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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

We have had a huge response to our parish survey. Thank you to those of you who took the time to reflect on what is good and what is in need of improvement in our parish. The Pastoral Council will examine these ideas and suggestions as we set priorities for the coming year, particularly in the outreach areas identified by the Pastoral Council at the start of this process. This is undoubtedly a vibrant parish, but there is always need for renewal and growth as we seek to serve the Lord and make his name known.

Pope Francis has also provided leadership in this area, calling the universal church to focus 2021 on the Year of the Family, reflecting on his 2016 encyclical *Amoris Laetitia*. This Year of the Family will be launched on the Feast of St Joseph, March 19, and will be particularly highlighted on Mother's Day, Father's Day and the newly instituted World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis has declared this event to be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Pastoral Council has already commenced planning for these occasions.

This weekend we will extend a particular welcome to three members of our parish who are journeying through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. They will be introduced at their usual Masses and you are asked to pray for them as they prepare to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Their names are Michelle, Ian and Elle. They come to us with different stories of faith and will each enrich our community with their faithfulness and the wonderful love for family they each demonstrate. I am sure you will make them welcome when the opportunity arises.

I extend our sympathy to the family of John McCormack who died this week after a long battle. John has been a lifelong member of this parish community. His Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Monday at 10am.

Let us continue to pray for one another as the journey of Lent unfolds.

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. Last chance to *Register by email at cdsmith18@bigpond.com by Thursday 4 March.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: is being held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Riawena Road, Rosny on Friday 5th March at 6pm. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: will be livestreamed on the parish Facebook page on Fridays at 7pm during Lent.

ST PATRICK'S PILGRIMAGE: will be taking place on 13-14th March. The Pilgrimage is open to all young adults from the ages of 18 -30yo Follow link to register or learn more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-patricks-pilgrimage-2021-tickets-137358778805?aff=ebdssbeac>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: the latest edition is available on the table outside the office

PROJECT COMPASSION: Boxes and envelopes are available at all Masses and on the table outside the office

THANK YOU: My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone for the love and concern shown to both Rod and myself over the past 10days. I came home on Wednesday for rest and recuperation. Your message on Sunday gave me a real boost at a time I was feeling very low. We are very blessed to have a parish community who show such love and support. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, Much Love Kath

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: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor :22-25; Jn 2:13-25