

## Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend has been designated by the Christian churches of Tasmania to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the people who have worked with such courage and selflessness to protect Tasmanians during the Coronavirus pandemic. This includes our political leaders, healthcare workers and cleaners. I add my thanks to members of the Parish Pastoral Council for their work in developing the Parish COVIDsafe plan, and to the volunteers who have so cheerfully welcomed, registered and seated parishioners at Mass and sanitised the church after every service since re-opening. We simply could not operate without their assistance, so I thank them on behalf of the entire parish community. Anyone who considers themselves fit and healthy enough to assist in this role is welcome to offer their services and a training session will be organised in coming weeks.

Any adults who are keen to learn more about the Catholic Faith with a view to perhaps formally joining our faith community are invited to a gathering in the O'Loughlin Room to hear about a possible path ahead. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a small group process that promotes discussion and reflection as we explore the Christian faith as well as some of the particularly Catholic things. There is no obligation, so please pass on the invitation to spouses and friends who you think might be interested. The initial gathering will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The young people who began their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Coronavirus hit Tasmania will have the opportunity to celebrate this sacrament in coming weeks. Please keep them in your prayers that they may experience the mercy and unconditional love of God.

It is with mixed emotions that I congratulate Eamonn Pollard, Principal of MacKillop College, on his appointment as Principal of St Aloysius College from the start of 2021. Eamonn will be a big loss to the MacKillop College community, but we wish him every blessing and success in his new challenge.

Finally, I believe Tuesday this week marks the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Fr Peter O'Loughlin, so we say congratulations and many happy returns! His address is PO Box 122 Dodges Ferry 7173 if you would like to send a card.

Fr Richard

### THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Sunday, 2 August 2020, has been set aside by the Tasmanian Christian Churches as a Thanksgiving Sunday. At Mass we unite our prayers with those of other Christians across Tasmania in thanking God for protecting our state from a serious outbreak of Coronavirus, and our leaders and health care officials who have served us in protecting the lives of Tasmanians.

### Becoming Missionary Disciples: Evangelium Conference 2020

Archbishop Julian has cancelled this conference.

### NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: 2-9 August.

This is a week for the whole church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocation in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week, especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace to respond to His call. The Lord calls us all in a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service)

### 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

Wednesday	12:00 pm Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00 pm John Paul II
Friday	<b><u>NO MASS</u></b>

Parish newsletter, Catholic Standard newspaper and Australian Catholic magazine available on the reading table outside the Parish Office.

Next week's Readings: 1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14: 22-23