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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

ANZAC Day falls on a Sunday this year and we take the opportunity to pray in gratitude for all those whose service and sacrifice has ensured the freedom and peace we enjoy in Australia. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also Good Shepherd Sunday, traditionally a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. We hold this intention in our prayer also this weekend as we mark 200 years since the first permanent priest, Fr Philip Conolly, arrived in Tasmania. A commemorative card has been prepared by the Archdiocese to celebrate this anniversary, and is available at all Masses this weekend.

The Parish Pastoral Council met last week and reviewed the Parish CovidSafe Plan in the light of recent changes to the Government regulations. You ought be aware by now that the Check-in Tas App will be mandatory in all indoor public places of gathering throughout Tasmania by next weekend. Thank you for your cooperation with our Covid volunteers who are happy to help get you set up so that you are ready to use the App when you come to church and in all other places in our wider community. The virus still remains a real threat in our community, and your patience and cooperation is appreciated. Even and perhaps especially with increased numbers attending Mass, we are reminded to maintain social distancing where possible, particularly when entering and leaving the church.

There have been a few calls to make the Parish newsletter available at Mass once more. We will certainly do so soon for those who cannot access the newsletter electronically, but most of us would take one if they were available, even though we have received it via email. I ask you to consider the environmental impact of printing 350 newsletters each week as we seek feedback on the numbers that are actually required. As we return printed material to the churches for distribution, I remind you of the reasons for the withdrawal of these items: that often parishioners take a copy of the newsletter or Catholic Standard and leave it in the church or return it to the table for the next person to use. This was deemed by infectious disease experts to be a high-risk practice which could spread infection through a community. So, when printed materials are available at Mass, you are reminded that whatever you touch you take home.

Blessings to you and yours,

Fr Richard

PREPARATION DAY for the PLENARY

In the lead-up to the first assembly, parishioners are invited to attend a Preparation day for the Plenary Council in Hobart at Guilford Young College Hobart Campus, Barrack Street on 8th May from 10:00am-2:30pm. **Due to government COVID guidelines, each person wishing to attend a preparation day event, must register before attending at plenarypreparation.eventbrite.com.au Please bring your ticket with you to the event.**

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL: The Bishops of Victoria and Tasmania have established an annual appeal and invite donations to support the education of students at Corpus Christi College, Melbourne. Corpus Christi is a regional seminary for Tasmania and Victoria. Students come from the dioceses of Tasmania, Victoria and other parts of Australia. Donations can be made through the University of Divinity Fund: follow the link to online donation form. Tax deductible

Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival: Wednesday 5th May, GYC Glenorchy campus. More information: e.tobin@aohtas.org.au

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6:00pm	Church of the Incarnation (Reconciliation 5:30)
Sunday	8:30am	John Paul II (Live streamed)
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	10.30am	Freemasons
Wednesday	12:00pm	Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15: 1-8