

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday 7th January, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B



FROM THE PASTOR

LOOKING BACK AT A YEAR OR A DAY

Last Sunday/Monday at midnight the year of 2017 ended and 2018 began with the first day of January. Among the ancient Roman gods was the god Janus after whom January is named. Janus is depicted as a god with two faces, one face looking forward and the other face looking backward. The backward-looking face observes the past year while the forward-looking face observes the year just beginning. Thus, Janus symbolised change and transitions such as the progress of past to future, from one condition to another, from one vision to another, and young people's growth to adulthood. He represented time, because he could see into the past with one face and into the future with the other. Hence, Janus was worshipped at the beginnings of the harvest and planting times, as well as at marriages, deaths and other beginnings. He represented the middle ground between barbarism and civilisation, rural and urban space, youth and adulthood.

The practice of making New Year's Resolutions has a connection to all this. It's a time of looking with a critical eye back over the year that has past and planning to do something perhaps more constructive in the year to come. It is somewhat like an Awareness Examen over the year. However, we can develop the spiritual practice of doing the Awareness Examen daily as a review of life for each day. This is similar to, yet different from, the Examination of Conscience where I review what I have done or not done during the day with it's focus on sinful action or inaction. It's a focus on what God is doing and saying in my life each day. It will make us more focussed, attentive, and enhance our appreciation of each blessing, while alerting us to the errors we have fallen into and enabling us to correct each of these in future.

In practice, it's best prayed at the end of each day, for maybe ten minutes. It will involve:

- Usually, some expression of gratitude for the day, and of openness to be led by God's Spirit right now;
- A time of quiet relaxing and slowing down of body and mind;
- Then a conscious prayer, asking the Spirit to bring into my awareness whatever of the day – an event, a person, something that happened to me, a mood, a new insight – which he wants me to listen to now.

FROM THE PASTOR

(CONTINUED)

- Having asked, I wait... Note that I do not review the day myself; *I* do not control the prayer or place *my* assessment of the day onto God. I simply allow the experience of the day to flow back into awareness quite freely. You may be helped by asking other questions of God, e.g. "Where were you most active in my life today? How have you been moving in my heart today? Have you been calling me or challenging me in special ways today?" However, you may not need these questions.
- God has his ways of bringing to my attention whatever he wants me to listen to or be aware of. Sometimes it will be via a memory, or a person who comes into my awareness, or some feeling that I notice in myself. As I progress in this practice, I will become more sensitive to noticing God's ways in my life. I will learn to be attentive to the subtle movements within.
- Whatever comes to me, I simply let myself stay with that, be attentive to it. I relive it or savour it, maybe more so now than I did during the day. I allow this memory or whatever it is to touch my heart, all the time asking God what he is saying to me in this, all the time remaining open to God's Word or revelation to me right now.
- At some point, quite spontaneously, I respond directly to what I have heard from God... maybe a prayer of gratitude, maybe sorrow for opportunities missed or for a wrong action of mine, or a prayer of trusting surrender, or a plea for help, or whatever comes.
- It is common then to conclude with a verbal prayer... of gratitude, or of praise of God, perhaps the Our Father.

Even if nothing seems to happen initially, this prayer is worth persevering with. Over time, it will become a habit of prayer, permeating my whole day, and I will become more aware of the subtle movements of God's promptings. Always, God will lead us toward life in abundance.

Adapted from *Pray...As You Are*, by Brian Gallagher MSC and based on an article by George Aschenbrenner SJ in *Review for Religious* 31, 14-21, January 1972.

May we all be led by the Spirit of Jesus throughout 2018.

Blessings to all on this Feast of the Epiphany,
Fr Mark MSC

On behalf of all the people in our parish who have been inspired by contributions in the Christmas Chronicle, I would like to convey my grateful thanks to our members who wrote and contributed these inspirations. As well as the practical contributions, we are given insights into people's life experiences and we are all enriched. Thanks. Fr Mark.

MASS TIMES

Monday 8th to Sunday 14th January 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

PARISH NOTICES

STEWARDSHIP

“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” -

Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 1,248.65
Loose:	\$ 824.55
TOTAL:	\$ 2,073.20

Week's Budget Collections:

\$ 2,368.00

Loss: **\$ -\$294.80**

LET US PRAY FOR

The Sick

*Tara Radcliffe, Thanh Huynh,
Shirley Lehner, Susan Wilson,
Fr Peter Nicholls, Josh Stokes, Maria Di Noia,
Lise Levaque, Mary Hughes, Drina Paradzik,
Pauline Brown, Jay Jennings, Olga Woods,
Tony Dalton, Elsa Bazan, Bev Murray,
Hon Dr Vanessa Goodwin MLC,
Kayden Edwards, Marie Morrisby,
Marian Zieba, Alan O'Rourke,
Lorna Brazendale, Natasha Gutteridge.*

Anniversaries

*Nancy Mackey, Aleksander Cisak,
Pauline Sikora, Mary Hinds,
Jadwiga Wyrwa, Fr John Northey,
Gladys Haley, Alicja Krawczyk,*

*Janet Jones, Janina Sadkowski,
Kathleen Mary Wood,
Carol Trojan, Joshua Flack, Otto Fritz,
Jadwiga Dmuchowski,
Marianna Gladysz, Paul Taylor,
Elizabeth Ann Rakowski,
Teresita Gabriel Despacio, Joshua Flack,
Otto Fritz, Jadwiga Dmuchowski,
Marianna Gladysz, Paul Taylor,
Fr Vincent Dwyer, Fr Patrick Moloney,
Hedleu Hodgetts, 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,
Roger Cashion, Evelyn May Hope,
Earla Poulson, Mollie Cooper,
Antonia (Toni) Luxemborg, Beattie Jones,
Editha Gabriel Malicdan, Graeme Bresnehan.*

Recently Deceased

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READINGS

6th/7th January, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

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

13th/14th January, 2018

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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: (1 Samuel 3:3 - 10, 19)

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

PSALM: (Psalm 39:2, 4, 7 - 10)

Here am I, Lord; I come to do you will.

SECOND READING: (1 Corinthians 6:13 - 15, 17 - 20)

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 1:41, 17)

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (John 1:35 - 42)

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

ROSTERS *13th/14th January, 2018*

Saturday 6:30pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Kerrie Morrisby
Ministers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Carlene Larkin Volunteer
Projector	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteers
Minister to Sick		Volunteer	
Altar	Polish Community		
Cleaning	Polish Community		
Counting	Marie Anders & Kaye Wood		