Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

Pope Francis has designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Word of God Sunday: "an opportunity to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people." (Apostolic Letter "Aperuit Illis" of Pope Francis. This focus brings to mind the place of the Word of God in our community, as that meaning-making story of God's relationship with his people which identifies and inspires us. We are called to pray especially on this day for the Jewish people, holders of the promise of God, as well as all Christian people that we be committed to a path of authentic and firm unity.

It is a happy coincidence that we will honour God's word with a public reading of the whole of Mark's Gospel next Saturday 30th January. This will take place in Corpus Christi Church from 10am and I estimate may take about 90 minutes. This experience will open for us the mood and themes and flow of Mark's Gospel as we read through this Gospel in the Sunday liturgy during the remainder of the year. All are welcome!

I will take some time at Mass this weekend to share the fruits of the Parish Pastoral Council reflection day which was held earlier in January. We discerned a few primary focus areas for the pastoral life of the parish for the coming year, and we are keen to share something of the process with you so that you are better able to appreciate the background discussion and hopes for the coming year.

We identified five major areas of parish life on which to focus this year and I will address each briefly this weekend. The five areas are:

Strengthening Parish – school connections
Communication within the Parish: written, verbal and digital
Outreach to the vulnerable: supporting one another in life's big moments
Inclusive ministries: growing in our appreciation of the whole parish
Parish identity: increasing the sense of connection and engagement

With best wishes for the week ahead,

Fr Richard

GOSPEL READING

All are welcome to come to the reading of Mark's Gospel next Saturday in Corpus Christi Church at 10:00am. Thank you to all who offered to read, we have enough readers now.

PARISH PICNIC

Our annual Parish Picnic is being held on 14th February at Simmons Park from 12pm-3pm. Members, families and friends of all the schools, groups and communities that make up our parish family are invited to join us for a fun afternoon to kick off the year and celebrate our community. Byo food, drink, picnic rug and a chair. Come in your Parish colours - blue for Bellerive, red for Rokeby and lemon for Lindisfarne.

LENTEN GROUPS

Lenten Booklets should arrive soon. You may wish to join a group or do the reflections daily yourself.

Marriage Masses for the Renewal of Vows: Sunday 14th February, 2021 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart at 10.30am Email ben.smith@aohtas.org.au or on 6208 6036

<u>COLUMBAN CALENDARS</u> There are still some Calendars available at each of the churches after Mass \$10

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	9:00am	Corpus Christi Australia Day

10:45am Freemasons Home

Wednesday 12:00 pm Church of the Incarnation

Thursday 12:00pm John Paul II

Friday NO MASS School Staff reflection day

Next week's Readings: Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28