

# Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Fidelis Udousoro

Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year! As we begin the journey of Advent today, we also begin a new liturgical year. This year we will read through Matthew's Gospel in the Sunday Lectionary. It is always my recommendation to read the entire Gospel as one story so as to better understand and appreciate the major themes that flow through this particular Gospel. As we enter the Advent period, may I suggest that if nothing else, as an Advent practise take the time to read Matthew's Gospel.

The word "Advent" conjures up images of a dawning, a coming of something new, and indeed we are preparing for the dawn of a new age – the time of Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. This worldview effects every aspect of our lives, bringing hope in the midst of sadness, and light to the darkness of our lives and our world. It is so hard to refresh our world-weary eyes and hearts to see with renewed vision the joy and peace that comes with faith in Jesus the Christ.

Perhaps it is easier to think of "Advent" as it relates to "ADVENTure". An adventure entails excitement, the unknown and an expectation of discovering something new and exciting. Let us enter into Advent with this attitude of heart and mind, and allow ourselves to be excited and surprised by what we discover about our God in the days ahead.

Speaking of adventures, my recent holiday was brilliant! I ticked off no less than five lifetime bucket list items and I can promise that I will not stop talking about it for a while. To save those of you who are not interested, and to satisfy those who are, I will hold a "slide night" in a couple of weeks to tell some stories and show some pictures. Stay tuned for a time and place.

It is great to be back among you, feeling refreshed and ready for what the next year will bring to our community. May God be with us all through the year ahead.  
Fr Richard

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tues 12:00pm Incarnation

Wed 12:00pm Corpus Christi

Thurs 10:00 am John Paul II

Fri 9:30am Corpus Christi

Fri 1:30 pm Lillian Martin Home

## **WEEKEND MASSES**

Sat 6:00pm Incarnation

Sun 8:30am John Paul II

10:30am Corpus Christi

6:00pm Corpus Christi

**Advent Reflection:** Fr Michael Tate will deliver an Advent reflection on the "Our Father" in the O'Loughlin Room at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this wonderful opportunity as we prepare for the Christmas season. The idea is to reflect on the "Our Father", explaining its meaning from the cultural setting of the time, and using the original language of the Gospels (but not too technically!). This is not presented in a cold tutorial fashion but in a way which should enhance the prayer life of participants.

**Bellerive-Lindisfarne Catholic Community** Christmas Entertainment and Afternoon Tea/ quiz/ raffle/ door prizes / trade table etc Entertainment by Cantiamo December 4 2019 Venue: Lindisfarne Citizens Activities Centre at 1.30 p.m. Cost: \$8 (which will include a little gift from Santa ) We hope you can make up a table and join us for a great afternoon. *As usual offers of sandwiches, slices, cream cakes will be gratefully received and transport will be available. For these and any other queries please call Catrina Boon 0417439269 or Mary Hemming 0438136396*

**CAROLS ON THE HILL** Saturday 21st December at Guilford Young College Oval Patrick St Hobart 7-9pm. Tickets: [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) search 'Carols on the Hill' The Carols on the Hill Community Choir are seeking voices to join them. All are welcome. Rehearsal dates are: Thursday 5, 12, 19 December. These will be held at the St Mary's Cathedral Centre from 6:00 pm – 6:40 pm. Please contact Ella Tobin on [ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au) or 0468 601 517 to register your interest. RSVP by Friday 29 November.

## **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 will be available at all masses for the next few weeks.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** \$10:00 cash & carry

Next week's Readings: 2nd Sun Advent Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Matt 3:1-12