

Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

Congratulations to Rachelle Smith who has been appointed as our parish's first "Family Ministry Coordinator". The Parish Pastoral Council is hopeful that this position will deepen the engagement of families with younger children with the life of our parish, and I am confident that Rachelle has a set of skills that will enable this engagement to be meaningful and relevant. This is an exciting development for our parish and I look forward to sharing in the energy that is created.

Please note that the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass previously advertised as being held at the Church of the Incarnation has been moved to Corpus Christi Church. This will allow overflow to the Parish hall and enable more people to join us in prayer at this time. I apologise for the confusion this may create, but I have been surprised by the popularity of this Mass, which has now reached its new capacity of 250.

The other two Christmas Masses (10pm Christmas Eve and 9.30am Christmas Day) are booking at a steady rate and there is plenty of room at the 6pm Outdoor Family Event at John Paul II school oval. To reserve your seat at Christmas Masses you can simply let us know at Mass this weekend, or go to the Parish Website and follow the links, or ring the Parish Office between 2 and 3pm weekdays. I recommend booking as soon as possible as the numbers are limited.

Our parish schools celebrate their end of year events in these final weeks of the school year, and the focus falls on those students completing their time in the various schools: year 10 and Year 6 students respectively. We remember them in prayer especially as they embark on a new phase of their educational journey beyond their current school. We are also mindful of so many staff in our schools who have remained steadfast and generous in the midst of a demanding year. A well-earned rest awaits over the forthcoming holiday break.

God's blessings to you and yours as we continue our Advent journey of preparation.

Fr Richard

CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH

Christmas Eve 4pm Mass Corpus Christi (**Note the change of venue**)
6pm Christmas Service John Paul II School oval (outdoor/NOT Mass)
10pm Mass Corpus Christi, Bellerive
Christmas Day 9.30am Mass Corpus Christi, Bellerive

Christmas Eve Family Service

Please join us for the largest gathering of our parish community since our Parish Picnic at the beginning of the year! This outdoor, family-friendly, and prayerful Christmas celebration includes a children's nativity and covid-safe environment. There will be plenty of carols throughout our liturgy also. Great event to invite your children, grandchildren, neighbours and friends to in celebrating Christ in Christmas in this special liturgy. With significant capacity all are welcome, however to meet covid requirements and for ease of entry at the gate, please book via the identified channels. Bring a rug or chair to sit on. Children are welcome to officially sign up for the nativity prior to the service (see below) or simply turn up dressed as an angel, shepherd, king, donkey or sheep and join in on the night. Gates open at 5pm; Music & Carols at 5.30pm; Service begins at 6pm at John Paul II School Oval. Spread the word, see you there!

Children's Nativity Calling all shepherds, angels, kings, donkeys, sheep (and various other roles!) who would like to join in leading our prayer at the Christmas Eve Family Service in the Children's Nativity. All children of Primary School age are welcome and encouraged to join us, the more the merrier! Please register your child's interest at Mass or by e-mailing: bellerive.sacraments@gmail.com for updates on rehearsal etc. Alternatively come dressed up on the night and simply follow along!

Columban Calendars are available after Mass \$10

The Standard : the latest edition is available on the table outside the office

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 the Incarnation
Thursday 12:00pm John Paul II
Friday 9:30am Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38