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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

The weather forecast looks very bright for our parish picnic on Sunday. I do hope you can join us for a celebration of community and belonging. For a bit of fun, you are asked to wear the colours of your community: Red for Rokeby, Blue for Bellerive and Lemon for Lindisfarne! Remember, this year we are gathering at Simmons Park, on the waterfront below the Church of the Incarnation in Lindisfarne. There will be live music, games for the children and once more we will compete for the Community Cup. See you there from 12 o'clock.

This coming Wednesday, 17th February is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent. We are called to deeper conversion, turning away from sin towards the life giving way of the Lord. For 40 days we enter the desert, a place of deprivation and temptation, but also the place where God speaks to his people. Let's make this Lent the best yet, renewing our commitment to prayer, charity and self-denial for the sake of others. Mass times for Ash Wednesday are listed on this newsletter. Also let me provide advanced warning of the communal penitential service to be held at Corpus Christi Church on Wednesday 17th March at 7pm.

Thursday 11th February was World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We are unable to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in a communal setting due to the Coronavirus restrictions, but we include a prayer for the sick in this newsletter and in our Mass, as we acknowledge the isolation that sickness causes and as we pray God's blessings on those who care for the sick and visit the housebound. In today's Gospel Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the leper, not only bringing healing to his disease, but bridging the void that existed between the healthy and the sick. May we do the same, reaching out to the "other" in recognition of their human dignity, seeing beyond the superficial differences that may exist.

Fr Richard

Dreaming from Scripture for the Church. Fr Michael Tate will offer four reflections on passages from the New Testament as sure foundations for "Good Faith" discussions about the Church. Concerned Catholics Tasmania are kindly making the arrangements: Saturday 6 March, 10 am – 12:30 pm, Corpus Christi Parish Hall, Bellerive. Register at cdsmith18@bigpond.com by Thursday 4 March.

SURVEY FORMS: These are available on the table outside the office. Thank you to the people who have already completed the survey. You can complete the survey online by going to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/belleriveparish>

LENTEN BOOKLETS: There are Still some booklets available at all Masses this weekend. Cost \$5.00

PROJECT COMPASSION:

Envelopes and boxes are available at all Masses.

THE STANDARD

Copies of the latest edition are available on the table outside the office

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Loving God, you created us with the capacity to heal, to restore and to offer peace through our role in health care ministry. Help us to be signs of love and compassion in the world today — honoring every person we meet who is in need of healing. When our burdens are heavy, renew us, remind us of the blessing of our calling and reawaken our commitment to the healing ministry. Amen.

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

Tuesday	10:45am	Queen Victoria Home
Wednesday	12:00pm	Church of the Incarnation
	7:00pm	Corpus Christi
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15