

Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

In these days of uncertainty concerning health and wellbeing, not to mention economic uncertainty, can I once more thank you for your patience, understanding and generosity in your interactions with and support for the life of our parish. Our COVIDSafe volunteers are very committed to providing a safe experience for us all, and the majority of parishioners are being very supportive of their efforts. I understand that we are creatures of habit and do not like moving out of our comfort zone, but when it comes to the seating arrangements especially at the more popular Mass times, can I again ask for your cooperation.

The ushers are working to a seating plan which will enable the largest number of people to be safely accommodated in our churches, so I respectfully ask that you please just sit where they ask you to. When under the pressure of a waiting queue, entering into negotiations with each person about the merits of this seat or that one is becoming tiresome. Please remember that these people are volunteers acting under direction from me, and if they decide to opt out of their role we will not be able to open for Mass at all, or only with significantly reduced numbers of people admitted. It is not only your health and safety and that of the wider community we are trying to protect, we are trying to avoid having to turn people away as well as to avoid the \$10,000 fine that applies should we be found in breach of the published protocols. Again, thank you for your support.

Thanks to the Catholic Development Fund, we now have access to a contactless "tap and go" facility in our churches. The machine is pre-set at a donation of \$10, and it is simply a matter of tapping your microchip-enabled card against the wi-fi sign on the face of the machine. It then takes a few seconds to give you a tick and declare the transaction successful with four green lights. The donation is anonymous, as the CDF are bound by privacy law and cannot pass on any identifying details, but the donation will still come to the parish. Obviously, if you wish to donate more than \$10, you can tap multiple times!! Direct debit, planned giving envelopes and loose cash are also still valid ways of supporting the parish.

Praying God's blessings for the week ahead,

Fr Richard

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

An inquiry night will be held in the O'Loughlin Room at 7pm on Tuesday 1st September for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, with the potential option of joining our church community through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process. Please share this invitation as widely as possible. Further information: Fr Richard Ph 6245 0501.

EUTHANASIA BILL 2020 The Archdiocese has issued a list of letter writing instructions to Members of Parliament for people who wish to do so. It is very lengthy so if anyone would like a copy please contact the parish office and a copy will be emailed or printed out for you.

SICK AND AGED PRIEST FUND The Sick and Aged Priest Fund ensures our sick and aged priests receive adequate care and are provided for in their retirement and declining years. Give generously in recognition of their selfless service to generations of Tasmanian families. Because of COVID restrictions envelopes cannot be distributed in the churches but will be available on the reading table outside the office in the carport or you can donate securely at www.hobart.catholic.org.au

Copies of the Newsletter and the Standard are available on the reading table outside the office in the carport.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	11:00 am Corpus Christi (Funeral Mass for Herb McKinlay)
Wednesday	12:00 pm Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00 pm John Paul II
Friday	9:30 am Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20