas. Baskets will be located in the church foyer from this weekend until mid-December. If you are able to help out this would be very much appreciated.

COLUMBARIUM (WALL OF ASHES)

Fr Mark is seeking 2-3 people who would be willing to assist in ensuring that the Columbarium is kept alive with 'living flowers'. If you are able to assist please see either Fr Mark or Deacon Michael.

JOSEPHITE CALENDAR 2019

The Josephite Calendar 2019 will be available this weekend for \$9.00. If you would like a calendar please see Deacon Michael.

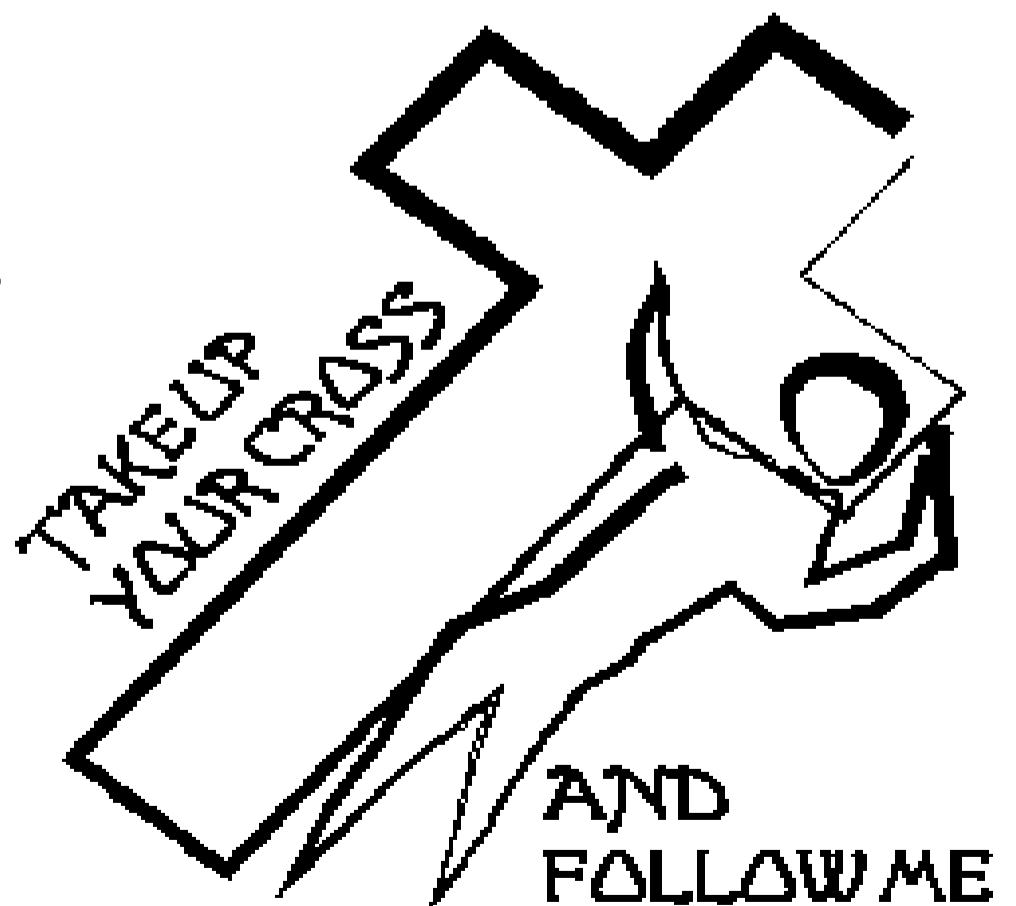
MOVEMBER DONATIONS TO SUPPORT FR MARK'S

Fr Mark is seeking your assistance to grow his moustache during "Movember". Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. To assist Fr Mark to raise funds for this cause please donate at

<https://mobro.co/13940417?mc=1>. All monies raised helps out men's health issues.

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.



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



PLAY SPORT WITH YOUTH IN PRISON
WHAT BETTER WAY TO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH?

If you are aged 18-35 and interested in this outreach activity, please contact Fr Richard Ross on mobile 0408 377 807 or email justsports.mv@gmail.com and come to an orientation reflection day at Holy Trinity, Westbury on Sunday, December 2nd, commencing with the Parish Mass at 9am and concluding by 3.30pm. Police Checks and Working with Vulnerable People Cards are essential, but we will help with the process on this day.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Date claimer for a women's breakfast on Saturday 15th December 8:30am to 10:00am at Christ the Priest Church Kingston. More details later.

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? Early bird registrations have been extended by one week 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/ For more information, please feel free to contact Leanne Prichard on 0409434784 or at leanne.prichard@catholic.tas.edu.au



Our Call to Greatness:
 becoming something more
 for God, for others, and for yourself!

We invite you to join us at
St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, South Hobart
8:00 am on Saturday 1st December 2018

Come and hear about your personal call to greatness and to change the world. We will break open the themes of the recent "Be Awake" National Men's Conference and look at how we can incorporate those learnings into our daily lives. The breakfast will include: food, fellowship, music, inspiration, discussion and prayer.
 An optional Mass will be celebrated in the church at 7:15am for those who wish to attend.
 The breakfast will conclude by 9:30am



Open to all men 16 years and older
 A small donation would be welcome to help with costs
To assist with catering, please RSVP
ben.smith@aohatas.org.au or call 0410 691 371

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.



Palms Australia
Make an Encounter in 2019

Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa.

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

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MATRIMONIUM SUMMER SCHOOL

A deep dive into God's plan for sexuality and marriage for young adults. Monday, 21st January to Friday, 25th January 2019, at Jane Franklin Hall, South Hobart. Speakers include Professor Tracey Rowland, Dr Kevin Donnelly and Anna Krohn. For more information call Ben Smith on 03 6208 6036.

GRIEF TO GRACE - HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th to May 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,593.50

Loose: \$ 703.10

TOTAL: \$ 2,296.60

Week's Budget Collections:
\$ 2,538.00

LOSS \$ 241.40

Thank You!

STEWARDSHIP

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" JOHN 18:36

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

PLENARY COUNCIL DRAFT RESPONSE

The Parish gathered together on Saturday 13th October in the School/Parish Hall to reflect upon our response to the call of the Plenary Council. The following are the verbatim submissions that were captured during this session together with submissions from some additional people who could not attend. We are seeking your feedback on these submissions, including any comments before a further draft is developed. This draft will then be provided to the Parish for further comment before it is submitted directly to the Plenary Council and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. If you have any comments on what has been expressed or wish to add your own submissions, these could be provided either directly to the Parish Office in person or via email to moonahlutana@aohtas.org.au. Provided in this bulletin are additional lines for you to do so, if you so desire. Any submissions are to be provided by Friday, 7th December. Thank you.

FAITH EDUCATION

- Faith growth and support are areas for all to work on especially RCIA, RCIC and Adult Faith Education.
- The Church needs to bring some of its teachings that are not from Jesus' teachings an example to be optional, still devotional but not constrainings to faith, the church or its members.
- Be helped to unpack the scriptures - Update Scripture knowledge.
- More education on Theology of the Mass - Child friendly.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

- Protecting clericalism will not work.
- Catholics don't know how to become a post Vatican II Church. We are reverting to a pre Vatican Church - dogma, clericalism, theology, demanding certainty. The pre Vatican Church is not going to work in a global church.
- Transparency of church processes.
- I think the church needs to use Jesus as the model more fully in its treatment of its members. Less rules and regulations and more compassion. Inclusiveness is very important.
- A reformation of where the church is.
- Recognise the conservative element in the Church – bringing them with us.
- Church Patriarchy.

CLERGY

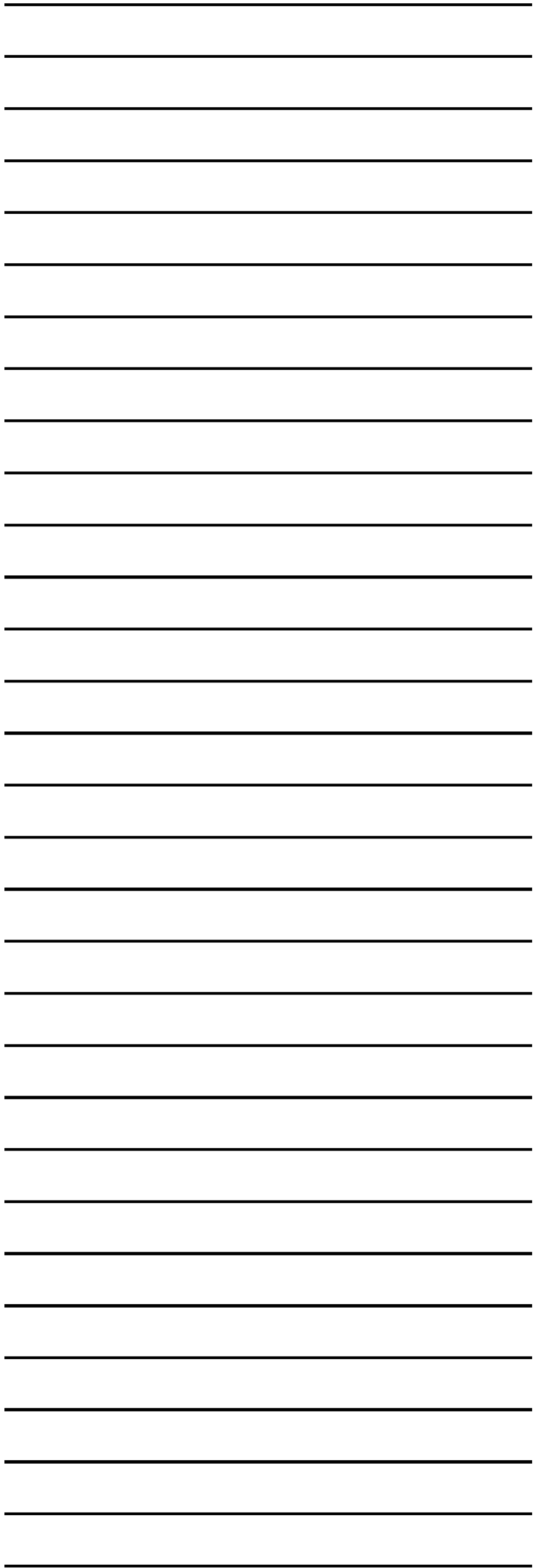
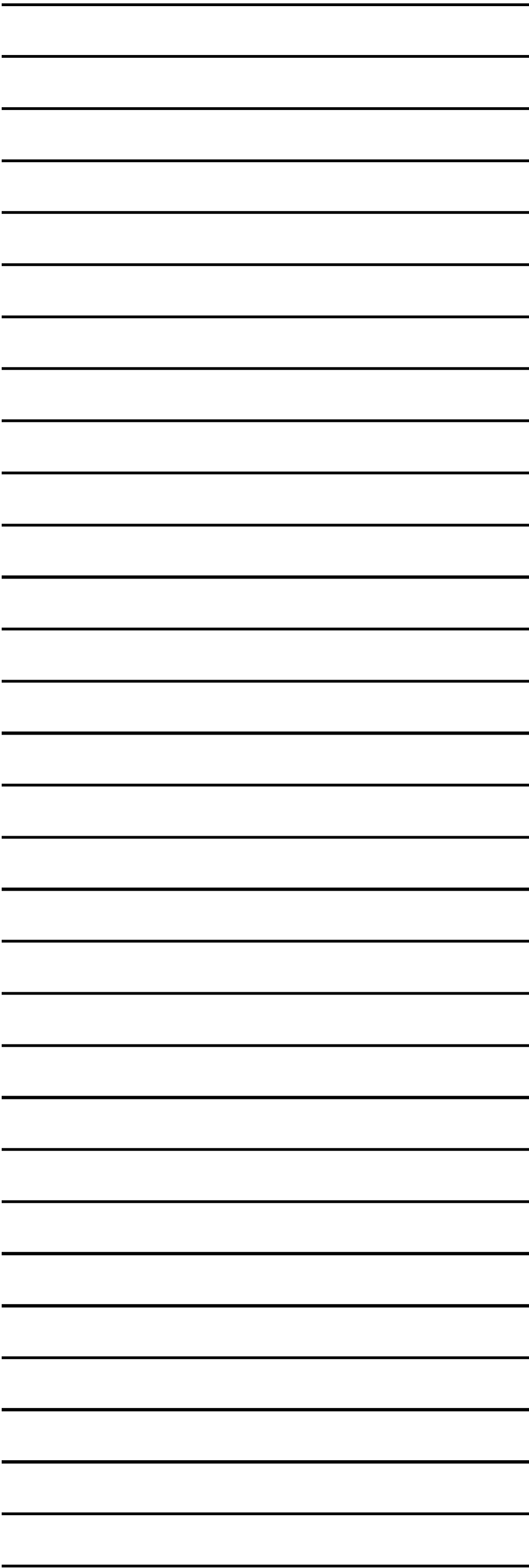
- Priests need to be more transparent in their duties and life skills.
- Priests should be able to marry.
- I do not believe that married priests will stop child molestation but that good discernment, character checks and good processes are the answer.
- Married priests should be examined as there are many men of deep faith who can serve us but also seek marriage. If the other rites of the Catholic church can have married priests so can we.
- Address re-engagement of priests who have left.
- Suspect the training priests.
- Effect of Royal Commission.
- Quality sermons play a large part in attracting and keeping parishioners and we need to support this for our seminarians.

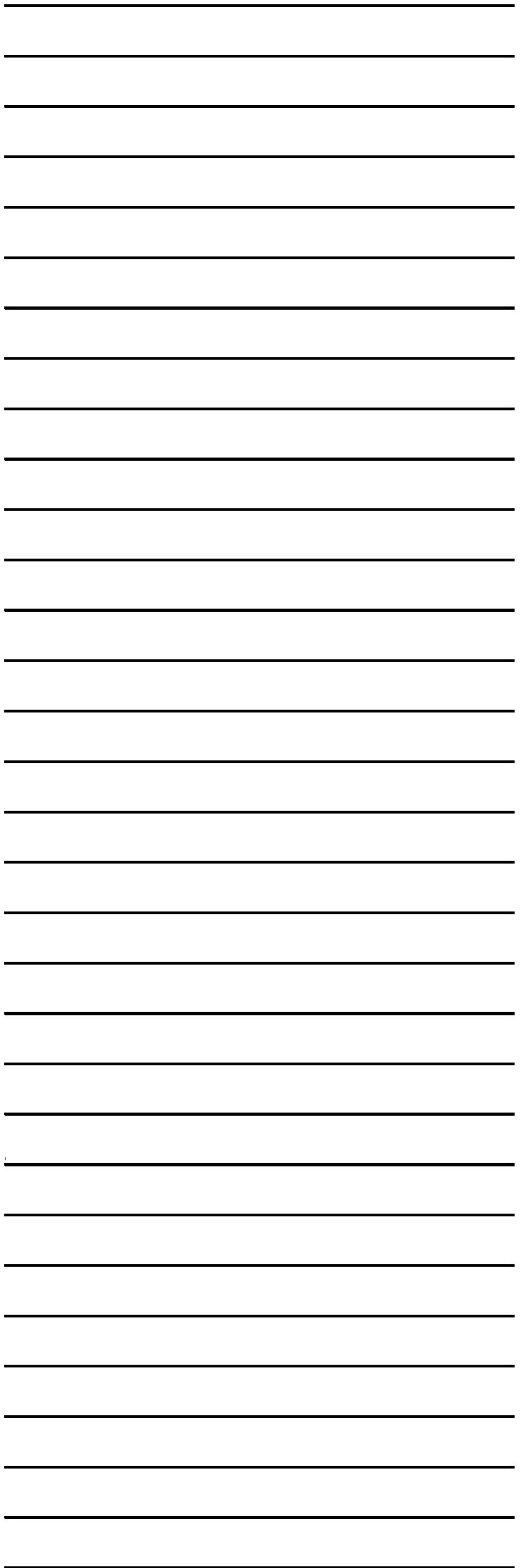
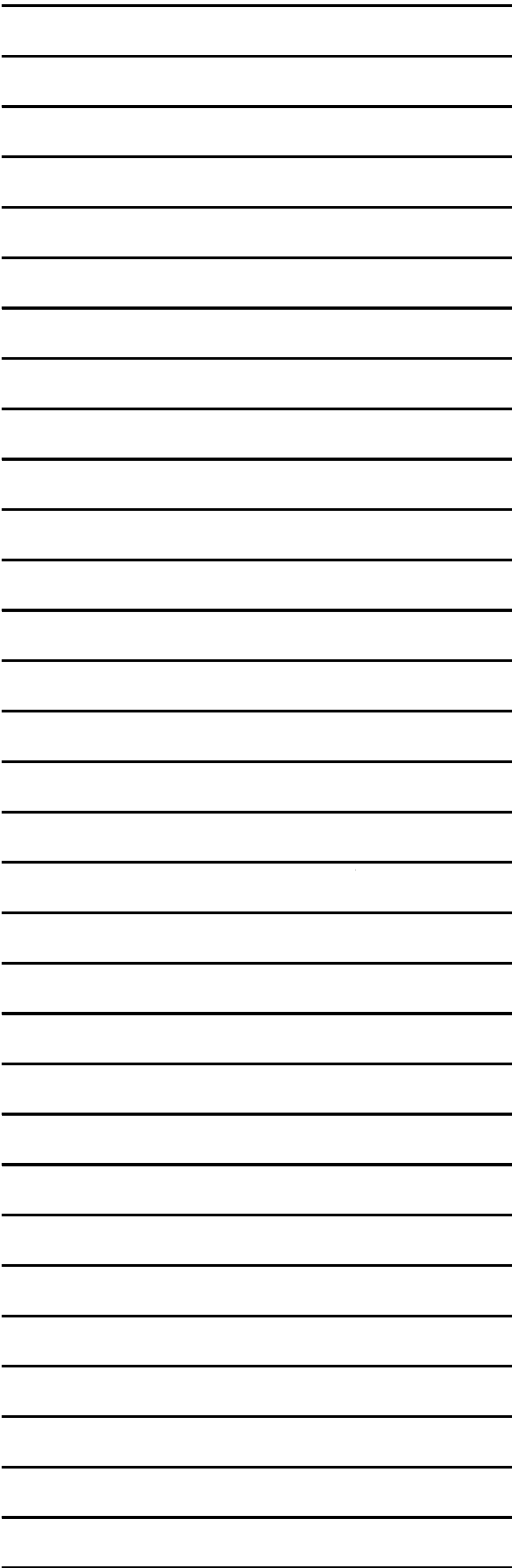
SACRAMENTS

- Sacraments.
- Bring back the 3rd rite.
- Enable lay people to give sacrament of the sick.

MARGINALISED

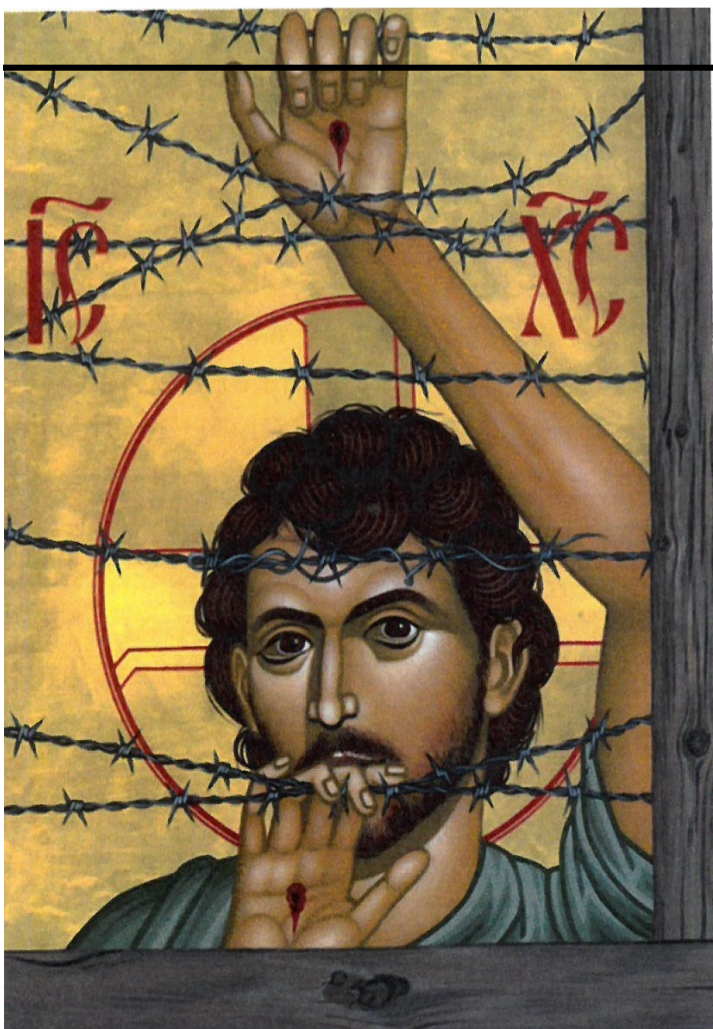
- Jesus was a marginal Jew. The Church is 'God's hands on earth' responding to the needs of people.
- We are not an institution, an organisation, an employer or a land owner. Jesus listened to the suffering of people and walked with them. That is not the model we are seeing of the Catholic Church.
- “Love in action” and how a parish looks at love and what can be improved throughout the current church of Australia. Our parish is a great one that follows the MSC charism which fits well with love in action. We talked about how as a parish and as a church in general we are called to be inclusive and loving people towards all. And that as a catholic people we should put a focus in support and care for all, poor, lonely, old, sick, isolated and disabled. And how we should live the faith through opportunities of social justice and have a personal responsibility to this. To not say someone else is looking after the less fortunate but to go out and help yourself.
- We are a community and we need to break down barriers; we need to step outside our comfort zone. We need to keep loving, being caring & sensitive to each other's needs. We need to be mindful and caring of the environment. We need to be visible in any follow-up to actions – faith in action eg: homelessness, unemployed, refugee families. We need to break down the loneliness barrier that parishioners & the community experience. We need to ensure that Jesus does not become a stranger to us & that we do not become strangers to each other.
- Why are we giving health care to the rich and middle class. Unless it serves the





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.



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.

Anniversaries

Stuart George Smith, Lachlan O'Keefe, Monica Haley, Roman Raszdorf, Matthew Grubb, Harril George Watson, Marie Beckitt, James William Monaghan, Kevin Baker, William Henry Hinds, John Aiken, Eileen Hardinge, James Malcom Monaghan, Dennis Cashion, Istuan Ferencz, Stanislaw Wojtowicz, Darrell Baldock, Jan Rodziewicz, Margaret Belcher, Rozalina Hajduk, Kerry Jones, Aleksander Bidejowski, Win Manning, Ray Voss, Gwen Kelly, Andrew Clifford, Christopher Davey, Mark Davey, Fr Kevin Graydon, Von Jenkins, 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.

Recently Deceased

Franciszka Gauden, Alicja Czapracki, Daunta Drozdz, Sr Angela Dance LCM, Zygmunt Cislo (Brother of Adam Cislo), Jillian Brooks (Mother of Deacon Ben Brooks.

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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

By appointment

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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

25th November, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive the power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.

FIRST READING: (Daniel 7:13-14)

His sovereignty is eternal.

PSALM: (Psalm 92:1-2, 5)

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

SECOND READING: (Revelation 1:5-8)

The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us
a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 18:33-37)

You say that I am a king.

MASS TIMES

Monday 26th November to Sunday 2nd

December 2018

	English	Polish
Monday	9:15am	
Tuesday	No Mass	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

2nd December, 2018

First Sunday of Advent - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to
shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to
shame.

FIRST READING: (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from
David.

PSALM: (Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14)

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING: (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2)

When Christ comes may he strengthen your
hearts in holiness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

Your redemption is near at hand.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Ed & Monica Sianski
Ministers Phil Blake,
Margaret Henderson
Projector Alec Avellana

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Fadi Elbarbar, Maria Rodgers
Ministers Phyllis Nicoll, Monica Sianski
Sick Monica Sianski
Projector Melissa Philp

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Colleen Rakowski, Melissa Brown
Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott
Projector Kerrie Morrisby
Altar Silpa Cherpanath, Bev White
Cleaning Syro-Malabar Community
Counters Coney & Jun Avellana