

## Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Fidelis Udousoro

Dear Parish Family,

The bushfires raging across our country have evoked strong emotions in all of us: from anger and blame to sadness and utter helplessness as we watch this tragedy unfold. There are valid questions to be asked about leadership, policy, funding and other related issues around climate change, and these are important. However, none of these will help the people suffering at the moment. Our donations and generosity will help ease the suffering of those directly impacted and will provide hope and encouragement as they seek to rebuild their lives and their livelihoods, even without beloved family members lost to the fires. St Vincent de Paul is our Catholic agency doing their utmost on the front line to support families and communities in need. Go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) and follow the link to the national bushfire appeal if you wish to make a donation. Alternatively, envelopes labeled "Bushfire Appeal" will be forwarded to Vinnies through the parish.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are reminded of our status as "children of God". This is an extraordinary thought: to be called into an intimate relationship with the one who is the origin and purpose of all of creation, bestows upon us a dignity which we do well to nurture and protect. However, this honour is not a gift for us to keep as our possession, but "a joy to be shared by the whole people" (Lk 2:10). The quality and consistency of our love, generosity and forgiveness must speak of the reality of this ultimate relationship of love which is at the heart of our very identity.

We keep the Principal of Corpus Christi Primary School, Clynton Scharvi and his family in our prayers this week, following the sudden and unexpected death of Clynton's mother Sue. We pray eternal rest for Sue and peace and comfort for her family. The exhibition of Antarctica photos scheduled for this coming Wednesday will have to be deferred by one week owing to Sue's funeral.

Peace!

Fr Richard



**CHANGE OF DATE: ANTARCTICA PHOTOS:** Fr Richard will show some of his photos from his recent trip to South America and Antarctica at 7pm on Wednesday 22nd January in the O'Loughlin Room. Please bring some supper to share. Please note the change of date for this event.

**COMMUNITY PICNIC:** Sunday 23rd February 2020: Share fun and food in a friendly community atmosphere. Entertainment and games for the kids provided. Bring the extended family. Venue to be finalised, but save the date!

**PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE:** Sunday 5th April: Begin Holy Week with an inclusive and meaningful pilgrim walk on the path beside the Derwent River from the Church of the Incarnation to Corpus Christi.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY MASS:** Sunday 31st May: a mega-celebration to strengthen our community and to express and inspire our mission of service to the world.

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

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

Tues 14th	10:45 QV Home
	12:00pm Incarnation
Wed 15th	No Mass-funeral in Burnie
Thurs 16th	10:00 am JP II
Fri 17th	9:30am Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; John 1:29-34