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Dear Parish Family,

What a wonderful example of community was evident on Wednesday when a generous and cheerful crowd gathered for Mass and lunch with Fr Fidelis on the occasion of his 30th birthday. Thanks to Joan and her team for pulling that together. As I write this, Fidelis is returning the favour of generous friendship, driving to Devonport to be with his countryman Fr Pascal whose mother died in Nigeria on Thursday evening. These are the moments when the personal cost of coming to Australia is keenly felt for these men. We hold Pascal and his family in our prayers, and especially that his mother Christiana may rest in the peace of the Lord.

These are great examples of what it means to be "salt of the earth" and "light of the world" which Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel. Simple acts of generosity, friendship and service to one another are what draws out the extra flavor of life, and shines as a light in the darkness. Despite the struggles that are part of the life of our church in these times, let us each commit ourselves to these simple acts of kindness every day, and allow God's Spirit to work through us to renew the face of the earth.

Speaking of kindness, generosity, innocence and joy... the children returned to our schools this week amid excitement and trepidation. It was lovely to see some of last year's big grade sixes from our parish primary schools as they fronted up to their first day of high school in big blazers looking nervous. It is also lovely to once more hear the voices of children playing as I sit at my computer in the office, although the return of the traffic at pick-up and drop-off time is less welcome!

Once more, please keep our Community Picnic as a must do event in your diary. We will gather at Wentworth Park for some lunch along with games and activities for the children. It promises to be a wonderful day, so don't miss out.

Blessings to all, Fr Richard

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues 10.45 Queen Victoria Home 12:000pm Incarnation

Wed 12:00pm Corpus Christi

Thurs 10:00 am JPII

Fri 9:30am Corpus Christi

ANOINTING MASS World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be at 12noon on Tuesday 11th February at the Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne. All Welcome

MEN'S BREAKFAST. Come and experience the rewards of reading and sharing the Scriptures in daily prayer. Join us at St Francis Xavier Hall, corner Anglesea and Adelaide Sts, South Hobart, (underneath St Francis Xavier's Church, parking off Anglesea St) at 8:00 am on Saturday 15th February. Come and enjoy some singing, inspiration, fellowship, and breakfast. A small donation will help defray costs.

To assist catering, please RSVP: By email or ring Duncan MacFarlane 0400 095 807 M or ring Martin Stone 6223 8132 H

THANK YOU Beth and family would like to extend their love and gratitude to Fathers Richard Ross, Brian Nichols, Peter O'Loughlin and Fidelis Odousoro, Cheryl, Kathy and all the Parishioners of John Paul II and Corpus Christi for helping create a beautiful celebration of Austin's life. The outpouring of love and support is amazing.

<u>CHOIR PRACTICE</u> for Easter begins on Wednesday 4th March 7pm at Corpus Christi. You are all welcome to join.

A Ritual of Lament for survivors of sexual abuse will take place on Saturday 21st March, 11am at the Rhododendron Gardens, 55 Breffny Road, Romaine, Burnie. During the ritual, it is anticipated that Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr Tony Corcoran SM (Provincial Leader of the Marist Fathers in Australia) and Gregg Sharman (Acting Principal at Marist Regional College, Burnie) will each offer a public formal apology for the sexual abuse that took place at Marist College. There will also be the blessing of a bronze plaque which will be later installed at Marist Regional College. A cuppa and light refreshments will be offered after the ritual at the Rhododendron Gardens.

MARRIAGE MASS Renewal of Marriage Vows to be celebratedorders@dow.org.au by Archbishop Julian Porteous at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 16th February at 10.30am. RSVP to Office of Life, Marriage and Family by email:ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or phone 62086036

Next week's Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mat 5:17-37