

Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we open our parish booking system for Christmas Services. You are invited to provide us with your name, contact phone number and email address along with the Christmas service you wish to attend and the number of tickets you will need. We will then make the booking for you, and forward the confirmation to your email address. If you do not have an email address, we will use the parish email and forward the printed ticket to you. You are asked to bring the ticket with you when you attend the Christmas service.

If you prefer to make your own booking you can do so via the parish website (www.cdtas.org.au/bellerive) and follow the links. Please read all the instructions, and please do not ask us to book for you and then also book your own tickets. If you are booking for friends or family, please communicate clearly with them so that you only book the tickets you need and do not double up. This will ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to attend the service of their choice.

If you jumped in and emailed or left phone messages this past week asking for reservations for Christmas Masses, please do so again through the now established channels, as we do not have all the information needed to complete your booking.

Let me also remind you that the Family Service at 6pm at John Paul II is outdoors and will not include the celebration of Mass. The current COVIDsafe limit for this event is 2000 people, so feel free to come to this event as well as booking in for one of the Masses in the parish. It will speed things up on entry if you also book for this event and bring the ticket with you.

I acknowledge that this booking system creates anxiety for some. We are doing everything we can to keep it simple and accessible. Hopefully we can relax and enjoy our celebration of Christmas together.

May the peace of Christ be in our hearts as we prepare the way for the Lord.

Fr Richard

Next week's Readings: Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	4pm	Mass	Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne
	6pm	Christmas Service	John Paul II School oval (outdoor/NOT Mass)
	10pm	Mass	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
<u>Christmas Day</u>			
	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 covidsafe 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

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