

# St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish



## Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

**Sunday, 6th January, 2019**

**THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR C**

## FROM THE PASTOR

### ON THE DANGERS OF DEFINING OURSELVES

Given the speed and change in our world today, the oceans of information being given us by the new technologies, the speed with which knowledge now passes through our lives, the increasing specialisation and fragmentation inside higher education, and the ever-increasing complexity of our lives, you occasionally hear someone say, usually just after offering an opinion on something, “But what do I know anyway?” Good question: What do we know anyway?

On the surface this may sound humble and, if sincere, does depict a certain humility; but this kind of admission has a sad underside: What do I know anyway? Indeed, what can we know amongst all the complexity and sophistication of our world?

Well, we can know our own light, our own moral centre, our own heart, our own mystical centre. Ultimately, we can know what’s most real and most precious to us and this is the most important knowledge of all. We can know what’s ultimately important. Next to the inchoate (not fully formed) knowledge we have of God, knowledge of our own light, of our own moral centre is the most important thing we will ever know. Indeed, knowing our own centre is intimately intertwined with knowing God.

This is something we need to highlight today because so many forces around us and inside us conspire to deflect us from being awake to and attentive to our own deepest centre, that is, from being in touch with who we really are. When we’re honest we admit how difficult it is to be genuinely sincere and how difficult it is for us to act out of our real centre rather than acting out of ideology, popular opinion, fashion, fad, or out of some prefabricated concept of ourselves that we’ve ingested from others around us. Often our attitudes and actions do not really reflect who we are. Rather they reflect who our friends are, the newspapers and websites we’ve read recently, and what newscasts and talk shows draw our attention. Likewise, we often understand ourselves more by a persona that was handed to us by our family, our classmates, our colleagues, or our friends than by the reality that’s deepest inside us. Beginning from our infancy we ingest various notions of who we are: “You’re the bright one! You’re the stupid one! You’re a rebel! You’re timid! You’re selfish! You’re afraid! You’re slow! You’ve got a quick mind! You’re a loser! You’re bad! You’re good! You’re destined for higher things! You’ll be a failure!”

# FROM THE PASTOR

And so, the challenge is to be more attuned to our own light, to our own moral centre, to be more in touch with what's ultimately most real and most precious to us. No small part of that is the challenge to resist self-definition, to not picture ourselves and act out of an image we've ingested of ourselves as the bright one, the stupid one, the rebel, the timid one, the selfish one, the generous one, the bad one, the good one, the successful one, the failure, the one who needs to say: "But what do I know anyway?" What's the price we pay for doing that?

First, both our compassion and our indignation then become prescribed and selective. We will praise certain people and things and be incensed by other people and other things not because these speak to or speak against what's most precious inside us, but because they speak to or against our image of ourselves. When that happens we not only lose our real selves we also lose our individuality. Ideology, popular opinion, fashion, fad, group-think, and hype, ironically, bury us into a sea of anonymity. In Rene Girard's words: "In our desire to be different we all inevitably end up in the same ditch!" One needs only to look at any popular fad, such as wearing a baseball cap backwards, to see the truth of this.

How might we healthily define ourselves in a way that doesn't deflect us from being awake to our own light? What kind of self-definition might help free us from ideology? How might we think of ourselves in a way so that the image of ourselves that we ingested in childhood might no longer hold us captive in adulthood so that we are strong and healthy enough to not let, as William Stafford says, a simple shrug or a small betrayal break our fragile health and send the horrible errors of childhood storming out to play through the broken dykes?

There's no easy answer, but here's a suggestion: Early on in his ministry, when people were still trying to figure out who he was, they came to John the Baptist and asked him to define himself: "Who are you? They asked: "Are you the Christ? Are you Elijah? Are you a prophet?" John replied that he was none of these. "Who are you then?" they persisted. John's answer: I am a voice crying out in the wilderness! Just that, no more!

Now that's a healthy self-image and a true humility, with no sad underside.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI © In the Heart of the Saviour, Fr Mark MSC

## \*\*\*\*\*URGENT ACCOMMODATION NEEDED\*\*\*\*\*

*An Iranian refugee (Danny) commencing studies on a refugee scholarship at UTAS shortly and he is urgently seeking accommodation. He is very clean and tidy, previously attended the MSC Parish at Coogee, NSW, so has good references. If you are able to assist or know of something suitable please advise Fr Mark or Deacon Michael.*

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,122.50
Loose:	\$ 984.45
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,106.95</b>
<u>Week's Budget Collections:</u>	<u>\$ 2,538.00</u>

**Loss \$ 431.05**

**Thank You!**

### STEWARDSHIP

*"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)*

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

## **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***

*Nellie Cashion, Anna Catharina Stokman, Charles John Devereux, Eileen Hardinge, Anna Balazs, Reginald Herbert Watson, Wasyl Haluszak, Harold Vivian Halton, Jan (John) Rakowski, Susane Hansch, Jean Mary Round, Michael Duggan, 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.*

### ***Recently Deceased***

*Peggy Dean, William van Luxemborg, Isaak Cooper– Rosinski, Shelbi Berechree.*

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### **RECONCILIATION:**

*Saturday 11:00am-11:30am*

### **BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:**

*By appointment*

### **ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE:**

[www.hobart.catholic.org.au](http://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>

## **THANK YOU**

*My thanks to the many people who so kindly blessed me with Christmas gifts, many of which I can eat, drink and wear. With deep gratitude. In Cordis Jesu. Fr Mark.*

## READINGS

*5th/6th January, 2019*

*The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

### FIRST READING: (Isaiah 60:1-6)

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

### PSALM: (Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13)

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

### SECOND READING: (Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6)

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 2:2)

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Matthew 2:1-12)

We have come from the East to worship the King.

## READINGS/ROSTERS

*12th/13th January, 2019*

*The Baptism of the Lord - Year C*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### FIRST READING: (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11)

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

### PSALM: (Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30)

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

### SECOND READING: (Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Luke 3:16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

### Saturday 6:30pm

*Readers* Volunteer, Threesa K

*Ministers* Volunteers

*Projector* Volunteers

### Sunday 9:00am

*Readers* Volunteer, Aleksandra Lejda

*Ministers* Volunteer, Phyllis Nichols

*Sick* Volunteer

*Projector* Volunteers

### Sunday 4:30pm

*Readers* Volunteer, Carlene Larkin

*Ministers* Volunteers

*Projector* Volunteers

*Altar* Nirmalee Mudalige & Threesa K

*Cleaning* Polish Community

*Counters* Maria Rodgers & Debbie Large

## MASS TIMES

### Monday 7th to Sunday 13th January 2019

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