

# Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are reminded of the dignity and sacredness of our own bodies and of all creation. In Jesus, the Word made Flesh, we see how seriously God takes humanity. In the Incarnation, not only does divinity enter humanity but humanity discovers and recognises its own divinity.

Our Catholic tradition holds that God did not allow Mary's body to "return to dust" but Assumed her body and soul into the life of heaven. This was due to the fact that Mary had borne Jesus into the world... the Word had taken flesh in and through her. The same can be said of us. Through the Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in Baptism and sealed in the Sacrament of Confirmation, Christ continues to "take flesh" in our world. When we love in His name, when we give in His name, when we serve in His name, we make Christ present and recognise Christ present, especially in the poor and vulnerable. The same honour due to Mary is therefore afforded to us, as parts of His body.

The reverence due to every human person is also given to all of creation. In the power and timelessness, the beauty and balance of creation we see the fingerprints of God. Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which was unpacked for us at a workshop last Saturday, highlights the reverence due to creation and the blight of pollution and exploitation which threaten the viability of life on earth. The Pope echoes the call of many others to take small, personal actions to care for the planet, and to deepen our sense of wonder and awe at the beauty that surrounds us. September is designated as the Season of Creation, commencing with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1<sup>st</sup> September and closing on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4<sup>th</sup> October. There will be some further information circulated at that time.

For now, let us pray that the Feast of the Assumption of the Mary will turn our hearts and minds towards reverence for the Blessed Virgin, for the sacredness of all human life, and to a profound respect for all of God's creation.

Fr Richard

**PLANNED GIVING:** The remaining sets of envelopes are available to be collected from the Parish Office, but the invitation remains to move away from the envelopes towards the direct debit option. The cost of printing the envelopes continues to rise and the direct debit option is simpler, cheaper and very straightforward. We can provide you with a form to sign or you can set direct debit up yourself through your bank using the following Parish banking details:

BANK: Catholic development Fund

BSB: 067000 Account Number 10315679

Account Name: Bellerive-Lindisfarne Parish

**PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICE:** If you have a heart to reach out to those adversely affected by pregnancy or pregnancy loss, we need to hear from you. Pregnancy Counselling and Support Tasmania Inc is looking for volunteers to undertake an eight-week training course (1x 4hour day per week) beginning the week of September 20, 2021 that would equip them to become volunteer counsellors at our Battery Point office upon successful completion of and assessment from the course. There is a \$200 cost for the course. We are looking for those who can offer a minimum commitment of one day per fortnight to the service after training, for no less than one year. If you believe this could be for you, please visit our website and Facebook page for more information about us. [www.pcstas.org.au](http://www.pcstas.org.au) and then contact us on 6224 2291 to arrange an interview. Older applicants are welcome to apply.

**The MOHMOV (Mission one Heart Many Voices):** conference will be a virtual conference and so it offers a unique opportunity for parishes from 1-3 September & 4 September 2021. See notice board for more details

## **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday	6:00pm	Church of the Incarnation (Reconciliation 5:30)
Sunday	8:30am	John Paul II (Live streamed)
	10:30am	Corpus Christi
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## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Wednesday	12:00pm	NO MASS (Funeral)
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69