

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday 29th July, 2018

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FROM THE PASTOR

REASONS TO BELIEVE IN GOD

Today belief in God is often seen as a naivet . For many, believing in God is like believing in Santa and the Easter Bunny, nice, something for the kids, a warm nostalgia or a bitter memory, but not something that's real, that stands up to hard scrutiny and indeed stands up to the dark doubts that sometimes linger below the surface of our faith. Where is there evidence that God exists?

A true apologetics, I believe, needs at a point to be personal. So here are my own reasons why I continue to believe in God in the face of the agnosticism of our overly-adult world and despite the dark nights that sometimes beset me.

First, I believe in God because I sense, at the deepest level of my being, that there's an inalienable moral structure to things. Life, love, and meaning are morally-contoured. There's an inalienable "law of karma" that's experienced everywhere and in everything: good behaviour is its own happiness, just as bad behaviour is its own sorrow. Different religions word it differently but the concept is at the heart of all religion and is in essence the very definition of morality: *The measure you measure out will be the measure that's measured back to you.* That's Jesus' version of it, and can be translated this way: *The air you breathe out is the air you will re-inhale.* Simply but: If we cut down too many trees we will soon be breathing in carbon monoxide. If we breathe out love, we will meet love. If we breathe out hate and anger we will soon enough find ourselves surrounded by hatred and anger. Reality is so structured that goodness brings goodness and sin brings sin.

I believe in God because blind chaos could not have designed things this way, to be innately moral. Only an intelligent Goodness could have built reality this way.

My next reason for believing in God is the existence of soul, intelligence, love, altruism, and art. These could not have emerged simply from blind chaos, from billions and billions of cosmic bingo chips coming out of nothing, with no intelligent loving force behind them, endlessly churning through billions of years. Random chaos, empty of all intelligence and love from its origins, could not have eventually produced soul and all that's highest inside it: intelligence, love, altruism, spirituality, and art. Can our own hearts and all that's noble and precious within them really be just the result of billions of fluke chances colliding within a brute, mindless process?

I believe in God because if our hearts are real then so is God.

FROM THE PASTOR

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Next, I believe in God because the Gospel works – if we work it. What Jesus incarnated and taught ultimately resonates with what's most precious, most noble, and most meaningful inside of life and inside each of us. Moreover, this checks out in life. Whenever I have the faith and courage to actually live out the Gospel, to roll the dice on its truth, it always proves to be true, the loaves multiply and feed the thousands and David defeats Goliath. But it doesn't work unless I risk it. The Gospel works, if we work it.

The objection could be raised here, of course, that many sincere, faith-filled people risk their lives and truth on the Gospel and, from all appearances in this world, it doesn't work for them. They end up poor, as victims, on the losing side of things. But again, that's a judgment we make from the standards of this world, from the Gospel of Prosperity where whoever has the most worldly success wins. The Gospel of Jesus undercuts this. Anyone who lives it out as faithfully as he or she is able, will be blessed with something beyond worldly success, namely, the deeper joy of a life well-lived, a joy which Jesus assures us is deeper, less ephemeral, and more lasting than any other joy.

I believe in God because the Gospel works! As does prayer!

Finally, though certainly not least, I believe in God because of the community of faith that stretches back to the beginning of time, that stretches back to the life and resurrection of Jesus, and that baptised me into the faith. Throughout all of history virtually all human communities have been also communities of faith, of belief in God, of worship, and of sacred ritual and sacrament.

I believe in God because of the existence of families of faith and the existence of church and sacrament.

I wrote my doctoral thesis on the classical proofs for the existence of God, arguments for God's existence taken from some of the great intellectuals in history: Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Leibnitz, Spinoza, and Alfred North Whitehead. I rambled through nearly five hundred pages of articulating and evaluating these proofs and then ended with this conclusion.

We don't come to believe in God because of the compelling power of some mathematical equation or logical syllogism. God's existence becomes real to us when we live an honest, sincere life.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

In your heart

Fr Mark Hanns MSC



PARISH NOTICES

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion will commence this coming week. Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 9th September 2018 at 9:00am. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- **Presentation to the Parish** - Sunday, 29th July, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with a small Mass Book. This will be followed by the **First Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre immediately following the 9:00am Mass.
- **Mass** Sunday, 5th August.
- **Presentation of Creed** - Sunday, 12th August, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with the Our Father during Mass. This will be followed by the **Second Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre immediately following the 9:00am Mass.
- **Mass** Sunday, 19th August.
- **Mass** - Sunday, 26th August, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with their Medals. This will be followed by the **Third Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre immediately following the 9:00am Mass.
- **Mass** Sunday, 2nd September.
- **Practice** Wednesday, 5th September. 6:00pm **in the Church**, for Parents and Communicants.
- **First Holy Communion Mass**, Sunday, 9th September, at 9:00am, for Parents, Communicants and Family.

PARISH DINNER "COME TO THE FEAST" FUNDRAISER FOR L'ARCHE BENI-ABBES



ST THERESE OF LISIEUX
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L'ARCHE BENI-ABBES COMMUNITY

Come to the feast



10 August 2018 @ 6pm
St Therese's School/Parish Hall
Call 03 9412 8471 for tickets*

* Tickets:
adults - \$30
children under 10 - \$15
children under 4 - FREE

*Ticket includes: 2 course meal, glass of wine, beer, soft drink or juice, raffles & entertainment

You are invited to a dinner to be held at St Therese's School/Parish Hall, Hopkins Street, Moonah on Friday 10 August, 6.00pm for 6.30 pm. The dinner will be a fundraiser for L'Arche Beni-Abbes, a community which provides home and friendship for people who have an intellectual disability. As well as a hearty meal, there will be entertainment and fundraising activities. **Only 30 more tickets are available**, so be quick! Tickets cover a two course meal and a drink. A bar will be available for further drinks, alcoholic and otherwise. Adults \$30, children under 10 \$15, children under 4 free. Tickets are available either before, or after Mass, or the Parish Office during office hours, or until sold out.

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.

LECTIO DIVINA

On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month Lectio Divina is held in the Ss Louis and Zelig Martin Parish Centre, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Chapel from 10:00am until 11:30am. All are welcome.

HONOURING THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD

St. John Paul II spoke of the "extraordinary closeness that exists between Jesus and God the Father." Pope Francis urges us to call God "Father" so that we, too, can have a special intimacy with Him as His child - a relationship that must then be extended to others. "If we call on God as 'Father', we cannot fail to recognise in our neighbour a brother or sister who has a right to our love," St. John Paul II Message to Youth 1990. On Tuesday, 7th August at St. Mary's Cathedral there will be 7:00pm Mass (Fr. Suresh as celebrant) and afterwards an opportunity to have prayers for healing. Enquiries to Maree 6228 7108 or Sr. Catherine Maria 6225 4522.

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT DINNER 2018

The **2018 Archdiocese/Parishes Seminarian Support Dinner** is being coordinated by the Knights of the Southern Cross together with the valued support of Guilford Young College. The dinner represents a wonderful opportunity to gather as a single community of faith to enjoy each other's company while also allowing us as a Catholic community to contribute much needed funds to support our Seminarians. Your attendance in support of the 2018 Archdiocese/Parishes Seminarian Support Dinner would be most welcomed. The event is being held on **Thursday 16th August 2018** commencing 6.30pm, Guilford Young College – Hobart Campus. The cost for the dinner is **\$60.00 per person** and will include a complimentary drink upon arrival followed by canapés and a four-course meal. To secure your ticket, please see Deacon Michael.

GUILFORD YOUNG COLLEGE MUSICAL

The eagerly awaited 2018 Guilford Young College musical is only 10 days away! *The Little Shop of Horrors* will be staged in the stunning Don Bosco Creative Arts Theatre, Glenorchy, from Wednesday, 8th until Saturday, 10th August, at 7:30pm. Tickets are excellent value at adults, \$25; concession, \$20; groups of 5 or more, \$15 each. BUY NOW from www.trybooking.com/UPEZ or call the Glenorchy Campus office 6238 4350.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE STATE CONFERENCE

Attention All Ladies! You are invited to attend the 61st State Conference of Catholic Women's League Tas. Inc. at the Hobart Airport Travelodge Motel Cambridge on **29th to 31st August, 2018. Hear wonderful speakers** Sonia Di Mezza and Dr Deirdre Little. **For details** of how to book, contact: Jan Phone 03 6265 2321.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Many men and women who suffer grief after an abortion need hope to move on. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. We can help. Our next Rachel's Vineyard retreat for healing after abortion will be held in Hobart on August 31st to September 2nd. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

PLANNED GATHERING

"HEART CENTRED LEADERSHIP"

On 14th to 16th September at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, training in Heart Centred Leadership for people in MSC Parishes will be offered. The course will be over a weekend starting on Friday evening and finishing lunch time Sunday and will be based on the very successful programme offered to people in MSC Colleges.

Facilitators Alison McKenzie (Chevalier Institute) and Narita Perrotta (Hindmarsh/Findon Parish). Participants will explore what it means to be a leader in formation in Spirituality of the Heart. Costs are to be advised together with the final programme. If you are interested please see Deacon Michael.

JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE **2018**

The 2018 John Wallis Memorial Lecture and supper will be held on Wednesday 19th September at 7:00pm at Guilford Young College Hobart Campus Chapel. The theme is God, my family and other home truths. The guest speaker is Michael McGirr who is Dean of Faith at St Kevin's College, Melbourne and he is an essayist, reviewer, prize winning short story writer and teacher. Bookings are essential. To book contact Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or email eva.dunn@gmail.com. A donation of \$10 per person or \$5 for concession card holders/students.

ST THERESE'S SCHOOL FAIR

The annual St Therese's School Fair will be held after Mass on Sunday 23rd of September, at 10am. Our Fair Committee has been busily preparing another jam packed event, which you our parishioners are sure to enjoy. If you are in a position to donate any of the following, we will be very appreciative: Jams, chutneys, sauces, preserves (clearly listed with date made and list of ingredients); Plants – cuttings, bunches of flowers or established pots; Crafts – knitted, crochet or embroidered goods, anything handmade; Baked goods – cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, muffins, scones, slices etc. A full list of ingredients is needed, please nothing with fresh cream on it; BRIC-A-BRAC, 2nd hand clothing, Books, Toys, Puzzles, Games, Kitchenware, DVD's, Board games, Console Games, Home Decor etc. We can provide trays to pop your baked goods on and tags for listing ingredients please just ask us. All donated items can be brought to the school either on the Saturday, 22nd as we prepare to set up (between 9am and 2pm), or before Mass on Sunday, 23rd.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE

JANUARY 2019

Tasmania is going to Panama! Millions of young people, eighteen days, two countries one faith... The Archdiocese has just finished developing Tasmania's pilgrimage to Panama and applications for the pilgrimage are officially open! We invite all young adults between the ages of 18-35 to consider what will surely be a once in a lifetime opportunity. The pilgrimage will include time in both Costa Rica and Panama City and will give you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with God and others. All the details of the pilgrimage including: cost, itinerary, registration, dates, highlights etc. can be found at hobart.catholic.org.au (click on WYD link) or if you have any questions, please email Tomasz at youth@aohtas.org.au. Additionally, if you are interested please see Deacon Michael.

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 or email ben.smith@aohtas.org.au.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

More to mission than meets the eye! Right now, a Butcher is needed in Madang, Papua New Guinea; Meet this challenge: contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit www.palms.org.au/volunteer. Can't commit just yet? Check out 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.

STEWARDSHIP

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 1,878.00

Loose: \$ 764.05

TOTAL: \$ 2,642.05

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

SURPLUS \$ 104.05

Thank You!



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.

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

*Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Susan Wilson,
Fr Peter Nicholls, Josh Stokes, Lise Levaque,
Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Olga Woods,
Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan,
Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards, Marian Zieba,
Alan O'Rourke, Marie Morrisby,
Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning,
Felicity Matthews, Marie Knight,
Alicia Stroud.*

Anniversaries

*William (Bill) Louis Dance, Frank Leaman,
Francisco Gabriel, Hinorata Dzidek,
Odo Miller, Denis Daley,
Dorothy Emma Hangan, Kevin Cashion,
Piotr Krasnicki, Anna Balazs,
John Monaghan, Michael L Gardiner,
Jack Ryland, Kathleen Monaghan,
Blanche Gamble, Noreen Dednholm,
Catherine Clare, Vern Mackey, Betty Hasler,
Jan Sadkowski, Fr Gabriel Saap MSC,
Nellie May Kendall, Doris May Gibson,
Benita LaPolla, Kay Gillie,
Jack & Eileen Bresnehan, Kevin James Ogle,
Maria Ladaniwskyj, Dennis McArthur,
Franciszek Lichon, Mervyn James Hangan,
Michael Moynihan, George Weaving,
Katharina Wysocki, Czeslaw Panawo,
Czeslan Kosczynski, Zenon Malecky,
Wladyslaw Przysienik,
Fr Patrick O'Carrigan MSC, Frank Wilson,
Stanislaw Sadkowski, Marjorie Lennon,
Mary Keen, Shelia Knights, Julian Boczek,
Ludwig Ozon, Piotr Dabrowski.*

Recently Deceased

Chris Davis.

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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING COUNCIL:

<http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au>

PLENARY COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

29th July, 2018

***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time - Year B***

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his
house;
he himself gives might and strength to his
people.

FIRST READING: (2 Kings 4:42-44)

They will eat and have some left over.

PSALM: (Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18)

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING: (Ephesians 4:1-6)

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one
baptism.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 6:1-15)

He distributed to those who were seated as
much as they wanted.

MASS TIMES

**Monday 30th July to Sunday 5th August
2018**

	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

5th August, 2018

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Year B***

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING: (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15)

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

PSALM: (Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, 54)

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SECOND READING: (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24)

Put on the new person that has been created
in God's image.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth
of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 6:24-35)

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry:
whoever believes in me will never thirst.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers	<i>Ed & Monica Sianski</i>
Ministers	<i>Gerry McGushin, Debbie Large</i>
Projector	<i>Anne Thuringer</i>

Sunday 9:00am

Readers	<i>Tony Webb, Melissa Philp</i>
Ministers	<i>Barbara McArthur, Monica Sianski</i>
Sick	<i>Monica Sianski</i>
Projector	<i>Izak Hangan</i>

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers	<i>Melissa Brown, Carlene Larkin</i>
Ministers	<i>Gerard & Rexine Synnott</i>
Projector	<i>Eva Hangan</i>
Altar	<i>Bev Murray & Silpa</i>
Cleaning	<i>Syro Malabar Community</i>
Counters	<i>Kay Wood & Marie Anders</i>