Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

Congratulations to all involved in our Parish Picnic last weekend. Over 400 people from every dimension of parish life gathered to enjoy the music, games, activities and quality time with friends as we strive to strengthen our sense of belonging within our parish community. Bellerive proved too strong and took home the Community Cup for this year after some fun activities were capped off by an epic win for the Bellerive men's team in a hotly contested tug of war.

Thanks go to our family ministry coordinator Rachelle Smith and her dedicated team of volunteers who ensured a Covidsafe environment and an engaging experience for all. I extend my special thanks to Ben and Kim for their wonderful live music, and to the army of MacKillop students who turned out to support the younger members of the parish. A brilliant day!

Lent has begun this week, our annual opportunity to reflect on and re-orient our lives in the right direction. Traditionally we "give something up for Lent", but it is not merely another opportunity for a new year's resolution, it is an opportunity to turn our hearts towards God as we seek to follow his Way. We are called upon to engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving: but not solely for our own spiritual benefit. We pray for others, and reach out in loving service; we go without some extra treat and give the money to the needy instead; we give to the poor but also seek to grow in our understanding of the issues which imprison them in poverty in order to bring about lasting change. May this Lent be a step along the path of realizing God's Kingdom on earth, not merely an exercise in smug self-satisfaction!

Let us pray for each other as we journey through the desert experience of Lent together.

Fr Richard

<u>Dreaming from Scripture for the Church.</u> 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 by email at* cdsmith18@bigpond.com by Thursday 4 March.

<u>SURVEY FORMS:</u> The survey ends next weekend. Forms are available at each Mass or on the table outside the office. 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. Last chance to collect one this weekend.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Boxes and envelopes are available at all Masses

Sr HERMANILDA 100th BIRTHDAY. Past Pupils of Our Lady of Mercy College Deloraine and Stella Marist College Burnie are invited to attend 10.30 Mass at Corpus Christi Church on Sunday 7th March followed by a Light Lunch in The Parish Centre, at a small cost. (Sister will be Celebrating in Melbourne with Family and Friends) This will be a General Reunion as well. Please RSVP by Monday 1st March to Kath(Larkin)Dilger on 0427479813 or email to rodkathdilger@bigpond.com

Men's Breakfast at SFX Hall South Hobart - Sat 27th Feb at 8:00 am. Come and enjoy some singing, inspiration, fellowship, and breakfast. Daniel de la Motte (Youth Minister at Mackillop College) will speak on practical ecumenism: "A Pentecostal, Anglican, Evangelical Catholic". Bring a friend. To assist catering, please RSVP to Martin on 6223 8132 or Duncan on 0400 095 807.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6:00pm	Church of the Incarnation (Reconciliation 5:30)
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Sunday 8:30am John Paul II (Live streamed)

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 10:45am Fre	emasons Home
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Wednesday 12:00pm Church of the Incarnation

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

Next week's Readings: Gen 22:1-2,9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10