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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

I was privileged to hear The Governor of Tasmania, The Honorable Kate Warner, speak at MacKillop College this week as part of the community celebrations for the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop. Responding to Mary MacKillop's challenge to "never see a need without doing something about it", the Governor reflected on her role earlier in her career in bringing about law reform in crucial areas concerning rape, domestic violence and sentencing for such crimes as well as the decriminalization of homosexual acts between consenting adults. Her personal strength shone through her account of standing her ground and asserting truth in the face of ignorance, bigotry and aggressive defense of the status quo. She impressed me, but more importantly I hope she inspired the young men and women at MacKillop College to use their gifts in service of others and in worthwhile efforts to improve the society in which we live.

Secondary school is a very demanding environment. It never ceases to amaze me how much pressure the average teenager is under to conform, to fit in and to not stand out from the crowd. Yet at the same time they are asserting their independence and seeking to discover their personal gifts and particular interests that will shape their future direction in life. They are tumultuous years, and along with the Governor I acknowledge those generous and hardy teachers who accompany the students entrusted to their care with wisdom and good humour even as limits are tested and stretched.

Next Saturday is the Feast of the Assumption and Mass will be celebrated at Corpus Christi at 9am. That day also marks 75 years since the end of World War II, and to highlight the occasion, Malcolm Cooney will play a melody of war-time tunes after Communion at the vigil Mass at Lindisfarne.

Blessings for the week ahead,

Fr Richard

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)

The National Catholic Men's Gathering will happen **NEXT SATURDAY (15th August)**. The Gathering is for ALL men. Its aim is to inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. The broadcast program will feature a range of excellent national speakers, with reflections from several Australian bishops including our own Archbishop Julian Porteous at St Francis Xavier Hall in South Hobart, at 10:00 am. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. Light, morning and afternoon tea will be provided. The program will end at 4:00 pm. The event is FREE, but **bookings are essential**. Please **RSVP** by contacting John Prichard 0466 016 299 or Martin Stone 6223 8132.

Copies of the Newsletter and new edition of 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	10:45 am Queen Victoria Home
Wednesday	12:00 pm Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00 pm John Paul II
Friday	9:30 am Corpus Christi
Saturday	9:00 am Corpus Christi (Assumption)

Next week's Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15; Mt 15:21-28