

Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

2020 has been a year like no other! At the start of this year, my second year in this parish, I started out full of optimism with plans and hopes for the year ahead. What a different experience it has been. There has been a significant sense of loss and disappointment for so many in our community, along with anxiety about what we might still have to deal with in regard to this virus. It has been a demanding and challenging year at many new and unexpected levels and it is still only August. There is hopeful talk of a vaccine sometime in 2021, but nothing is clear or certain by way of an end to this endurance event in which we find ourselves.

The Pastoral Council considered this reality at our meeting last week. We are aware that for families with children and other close relatives on the mainland and/or elderly relatives in aged care homes it has and continues to be a very anxious time. The economic impact is only just beginning to be felt across the community, as unemployment and financial uncertainty bites deeper. I believe we are all carrying additional stress and anxiety at this time, and that many are feeling fragile, fearful or frustrated. The best comfort we can offer is to know that we are not alone. We are all affected to some degree by this virus and the necessary response to it in our community.

Perhaps there is an invitation to us in today's Gospel that "the way you think is not God's way but man's". We often like to think that we are in control of the outcome in our lives, and that if bad stuff happens we generally deserve it. That is not God's way! The scary thing about taking up our cross and following Jesus is that we are called to go where he goes, however unwelcome and unwise that might seem. Just maybe through this experience of vulnerability God is reminding us that we are not in control but that we are invited to trust in his presence and love, as the final words of Matthew's Gospel ring in our ears: that God is with us always even to the end of time.

Go gently!

Fr Richard

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT TO PARISH

The PPC reviewed the Parish COVIDsafe plan, with the outcome of once more, appealing for more volunteers to assist with the implementation of the plan. The PPC also considered the provision of lay led liturgy in the emergency absence of a priest, the possibility of providing a workshop on end of life care plans and the pastoral vision for the parish in these COVID times as well as the establishment of an annual memorial Mass for the month of November.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COVIDsafe Volunteers are needed to help support and implement the Parish COVIDsafe plan. If you are confident enough of your robust health to take this on, please contact the Parish Office via email or on weekdays between 2 and 3pm. Thanks!

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday this weekend. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020.

CANCELLATION

The care group has regretfully decided to cancel our last scheduled event for 2020. Unfortunately with the restrictions that social distancing etc, places upon us at the Community Centre it would be impossible for us to host our afternoon tea. We hope to return to hosting events in 2021! We are still sending knitting to the Indigenous communities in WA and welcome donations. Copies of the Newsletter, latest edition of Australian Catholics and the Standard are available on the reading table outside the office in the carport.

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
	6:00pm	Corpus Christi

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday	12.00pm	Church of Incarnation
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday	No Mass	(SPC Year 12 Retreat)

Next week's Readings: EZ 33:7-9; ROM 13:8-10; MT 18:15-20