

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish

Moonah-Lutana

St Therese of Lisieux Church

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

Sunday 8th October, 2017

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



FROM THE PASTOR

ALWAYS IN A HURRY

Haste is our enemy. It puts us under stress, raises our blood pressure, makes us impatient, renders us more vulnerable to accidents and, most seriously of all, blinds us to the needs of others. Haste is normally not a virtue, irrespective of the goodness of the thing towards which we are hurrying.

In 1970, Princeton University did some research with seminary students to determine whether being committed to helping others in fact made a real difference in a practical situation. They set up this scenario: They would interview a seminarian in an office and, as the interview was ending, ask that seminarian to immediately walk over to a designated classroom across the campus to give a talk. But they always put a tight timeline between when the interview ended and when the seminarian was supposed to appear in the classroom, forcing the seminarian to hurry. On the way to the talk, each seminarian encountered an actor playing a distressed person (akin to the Good Samaritan scene in the gospels). The test was to see whether or not the seminarian would stop and help. What was the result?

One would guess that, being seminarians committed to service, these individuals might be more likely to stop than most other people. But that wasn't the case. Being seminarians seemed to have no effect on their behavior in this situation. Only one thing did: They were prone to stop and help or to not stop and help mostly on the basis of whether they were in a hurry or not. If they were pressured for time, they didn't stop; if they were not pressured for time, they were more likely to stop.

From this experiment its authors drew several conclusions: First, that morality becomes a luxury as the speed of our daily lives increases; and, second, that because of time pressures we tend not to see a given situation as a moral one. In essence, the more in a hurry we are, the less likely we are to stop and help someone else in need. Haste and hurry, perhaps more than anything else, prevent us from being good Samaritans.

FROM THE PASTOR

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We know this from our own experience. Our struggle to give proper time to family, prayer, and helping others has mainly to do with time. We're invariably too busy, too pressured, too hurried, too-driven, to stop and help. A writer that I know confesses that when she comes to die what she will regret most about her life is not the times she broke a commandment, but the many times she stepped over her own children on her way to her den to write. Along similar lines, we tend to blame secular ideology for so much of the breakdown of the family in our society today when, in fact, perhaps the biggest strain of all on the family is the pressure that comes from the workplace that has us under constant pressure, forever in a hurry, and daily stepping over our children because of the pressures of work.

I know this all too well, of course, from my own experience. I am forever pressured, forever in a hurry, forever over-extended, and forever stepping over all kinds of things that call for my attention on my way to work. As a priest, I can rationalise this by pointing to the importance of the ministry. Ministry is meant to conscript us beyond our own agenda, but deeper down, I know that much of this is a rationalisation. Sometimes too I rationalise my busyness and hurry by taking consolation in the fact that I came to be this way legitimately. It's in my genes. Both my father and my mother exhibited a similar struggle. They were wonderful, moral, and loving parents, but they were often over-extended. Responding to too many demands is a mixed virtue.

It's no accident that virtually all of the classical spiritual writers, writing without the benefit of the Princeton study, warn about the dangers of overwork. Indeed, the dangers of haste and hurry are already written into the very first page of scripture where God invites us to make sure to keep proper Sabbath. When we are in a hurry we see little beyond our own agenda.

The positive side to haste and hurry is that they are, perhaps, the opposite of acedia. The driven-person who is always in a hurry at least isn't constantly struggling to get through the morning to the lunch hour. She always has a purpose. As well, haste and hurry can help make for a productive individual who is affirmed and admired for what he does, even as he is stepping over his own children to get to his workplace. I know this too: I get a lot of affirmation for my work, even as I have to admit that pressure and hurry prevent me much of the time from being a Good Samaritan.

Haste makes waste, so goes the saying. It also makes for a spiritual and a human blindness that can severely limit our compassion.

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In the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Fr Mark Hanns MSC

PARISH NOTICES

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & ROSARY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each Friday after the 12 noon Mass until 5:00pm. The Rosary is prayed between 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Chapel in the Parish Centre.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation for FIRST RECONCILIATION will commence shortly. Enrolment forms are available from the Parish or School Office. Please pray for our Parish children who are preparing for First Reconciliation on Thursday, 7th December 2017 at 6:30pm. The dates for preparation meetings are:

- For Parents Only—**Thursday, 16th November**; 7:00pm in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre.
- For Parents and Children - **Sunday, 19th November**; 9:00am Mass Presentation to the Parish and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 1st Workshop.
- For Parents and Children - **Sunday, 26th November**; 9:00am Mass and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 2nd Workshop.
- For Parents and Children - **Sunday, 3rd December**; 9:00am Mass and at approx. 10:15am in the Saints Louis & Zelig Martin Parish Centre – 3rd Workshop.
- **Thursday, 7th December** First Reconciliation at 6:30pm in the Church.

MSC MISSION COLLECTION

This Weekend 7th/8th October will be the annual collection for MSC Missions. One of the works of the MSC Mission Office is to provide clean water to people all over the world. In so doing we are motivated by the words of Jesus when He said that if we give as much as a cup of water in His name it will not go without its reward. **Please support the MSC Mission Appeal this weekend.**

AFL FOOTY MARGIN TICKET WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in the fundraiser for sending two parish pilgrims to the ACYF in Sydney. We have got one winner for the \$250 Red ticket in Marlene Horne. We are still looking for the winner of the black ticket with the winning number of 48 (margin of AFL Grand Final), so check your tickets and see either Deacon Michael or Eva Hangan. You could be the winner of \$250.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

During the month of November, Masses are offered for the Souls of the Faithful Departed. At the entrance of the Church are “November Mass Offering” envelopes. If you would like a Mass to be offered for someone please complete and add to the normal collections over the next few weekends in October. A schedule will then be arranged for a Mass to be celebrated during the month of November.

PARISH MEMORIAL BOOK

Our Parish Memorial Book is about to be updated. Please forward the names of family members whom you would like included, to Deacon Michael before 21st December.



Sunday 8 October

Today and throughout this week we pray for all families in distress. *Heavenly Father, grant healing to all families in distress, especially those burdened with strained relationships. Draw close to all families who have experienced violence, upheaval, illness or division: May all who have been wounded find ready comfort and healing.*

Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council www.acmfc.org.au
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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

All are invited to join in prayer for the intention of peace in our world, communities and families at the final commemoration, the 6th apparition and the 'miracle of the sun' on Friday 13th of October at St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church – Moonah. 6.30pm Rosary followed by Holy Mass at 7pm.

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION) & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Verbum Domini Biblical & Catechetical Institute's next module of the **Sacraments** course will be on the biblical foundations of **Penance (Reconciliation) & Anointing of the Sick**. **When:** Tuesday 10th and 17th October (Parts I and II), 6.30-9pm. **Where:** Murphy Room, Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. Cost: **FREE**. **Register:** christine.wood@aohtas.org.au or 6208-6236. All welcome and bring your bibles.

SOLEMNITY OF ST TERESA OF JESUS

A Sung Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on **Sunday 15th October at 9:30am**. Archbishop Julian will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Morning tea will follow Mass. All welcome. A Novena of Masses and Prayers will also be offered in preparation for the feast from 6th – 14th October. Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa-Benedicta at the Monastery.

SUFFERING EMOTIONAL OR SPIRITUAL PAIN FROM A PAST ABORTION EXPERIENCE?

Abortion is often a carefully guarded secret. Hence many people fail to process their experience. Buried feelings can cause other problems. Supported by the Archbishop, the next confidential Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat will be held on Oct 13th – 15th in Hobart Tasmania. This beautiful, supportive and non-judgmental experience of healing and reconciliation is open to any woman or man who is struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion: the parent, grandparent or sibling of an aborted child or anyone who has been involved in the abortion industry. Phone Anne on the confidential phone line 03 62298739 or 0478599241 or email rachelsvineyardtas@aapt.net.au

DIRECTED RETREAT AND INDIVIDUAL DAYS OF REFLECTION "TO KNOW THE SHEPHERD" - MARYKNOLL RETREAT CENTRE

Our annual directed retreat will be held from 28th October - 4th November. You are welcome to come and stay for the entire time or for individual days, as each day will stand alone with its content. For more information or a retreat brochure please contact Sr Margaret Henderson RSM on 0418 366 923 or mm.henderson@bigpond.com

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 April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard has helped many men and women to move on with hope. You are not alone, there is hope after an abortion experience. To speak to someone please call Anne Sherston on the confidential phone lines 03 62298739 or 0478599241.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION

Short term (2 – 3 Weeks) properties are needed for housing newly arrived former refugees. This is one-off, but these mainly family groups need self-contained furnished places within reach of CatholicCare services. If you can help, please contact James Norman on 6278 1660 or 0457 755 964.

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.

The Kingdom Given to Others (Is 5: 1-7; Phil 4: 6-9; Mt 21:33-43)

Consistently we have seen our world heading down the path of war. Our political leaders will not be satisfied until they control the Arab world. The only way they can express themselves is by a show of aggression. Instead of striving for peace and reconciliation, they are leading us into an ever-greater danger of an atomic war. When will such senseless violence stop? It will happen only when one group stops trying to control the other.

This parable of the owner of the vineyard and his tenants is about control and violence. The tenants have not practised justice and they have not established righteousness. Worse yet, they have committed murders and there are complaints about their mistreatments and extortions. In the Bible, oppression of the poor is frequently presented as homicide. It is not surprising that the tenants react to those sent by the Lord with the same contempt for other people's lives as they show in their daily behaviour. The tenants are not only murderers because they kill the messengers, or even the son, but because they despoil the poor and violate their rights. They are murderers from the moment they fail to produce the fruits of justice that the Lord requires. As a result the kingdom of God will go to someone else. These are powerful expressions. We are witnessing this in our own times in people asking for a fundamental right: the right to eat and the right to live in peace in one's own land.

This text refers to the rejection of Jesus' preaching by the leaders of Israel (vv. 42-43). But we need to ask ourselves if we are not like those murderers in the gospel by the way we treat others in our daily lives. What role does justice have in my life? If we fail to feed the poor, we are denying Christ himself and putting him to

death. To be a true Christian is just the opposite: it is to give life. The gospel requires this. If we put the gospel into practice, the God of Peace will be with us. (Phil 4:6-9)

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STEWARDSHIP

““The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...”

MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was the cornerstone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others in today’s society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

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, John Prus, Marie Morrisby, Marian Zieba, Allan O’Rourke, Denise O’Rourke, Natasha Gutteridge.

Anniversaries

Victoria Cabiladas Gabriel, Mary Margaret (Mollie) Miller, Marie Therese Coad, Brian Larkin, Nancy Duggan, Iris R. Boucher, Bronislawa Konopielko, Hipolit Brazewicz, A. E. (Peter) Allen, Maria Giosio, Fredrick Ernest Keating, Fr Cornelius Troy, Carleine Alda Keating, Ethel May Keating, Zofia Smietanski, Winsome I. Hodgetts, Boleslaw Nisciernek, Jan Szczygiel, Antoni Sobczyszyn, Marie Katranjac, Mary Driessen, Marjorie Jean Becker, Margarita Camarao, Fr Arthur Perkins, Sister Veronica Higgins, Gordon Clark, Dave Smith, Charles J. Stokoe, Thalia Baker, Teo Stockman, Horace Duggan, Joyce Patricia Gadd, Myrtle Dwyer, Michal Zolniewczak, Jozef Lepak, Boniface Siksnius, Fr Edward Sheedy, Laurence Lyons, David Darby, Fr James Long, Hilary Sweeney, Charles Denis Mahony, Ian Wilson Coad, Malcolm L. Jenkins, Michael Wilczynski, Ila Weaving, Adam Krasnicki., Barbara Therese Rakowski, Amy Elizabeth Rose, Rogelio Gabriel, Walter Gamble, George Harrison, Lionel J. Ford, Fr Patrick Fanning, Franciszek Czernkowski, Diane Radcliffe, Brian Sertori, Ellen Deacon, Donato Brighella, William Thomas Hangan, Anna Puzinowski, Nellie Curtain, Maria Adamus.

Recently Deceased

*Heather Haines, Leopoldo (Paul) Sambrano,
Stanislaw (Stan) Tedic Kowalski,
Fenia Mikolajczyk*

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BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES:

By appointment

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TOWARDS HEALING HELPLINE:

Phone: 1800 356 613

TRUTH JUSTICE & HEALING COUNCIL:

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

READINGS

7th / 8th October, 2017

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 5:1-7)

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

PSALM: (Psalm 79:9, 12 - 16, 19 - 20)

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING: (Philippians 4:6 - 9)

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (John 15:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 21:33 - 43)

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

MASS TIMES

Monday 9th to Sunday 15th October 2017

	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

14th / 15th October, 2017

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 25:6-10)

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

PSALM: (Psalm 22:)

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING: (Philippians 4:12 - 14, 19 - 20)

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Ephesians 1:17, 18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 22:1 - 14)

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Saturday 6:30pm

Readers Phil Blake,
Margaret Henderson

Ministers Donna Bone, Gerry McGushin

Projector Alec

Sunday 9:00am

Readers Brian Beckitt, Maria Rodgers

Ministers Maureen Pangrazzi,
Barbara McArthur

Sick Maureen Pangrazzi

Projector Annie Brush

Sunday 4:30pm

Readers Melissa Brown, Bill Jacobs

Ministers Rexine & Gerard Synnott

Projector Eva Hangan

Altar Bev White

Cleaning Polish Community

Counters Roy Munro, David Devereux