

Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Fidelis Udousoro

Dear Parish Family,

On the 6th of December, I travelled with 80 young Tasmanians to Perth for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF). It wasn't until I sat on the plane for nearly 5 hours that I realised how big this country is. Experience is indeed the best teacher. On our arrival, we were warmly welcomed by the warm weather. Although the weather wasn't very pleasant to a couple of our pilgrims, I simply loved it and I'm sure that you know the reason.

I simply want to share some of the highlights and my experiences with you in a few sentences

- The first truth that I must tell you is that there is hope for our Australian Church. God is still working actively among our young people.
- The zeal and energy of everyone expressed during praise and worship sessions really touched me all through the festival. Since most of you were not there, imagine what it'd be like to be among 6,000 people who are singing and praising God. It gave me so much courage and hope as a young priest.
- 6,000 young people, with about 30 bishops and over 70 priests were present.
- The theme of the festival was – “Listen to what the Spirit is saying.”
- The festival attracted great speakers from within and outside Australia. Some topics that the speakers touched on included- music, sexuality, spirituality, love, relationship, marriage, evangelization, individual testimonies of conversion, etc.

Lastly, it is my hope that as from next year, we will have our parish youth group. This will be possible with your support and prayers.

May God bless you and have a blessed week.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Fidelis

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: Thursday 19th December, 7pm, Corpus Christi Church. Please feel welcome to this communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas

CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENTS in DECEMBER

Thursday 19th 7-9.30pm Risdon Vale

Saturday 21st 6.30-9.30 Lauderdale Primary School

Saturday 21st 7-9pm Carols on the Hill, Barrack St, Hobart

Made for Each Other Summer School: January 20-24 in Hobart will be held at St Mary's Cathedral. It will be a unique event for young Catholics aged 18-35.

Please contact Ben Smith on 6208 6036 or ben.smith@aohtas.org.au.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Vinnies Members will again be distributing hampers in December to our friends in need across the Parish from Risdon Vale to Lauderdale. The hampers comprise good quality food items and will be supplemented by children's toys and gift cards. Your contributions are once again requested to support this Christmas Assistance and will be greatly appreciated. Contribution envelopes are available at all Masses.

2020 PLENARY: The Archdiocese of Hobart has been asked to send two delegates to the Plenary Council General Assembly in October 2020 and June 2021. Delegates can be both from Clergy and Laity. If you wish to be considered as a delegate, please contact the Archbishop's office by email: archbishop.assistant@aohtas.org.au by no later 25 January 2020.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS \$10:00 cash & carry

ADVENT BOOKLETS free

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Mass	6pm	John Paul II, Rokeby
	6pm	Church of Incarnation, Lindisfarne
Christmas Day	Midnight	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
	9.30am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues	12:00pm	Incarnation
Wed	9:30am	Corpus Christi School
	12:00pm	Corpus Christi
Thurs	11.00am	Corpus Christi funeral
Fri	9:30am	Corpus Christi

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat	6:00pm	Incarnation
Sun	8:30am	John Paul II
	10:30am	Corpus Christi
	6:00pm	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24.