

Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Dear Friends,

I am asking for your feedback. In our recent reflection day, the Parish Pastoral Council reviewed the life of our parish and set some priority focus areas for the coming year.

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches". The next page contains a brief summary of the different areas of parish life, the "branches of the vine". Our goal is to strengthen the sense of connection for all people who form part of the parish family.

We would very much appreciate hearing from you. You can provide your feedback by completing our survey, either by clicking on the link below or completing a paper copy. (these will be made available shortly)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/belleriveparish>

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Parish Priest

A picture of parish life:

Liturgy: Four Sunday Mass communities as well as weekday Masses, involving numerous ministries such as musicians, readers, acolytes, altar servers, sacristans, flowers, altar linen, Covid volunteers etc.

Sacraments: touch points from cradle to grave: Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist, RCIA, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, funerals, grief support

Schools: Corpus Christi, St Cuthbert's, John Paul II, MacKillop College
Parishioners attending non-Catholic schools
Parishioners attending Catholic schools outside the parish

Aged Care: Residential: Freemasons, Queen Victoria, Regis, Lillian Martin,
Fairway Rise, Springhaven.
In-home: neighbourhood care, home communions

Vulnerable people: Elderly, migrants, poor, homeless, disconnected, teenagers, young parents, prisoners, disabled

Catholic Organisations: Archdiocese, Catholic Care, St Vincent de Paul etc

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Strategies for strengthening our sense of connection:

Communication: Written: newsletter, posters, notice board

Verbal: homilies, talks, announcements

Digital: website, Facebook, Instagram, E-mail, on-line Mass

School/Parish connections: regular meetings between school RECs and Family Ministry coordinator to create and share initiatives

Goal: to strengthen the parish and help members of the school communities understand and engage with the mission of Christ to love and support one another in living our faith and our Gospel values

Inclusive Ministries: Publicise and celebrate the various ministries in the parish
Provide pathways for new people to become involved

Outreach to the vulnerable: Identify who they are and what their needs are. Seek out ways to meet these needs, including providing forums and gatherings to inform and support and develop contact lists of agencies for further expertise. Understand we are all vulnerable at various stages of life's journey

Parish identity: Being clear about who we are, what we are about
Understanding that we are all connected to each other, to the community and to Christ

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday	12:00 pm	Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39