St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church In the care of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)

Sunday, 4th August, 2019 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC PARISH MOONAH LUTANA IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND NURTURING CULTURE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH.

FROM THE PASTOR

OUR GRANDIOSITY AND OUR WOUNDS

We wake up into life with the incurable sense that we're special, that we're the centre of the universe. And, subjectively, we are! In our awareness we're the centre of the universe and life does revolve around us. Our own being is what's most massively real to us. As Descartes famously said, the only thing that we know for sure is real is our own selves; *I think, therefore, I am.* We may be dreaming everything else.

Spirituality has perennially judged this negatively. Egocentricity, feelings of grandiosity, self-centeredness, and pride were seen as the result of the corruption of human nature through original sin. We called it, *The Fall*. Our first parents attempted to over-reach, to be more than God intended them to be, and this irrevocably corrupted their nature and we, their children, inherit this. So we, adult children of Adam and Eve, too instinctually tend to over-reach, to puff up in self-importance, to fill with pride, and think first about ourselves.

That doctrine of original sin has something important to say, but it isn't first of all to shame us in our natural pride and sense of specialness. The real reason why pride and grandiosity are incurably ingrained inside us is because God built us that way, and that, of itself, is not a fault or a corruption but instead constitutes what's highest and most precious inside us. Both Christianity and Judaism take as dogma that we're born, every one of us, in *the image and likeness of God.* That's not to be imagined piously as some beautiful icon stamped inside our souls but rather as fire, divine fire, which because it is godly brings with it a sense of the preciousness, dignity, and uniqueness, of our lives. But with that too comes (as part of the same package) pride and grandiosity. Simply put, we can't have Godliness inside us and not feel ourselves as special.

And that makes for a less-than-serene situation for the planet. We're now seven and half billion people on this earth, each one with the same innate sense that he or she is the centre of the universe and that his or her own reality is what's most real. That's the real cause behind what you see happening on the world news each night, for worse and for better. Grandiosity is the source of human strife, but equally the source of human greatness.

Important in our understanding of this is that our innate sense of godliness is also the place where we suffer our deepest wounds. What most wounds the image and likeness of God inside us? These things: humiliation, lack of adequate self-expression, the perennial frustration of bumping up against the limits of life, and the martyrdom of obscurity.

Each of us, by our nature, possesses a divinely-given uniqueness and dignity and thus nothing wounds us more than being humiliated and shamed in our struggle to live this out. A shameful humiliation, even as a very young child, can scar us for the rest of our lives. It's one of the reasons why we have mass killings. Likewise, as Iris Murdoch once said, the greatest human pain is the pain of inadequate self-expression. There's a great artist, composer, teacher, athlete, and performer inside each of us, but few people can ever give that satisfying expression. The rest of us have to live with perennial frustration because what's deepest in us lies unexpressed. As well, we're forever bumping up against the real limits of our own lives and limits of life itself. In Karl Rahner words: *In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we ultimately learn that here in this life there is no finished symphony.* In the end, all of us die with a life that was never fully consummated. And that isn't easily accepted! Everything inside us militates against this. Finally, almost all of us live a certain martyrdom of obscurity, recognised and famous only inside our own daydreams, our greatness hidden from the world. That too isn't easily accepted.

What's to be taken away from this? Since we secretly nurse thoughts of specialness should we also nurse a secret shame? Is our innate pride something that sets us against holiness? Is our grandiosity a bad thing? Is our frustration with the limits and inadequacy of our lives something that displeases God? Are our daydreams of uniqueness and greatness something which taints our contemplation and prayer? Is our nature, of itself, somehow corrupt? Must we somehow step outside of our own skin to be saints?

Each of these questions can be answered in two ways. Grandiosity, pride, shame, frustration, and daydreams of greatness, can indeed be our downfall and turn us into awful

persons, selfish, jealous, spiteful, and murderous. But they can also be the source of greatness, of nobility of soul, of generosity, of selflessness, of generativity, of true prayer, and can turn us into selfless martyrs of faith, hope, and charity. Our godliness is a very mixed blessing; but it is, no doubt, our greatest blessing.

Ron Rolheiser OMI © In the heart of Jesus Fr Mark Hanns MSC



NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion will commence shortly. Please pray for our Parish children who are about to commence preparing for First Holy Communion on Sunday, 15th September 2019 at 9:00am. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- Meeting for PARENTS only Thursday, 22nd August, at 7:00pm in the Saints Louis and Zelie Parish Centre.
- Presentation to the parish Sunday, 25th August, Mass, 9:00am. Candidates will be presented with a Crucifix during Mass. This will be followed by the First Workshop, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- Presentation of "Our Father" Sunday, 1st September, 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.
- Sunday, 8th September, Mass, 9:00am.
 This will be followed by the **Third Workshop**, for Parents and Children in the Parish Centre.
- **Practice** Thursday, 12th September, 6:00pm, for Parents and Candidates, in the Church.
- First Holy Communion Mass, Sunday, 15th September, at 9:00am, for Parents, Candidates and Family.

LEAVING COLLECTION

We will continue to hold a leaving collection to assist the family of 6 children left orphaned by the sudden death of their mother. All funds raised will be made available to the family. So far we have raised \$1,558.95 to assist the family. The children's family here, is seeking to obtain visas for the children to relocate to Australia, but these cost over \$1,200.00 per child.

ST THERESE'S CRAFT GROUP

The Craft group dates for remainder of 2019 are as follows:- 12th and 26th August, 9th and 23rd September, 7th and 21st October, 4th and 18th November. The group meets every fortnight from 1pm to 3pm in the Church Community Room. A shared afternoon tea is held, so bring a plate to share. All are welcome to come along.

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

PPC wishes to keep you informed of organisations representing Catholic Women in the Church. The Office for Participation of Women in the Church has a monthly newsletter for which you can register. Details can be found at https://www.opw.catholic.org.au/newsletter/from-the-office. This is in addition to "Catholic Women Speak", who are seeking to bring Catholic women's voices into dialogue with others in the Catholic Church. Their details are at:

www.catholicwomenspeak.com

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP MASS



The Sisters of St Joseph and the Josephite Associates, invite you to a Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, to be held at the Josephite Mission and History Centre, 67 Clare St, New Town on Thursday 8 August 2019 at 7 pm. A Light supper to follow. RSVP: 6228 1628 by 5th August for catering purposes (business hours). All welcome.

MASS HONOURING GOD AS FATHER

7:00pm on Wednesday, August 7th at St. Mary's Cathedral, a Mass honouring God as Father. Pope Francis has recently called on Christians to have a closer relationship to our Heavenly Father: "For a Christian to pray is simply to say 'Abba' to say 'Papa', to say 'Dad' to say 'Father' but with the trust of a child." The absence of fathers in today's society has created "the father wound" now recognised as the most universal wound on earth. As a result, God the Father has become an inadvertent stumbling block in people's spiritual development. It is therefore an important work of the Church to bring people to a renewed relationship with God the Father. The Mass will be preceded by a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer starting at 6:00pm. After the Mass there will be an opportunity to have prayer for healing. Enquiries: Maree 6228 7108

THE SACRAMENT OF THE PRESENT MOMENT

This is the theme for this year's annual gathering for Catholic Charismatic Renewal Tasmania at the Emmanuel Centre Launceston on the weekend of September 13th - 15th. A warm invitation to all to come and be refreshed. Live-in or day registrations available. Closing date: 30th August. Enquiries: Christine Smith 0422 832 712/Lyn Driessen 0408 385 360

SPRING HIGH TEA

St. John's Catholic parish Outreach committee is holding a Spring High Tea again this year on Saturday 21 September from 2.00 – 4.30pm. in the Guilford Young College, Glenorchy catering suite. Entry off Mill Lane. Enjoy tempting cakes, scones and pastries. Listen to our guest speaker talk about life in Nepal. Cost \$20.00. Silent auction, lucky door etc. All proceeds go to supporting students at Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. RSVP to phillipsfelecia@hotmail.com or mob. 0447 887 512 by 14 September.

<u>IOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE 2019</u>

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Memorial Lecture 2019 will be presented by an experienced educational leader, Deborah Kent. Deborah, the CEO and Principal of Jesuit College of Spirituality, Melbourne, will speak on "CONTINUING THE JOURNEY – charitable engagement with new frontiers" at Guilford Young College (Hobart) on Thursday 12 September, at 7:00pm. All interested people are invited to attend. For further information contact: Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or eva.dunn@gmail.com

VOCATIONS RETREAT - CAMPBELL TOWN <u>5TH OCTOBER</u>

A Vocations Retreat is being planned for Saturday, 5th October from 1:00 pm until 3:00pm at the St Michael's Presbytery, Campbell Town. If you know of any young men who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood, could you please invite them to come along? The day will consist of input on vocation in the Church, a time for personal reflection and then time for communal prayer. Fr. Brian Nichols, Vocation Director.

60TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF DOMINICAN SISTERS IN TASMANIA.

On the 15th September 2019 at St John the Baptist parish, Glenorchy the Dominican Sisters are celebrating the 60th. anniversary of their arrival in Tasmania. at the 10.00am Mass, followed by light refreshments.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) - PERTH 6TH - 11TH DECEMBER 2019

The Archdiocese of Hobart has organised a pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Perth! The ACYF is a gathering of young people who come together to celebrate the joy and beauty of the Catholic faith in a setting that is vibrant and engaging. If you want to know more about the ACYF, visit the festival website below and check out the promo video: www.acyf.org.au. The "Hobart-Perth

year 9 to 30 years of age and will be held from 6-11 December. All students will need to register through their Catholic Colleges, whilst young adults between the ages of 18-30 can register at the website below: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acyfhobart-to-perth-pilgrimage-registration-<u>62123542187</u>. For more information on the pilgrimage, please see the registration page or the poster in the church foyer.

GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL'S IMPLEMENTATION OF A FORCED FOGO SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

While this petition is not against such an introduction of Food Organic & Garden Organic Service, it is against Council not giving the community their democratic right to OPT OUT. Further details and petition are available in the foyer.

PLENARY COUNCIL

A final report for the Plenary Council Phase 1: Listening and Dialogue is now available. This can be found and downloaded from

https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/ resources/report/ This report is 300 plus pages and two copies are available in the church foyer if you would like to borrow. The report covers 18 chapters. Chapters 4 -17 provide details on the main findings that emerged from the analysis of the submissions made during the Listening and Dialogue phase.

Chapter 4 addresses the topic of "Love God, Love Neighbour" - a phrase voiced by many participants. This chapter includes themes such as greater trust, faith and hope in God and a greater focus on Christ and the Word of God. Other themes such as care for neighbour, faithfulness to Church teaching, greater support for faith formation and a renewed call to holiness are also discussed here.

Chapter 5 addresses the topic of the Mass and themes associated with it. Within this

Pilgrimage" is open to all young people from chapter are found themes such as better attention to all aspects of the liturgy, inclusion of the divorced and remarried, increasing opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and making the Mass appealing to youth and children, amongst many others.

> Chapter 6 looks at the sacraments, in particular, those of Holy Orders and Marriage. Themes such as the ordination of women, a greater focus on deacons, restoring the Third Rite of Reconciliation and providing better preparation and support for engaged and married couples are discussed here.

Chapter 7 addresses the topic of leadership and Church governance. This chapter includes themes such as the need to end clericalism, promote servant leadership and encourage a greater involvement of the laity. Also found here are themes related to the desire for a new leadership and governance model, a greater leadership role for women within the Church and better selection and formation of candidates for the priesthood. Chapter 8 looks at the responses pertaining to sexual abuse and the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. A number of themes emerged such as the need for more transparency, accountability and balanced news reporting, greater concern for victims and survivors, and better implementation of the Royal Commission recommendations. Chapter 9 addresses issues relating to social justice and the environment. Within this chapter are found themes relating to a greater inclusion of all people and ending discrimination of LGBTI people. The chapter also discusses themes such as reducing inequality in society, having greater care and respect for the environment and addressing the defence of religious freedom and right-to-life issues in Australia.

Chapter 10 looks at responses pertaining to outreach. This chapter includes themes such as the need for greater connection with, and inclusion of, Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Australians, encouraging non-Church-going Catholics to return to the practice of their faith, providing outreach to same-sex-attracted persons and also to young people and the wider community.

Chapter 11 addresses the topic of evangelisation. Within this chapter are found Christian communities, an emphasis on themes such as sharing the faith with others and evangelisation in and of the family. Also discussed here are themes related to a greater focus on mission, encouraging vocations and the need for greater evangelisation in Australian society.

Chapter 12 considers responses discussing the need for more listening. Three promotion of the Church through a range of themes - listening to one another more, listening to the Holy Spirit and the need for the Church hierarchy to listen to the laity more attentively - are discussed here.

Chapter 13 looks at youth ministry and related themes. It contains themes such as the need for better training and support for youth leaders, better youth ministry resources and programs, better youth faith formation and for provision of more youth facilities.

Chapter 14 addresses the topic of Catholic education in schools. Within this chapter are found themes such as the need for better teachers in Catholic schools and for more authentic teaching of the Catholic faith. It also addresses better faith formation for teachers, greater faith formation for

parents and the need for more chaplains and youth ministers in schools.

Chapter 15 looks at the topic of parishes. A number of themes are addressed here such as the creation of stronger parish communities, the formation of small parish pastoral councils, the need to create more welcoming parishes and special care for rural parishes.

Chapter 16 addresses responses that discuss bringing the Church into the 21st century. Within this chapter are found themes such as the need for a better communication channels, a need to modernise Church teachings and the request for a radical overhaul of the organisational structure of the Church.

Chapter 17 looks at responses asking for better Plenary Council processes. Within this chapter are found themes relating to the scepticism that surrounds the process, the concerns about its potential to make a change in the Church and the disappointment of some with regards to the lack of lay people and women given decision-making roles on the Council. **Chapter 18** provides a conclusion to the report and discusses the journey ahead towards Plenary Council 2020.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: 1,444.50

Loose: 1,068.05

2,512.55 **TOTAL:**

Week's Pledged Collections:

\$ 2,538.00

Difference

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25.45

Thank You!

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15)

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

Thanh Huynh, Shirley Lehner, Olga Woods, Susan Wilson, Josh Stokes, Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik, Jay Jennings, Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray, Kayden Edwards, Lorna Brazendale, Leo Manning, Jan Grubb, Felicity Matthews, Alicia Stroud, Elsa Natoli, Peter van Loggerenberg, Joshua Baric, Paddi McDonald, Chris Poulson, Joe Higgins, Aileen Jones.

Anniversaries

Emmanuel (Geoff) Van Luxemborg, Denis Shelverton, William (Bill) Louis Dance, Frank Leaman, Francisco Gabriel, Honorata Dzidek, Odo Miller, Denis Daley, Dorothy Emma Hangan, Kevin Cashion, Piotr Krasnicki, Anna Balazs, John Monaghan, Phone: 03 9412 8429 Michael L. Hardiner, 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, Zeon Malecky, Wladyslaw Przysienik, Fr Patrick O'Carrigan, Maria Brazewicz, Frank Wilson, Stanislaw Sadkowski, Marjorie Lennon, Mary Keen, Br Frank Harper cfc, Sheila Knights, Julian Boczek, Ludwig Ozon.

Recently Deceased

Helena Almonaitis, Joan Horne, Julia Kathleen McGuire, Marie Morrisby, Br Hugh Sharpe cfc, Scott Luttrell.

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By appointment

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:

www.hobart.catholic.org.au

SAFE COMMUNITIES:

https://hobart.catholic.org.au/content/safecommunities

TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICE:

Phone: 03 6231 1811 (Day) (Hobart) or

1800 697 877 (24/7)

03 6334 2740 (Day) (Launceston)

PLENARY COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

3rd/4th August, 2019 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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: (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23) What do people gain by all their work?

PSALM: (Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17)

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING: (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 5:3)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 12:13-21)

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

MASS TIMES

Monday 5th to Sunday 11th August 2019 Projector

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

READINGS/ROSTERS

10th/11th August, 2019 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: (Wisdom 18:6-9)

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

PSALM: (Psalm 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22)

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING: (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19)

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 24:42, 44)

Alleluia!, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Luke 12:32-48)

See that you are prepared.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Steve Randell, Threesa K **Ministers** Donna Bone, Phil Blake

Projector Chris K

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Fadi Elbarbar, Maria Rodgers

Ministers Maureen Pangrazzi,

Paul de Groot
Sick Paul de Groot
Projector Melissa Philp

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Kerrie Morrisby, John Kitt **Ministers** Rexine & Gerard Synnott

Projector Daniel Duharte

Altar Nirmalee & Threesa

Cleaning Maree Triffett

Counters Coney & Jun Avellana