

St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Parish Moonah-Lutana



St Therese of Lisieux Church
In the care of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC)
24 Hopkins Street, Moonah - (PO Box 819 Moonah TAS 7009)



Sunday, 2nd August 2026

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

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

In recognition of the deep history and culture of this land, we acknowledge and pay our respects to all Tasmanian Aboriginal people; the traditional custodians of the Land on which we meet and gather.

READINGS

FIRST READING: (Isaiah 55:1-3)

PSALM: (144:8-9. 15-18. R.v.16)

The hand of the Lord feeds us:
He answers all our needs.

SECOND READING: (Romans 8:35. 37-39)

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Matthew 4:4)

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: (Matthew 14:13-21)

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death He withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after Him on foot. So as He stepped ashore He saw a large crowd; and He took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to Him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' He said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then He took the five loaves and the two fish, raised His eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves He handed them to His disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



MASS TIMES

1st August — 9th August 2026

Saturday	12:00pm	No Reconciliation
	5:30pm	Mass
Sunday	9:00am	Mass
	11:00am	Mass (Polish)
	4:00pm	Mass
Monday	6:00pm	Mass (Syro-Malabar)
	9:00am	Mass
	9:00am	Mass (Polish)
Wednesday	12:00pm	Mass
Thursday	9:00am	Mass
Friday	9:00am	Mass (Polish)
	11:15am	Reconciliation
Saturday	12:00pm	Mass & Rosary
	12:00pm	Reconciliation
	5:30pm	Mass
Sunday	9:00am	Mass
	11:00am	Mass (Polish)
	4:00pm	Mass

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Sunday 2nd August

10:00am Parish Morning Tea (Community Room)

5:00pm Catechism Syro-Malabar (School Hall)

Monday 3rd August

5:00pm Vinnies Meeting (Community Room)

7:00pm First Communion Parents Meeting
(Community Room)

Wednesday 5th August

1:15pm Legion of Mary (Community Room)

Friday 7th August

6:00pm Jesus Youth Prayer Group (Community Room)

Saturday 8th August

12:00pm Frank Duff Prayer Group (Community Room)

Sunday 9th August

5:00pm Catechism—Syro Malabar (School Hall)

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#### ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PIETY SHOP

The Catholic Piety/Gift store is open after all Cathedral Masses on weekends and between 10am and 3pm Thursdays. Due to your patronage, we are forever expanding our range and invite you to drop in and check it out. We have items for children and adults as well as statues, candles, bibles, plaques, and the list goes on. Looking forward to seeing you.



**ALL ARE WELCOME. TO BE ON EARTH THE HEART OF GOD**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

When I was growing up, as part of our family prayer we used to pray for a happy death. In my young mind, I had a certain conception of what that might look like. A happy death would be to die inside of grace, warmly cradled in the loving arms of family and church, fully at peace with God and others, having had time to speak some final words of love and gratitude.

Unfortunately, not everyone gets to die that way.

Accidents, unfortunate circumstances, and the complexity of human relationships sometimes conspire in nefarious ways so that people die in less-than-ideal situations: angry, compromised, unforgiving, bitter, immature, unreconciled.

Sometimes too the very cause of death speaks of a less-than-happy parting: drunkenness, an overdose of drugs, depression, recklessness, suicide. Death often catches people before they have had the chance to say and do things that make for a peaceful farewell. Invariably there’s unfinished business.

We all know examples of this: A man dead in an accident whose last words to his family were ones of anger; a woman dead of an overdose who hasn’t talked to her family in years; a colleague dead by his own hand; a friend who dies bitter, unable to forgive; or even simply the loved one who’s taken away by a sudden heart attack before he or she has had the chance to speak some last words of love and farewell. Rarely do people die without any unfinished business.

The pain of this can linger for a long time. I remember once counselling a man in his fifties who still carried pain and guilt from his mother’s death more than forty years previous. He had been taken to his mother’s bedside in the hospital; but was unaware that she was dying. She had asked him to give her a hug and he, a child, frightened and reticent in this tense situation, had backed away. The next day she died so his last memory of his mother was his refusal to hug her. Forty years later and he still hadn’t made peace with that.

Many of us have had people close to us die with whom we had unfinished business, a hurt never reconciled, an injustice never rectified, a bitterness that never softened. Death has now separated us, and the unfinished business remains precisely unfinished and we are left saying: “If only there was another chance!”

Well, there is another chance. One of our most consoling (albeit neglected) Christian doctrines is our belief in the Communion of the Saints. It’s a doctrine enshrined in the Apostle’s Creed itself and it asks us to believe that we are still in vital communication with those who have died. Moreover, it tells us that the communication we now have with them is free from many of the tensions that coloured our relationship with them while they were alive.

Hence, to believe in the Communion of Saints is to believe that we can still tend to unfinished business in our relationships, even after death. Simply put, we can still talk to those who have died, and we can, even now, say the words of love, forgiveness, gratitude, and regret that ideally should have been spoken earlier. Indeed, inside the Communion of Saints the reconciliation that eluded us while that person was alive can now more easily take place. Why?

Because inside the Communion of Saints our communication with the one deceased is privileged. Death washes clean. It clarifies perspective and takes away a lot of relational tensions. Why do I say this? Because both faith and experience teach us this.

For example, all of us have experienced situations where, inside of a family, a friendship circle, a community, or a group of colleagues, a bitter tension with an individual can arise and fester so that eventually there’s an unresolvable rift. Things have happened that can no longer be undone. Then the one who has been at the source of the tension dies and his or her death changes everything. In a strange way the death brings with it a peace, a clarity, and an understanding which, prior to it, were not possible.

Why is this? It’s not simply because the death has changed the chemistry of the group or because, as we may simplistically conclude, the source of the tension or bitterness has died. It happens because, as Luke teaches in his Passion narrative, death can wash things clean and release forgiveness in the same way as Jesus forgave the good thief upon the cross as he died.

This should be an immense consolation. If we are attentive to the Communion of Saints, what we can’t bring to wholeness and peace in this life can be completed afterwards. We still have communication, privileged communication, with our loved ones after death.

Among the marvels of that is the fact that we still have a chance to fix the things, after death, that we were powerless to mend before death took a loved one away.

July 20th 2026

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

| QUOTES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <div>Our love of neighbour should be tender-hearted and compassionate.<br/><b>Jules Chevalier msc</b></div>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <div>A word, a kindly smile, will often suffice to gladden a wounded and sorrowful heart.<br/><b>St Therese of Lisieux</b></div>                                                                                                                                                           |
| <div>“There is only one road for man and it the road of Jesus Christ.” Referenced in late July 2026 while discussing human journeys and addressing themes reminiscent of classic folk lyrics in a new foreword centered on peace and nuclear disarmament.<br/><b>Pope Leo speaks</b></div> |



## NOTICES

### FOOTY MARGIN TICKETS

The winning margin (Ticket number 290129) for the Round 21 game between Collingwood and Geelong was 25. The winner will be announced at Masses on the weekend. Round 22 tickets for the game to be played between Bulldogs and North Melbourne on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August** will be available this weekend after Masses or until sold out. These tickets are \$2 each. The winner of Round 20 was won by the parish as the ticket was unsold.

### SCHOOL NEWS

This week staff and students returned for the start of Term Three. Our students were excited to see each other and share their stories from their break! We look forward to a wonderful term ahead!

Nikita Walker  
St Therese's Catholic School



### DATE CLAIMER FOR MULTICULTURAL MASS

#### SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

This year's multicultural Mass will be held on Sunday 27th September 2026 at 10:00am. We are seeking Choirs, Readers during the Mass, together with the holding of a Multicultural feast in the School/Parish Hall after the Mass. Everyone is welcome to come along in their national dress and be part of this amazing event.

**There will only be one (1) Mass on this weekend. Save the date.**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL—THANK YOU

The members of St Therese's Conference would like to take this opportunity to extend their heartfelt gratitude for your generous food donations in our recent food hamper drive. Multiple bags of good quality food items were received. Your contribution helps us meet the needs of our companions who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

Once again, we thank you for your generosity.

### MOONAH-LUTANA PARISH FIRST COMMUNION

Candidates who are preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion will celebrate with Mass at St Therese's Church on Sunday September 13th at the 9:00am Mass. There will be a parents only meeting this Monday August 3rd at 7:00pm in the Community Room.

### VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

As part of Vocation Awareness Week, you are invited to St Mary's Cathedral for a special **Night of Prayer for Vocations**. The evening will begin with **Mass at 6:00 PM on Friday, 7th August**, offered specifically for vocations within the Archdiocese of Hobart. Following Mass, solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue throughout the night, concluding with **Mass at 8:00 AM on Saturday, 8th August**, followed by a community BBQ breakfast. **Throughout the Night (1st Floor):** Food (snacks) and drinks will be provided on the 1st floor of the cathedral throughout the night. This space will be available to take a break, watch a movie, or chat and ask questions about discernment and the priesthood.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

We have prepared Parish First Reconciliation letters for those who are of the age to receive this Sacrament. This is beginning in the middle of Term Four with the Parent's meeting being held on Monday 26th October. There are letters in the Church Foyer if you know of any family who has a student in Year Two and would like to complete an application.

Thank you

## POLISH NEWS

### ENCYKLIKA „MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS”

– refleksja trzecia

Przypomnijmy z poprzedniej refleksji prawdę o godności każdej osoby ludzkiej: jest ona „chciana, stworzona i umiłowana przez Boga”. Jest zaproszona do uczestnictwa w miłości i komunii z Bogiem, Który Sam żyje Komunią Trzech Osób Boskich – Ojca, Syna i Ducha Świętego.

Papież Leon podkreśla ten temat w II rozdziale swojej Encykliki pisząc o zasadach nauki społecznej Kościoła mającej na celu troskę o każdą istotę ludzką, jej godność, jej integralny rozwój i o „wspaniałe człowieczeństwo”. Te zasady to – zasada dobra wspólnego, powszechnego przeznaczenia dóbr, pomocniczości, solidarności i sprawiedliwości społecznej. Wszystkie te zasady stają się kryteriami oceny i rozeznawania nowej sytuacji i wyzwań dzisiejszych czasów.

Jednym z nich jest obecna w świecie władza cyfrowa – często nieuchwytna - i rozpowszechnianie się sztucznej inteligencji - AI. „Korzystanie z AI nigdy nie jest faktem czysto technicznym: kiedy wkracza ona w procesy oddziałujące na życie ludzi, dotyka praw, szans, reputacji i wolności”. Papież nie odrzuca AI, nazywa ją „cennym narzędziem”, które może służyć dobru wspólnemu, ale zwraca uwagę na to, by strzec wartości, jakie są ważne dla każdej istoty ludzkiej: wolności sumienia, relacji międzyludzkich, zdolności do miłości i transcendencji, moralnej odpowiedzialności i duchowego wymiaru osoby.

Papież pisze: “Z tego wynika prosta, ale zobowiązująca konsekwencja: nie możemy uważać AI za moralnie neutralną. W rzeczywistości każde urządzenie techniczne niesie z sobą wybory i priorytety: to, co mierzy, to, co ignoruje, to, co optymalizuje, a także sposób, w jaki klasyfikuje osoby i sytuacje. (...) Dlatego rozeznawanie etyczne nie może ograniczać się do pytania, czy używamy danego systemu do celu dobrego czy złego, lecz musi także pytać, jak został on zaprojektowany i jaka wizja osoby oraz społeczeństwa została wpisana w dane i modele, które nim kierują. (...) Aby AI szanowała godność ludzką i rzeczywiście służyła dobru wspólnemu, konieczne jest, by odpowiedzialność była jasno określona na wszystkich etapach: od tych, którzy projektują i trenują systemy, aż po tych, którzy z nich korzystają, oraz tych, którzy decydują o powierzeniu im konkretnych rozstrzygnięć”.

W całym dokumencie Papieża Leona przejawia się pytanie: co to znaczy troszczyć się o to co ludzkie? Co to znaczy dzisiaj, w dobie nowych technologii, w świecie, gdzie wizja antyludzka coraz bardziej zdaje się uchodzić za słuszną i normalną, według której pełnia życia miałaby polegać na tym by więcej posiadać, zmniejszać to co kruche i słabe, eliminować to co nieprzewidywalne, i wszystko kontrolować? „Sztuczna inteligencja jest już środowiskiem, w którym jesteśmy zanurzeni, i władzą, z którą musimy się liczyć. Dlatego nie wystarczy jej regulować: trzeba ją rozbroić i uczynić przyjazną”, by bardziej służyła człowiekowi a nie dominowała nad nim. AI nie jest zagrożeniem sama w sobie. To człowiek decyduje jak ją używać. Ostatecznie rozstrzygającym jest pytanie, na które wskazywał św. Jan Paweł II: czy AI „czyni życie ludzkie na ziemi pod każdym względem «bardziej ludzkim», bardziej «godnym człowieka»?” Jeśli odpowiedź jest twierdząca, wówczas możemy uznać w niej dobrą możliwość, którą należy wykorzystać odpowiedzialnie na drodze cierpliwej i wspólnej odbudowy, wzorowanej na odrodzeniu Jerozolimy opisanym w Księdze Nehemiasza. Jeżeli natomiast rośnie potęga, podczas gdy serce jałowieje, a więzi się rozpadają, wówczas mamy do czynienia z nową formą wieży Babel: budowlą wspaniałą, ale nieludzką.

*Zapraszam do lektury Encykliki i kolejnej refleksji za dwa tygodnie.*

Z modlitwą - Sr Monika Bury MChR

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A**  
***8th— 9th August 2026***

|                             | <b>Lector</b>                  | <b>Data Projector</b> |
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| <b>5:30pm</b>               | Anne Thuringer<br>Ed Sianski   | Anne Thuringer        |
| <b>9:00am</b>               | Tony Webb<br>Brendan McManus   | Melissa Philp         |
| <b>4:00pm</b>               | Kerrie Morrisby<br>Chloe Rodas | Volunteer             |
| <b>Minister to the Sick</b> |                                | Jo Legosz             |
| <b>Counters</b>             | Dave Devereux & Michael Hangan |                       |
| <b>Cleaning</b>             | Polish Community               |                       |

**STEWARDSHIP**

*"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.'" - MATTHEW 14:16*

This is what Jesus said right before He fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

## OUR PARISH LIFE

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| <b>Baptisms:</b> | Arrangements are made by contacting the Parish Office. Parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. |
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**Sacraments (Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist):**  
Are celebrated following a Family-Centred, Parish-Based, School Supported, Preparation Programme.

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| <p><b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:</b><br/>Prepares adults for reception into the Catholic Community.</p> |
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**Marriage:** Arrangements are made by contacting the Priests or Deacon - couples must attend a Pre-Marriage Programme.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Every first Friday during the Midday Mass.

**Reconciliation:** 11:15—11:45am Fridays

**Parish Website:** <http://cdtas.org.au/moonah/Home.aspx>

**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:**  
1800 356 613

**Sexual Assault Service:**  
03 6231 1811 (Day) (Hobart)  
or 1800 697 877 (24/7)  
03 6334 2740 (Day) (Launceston)

***Parents please note that for safety concerns, you are to accompany your children to the toilet.***

### PRAYER REQUESTS

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Jay Jennings, Jan Grubb, Carolyn Rakowski, Sylvester Rakowski, Emily Allen, Michaela Christmas, Kathy Legzdins, Kate McQuaid, Anya Hughes, Anne Urwin-Mann, Rebecca Gora, Bev White, Marlene Quinn, Barbara McArthur, Ann Madden, Teresa Panawo, Pat Gillon, Ben Jones, Fr Ed Travers msc, Luke Christmas, Bernadette Phillips—McGrath, Laelia McDonald-Skuse, Colleen Rakowski, Ian Phillips.

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Andre Gavlik.

## FOR ANNIVERSARIES

Krsto Kolega, Urban Haley, Betty Oliver, Reginald Halton,  
William Clune msc, Charles Desire, Waclaw Jedral, John Arthur Dance,  
Patrick Adolphus Holloway, Piotr Polacik, Carolina De Narin, Lil Donovan,  
Jose Gabriel, Ruby Kathleen Desire, Sr Gwen Dooley, Vittorio Matiello,  
Michal Czerniawski, Gaetano Pace, Jozef Lepak, Denis Shelverton,  
Emmanuel (Geoff) Van Luxemborg, Mary McManus,  
William (Bill) Louis Dance, Frank Leaman, Francisco Gabriel,  
Honorata Dzidek, Odo Miller, Marie Anders, Denis Daley,  
Dorothy Emma Hangan, Martin Nichols, Verlie Kitchener, Kevin Cashion,  
Piotr Krasnicki, Anna Balasz, John Monaghan, Jack Ryland,  
Michael Gardner, Kathleen Monaghan, Blanche Gamble, Catherine Clare,  
Noreen Dednholm, Vern Mackey, Mena Nichols, Eileen Olive McCarthy,  
Betty Hasler, Jan Sadkowski, Fr Gabriel Saap msc, Nellie May Kendall,  
Joan Isobel Horne, Doris May Gibson, Benita La Polla, Kay Gillie,  
Jozef Laszczak, Tina Pace, Helen Dennison, Matija Franov,  
Pietro La Pietra, Jack and Eileen Bresnehan, Kevin James Ogle,  
Dennis McArthur, Maria Ladaniwskyj, Franciszek Lichon,  
Mervyn James Hangan, Michael Moynihan, George Weaving,  
Katharina Wysocki, Czeslaw Kosczynski, Zenon Malecky,  
Patricia Selimovic, Wladyslaw Przysieznik, Fr Patrick O'Carrigan msc,  
Maria Brazewicz, Edward (Ted) Hanns, Frank Wilson, Mary Keen,  
Stanislaw Sadkowski, Br Frank Harper cf, Marjorie Lennon.

## ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS

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| <b>Pledged:</b> | <b>\$1,284.56</b> |
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| <b>Actual:</b> | \$ 951.00 |
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| <b>Loose Collection</b> | <b>\$ 571.20</b> |
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| <b>Candles</b> | <b>\$ 11.45</b> |
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***Thank you!***

### PARISH CONTACTS

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