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Fr Fidelis Udousoro

Dear Parish Family,

Let me begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we are often full of optimism that this year will be wonderful and better than the last year. Yet we know that for many this simply will not be the case. For some the next year will bring hardship and loss, for others happiness and love, achievement and success. I am reminded of the famous quote from Rudyard Kipling's poem "If" which is emblazoned above the door onto centre court at Wimbledon: "If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two imposters just the same..."

We ought face the coming year with hope, certainly, but perhaps also with the eyes of the magi, the wise men who journeyed from the East: rather than hoping for success or happiness this year, let us enter the journey hoping above all to encounter Christ. This can be unsettling in the extreme when we meet Christ crucified, but it can also be profoundly transformative when we meet Christ in the brokenness of another, or gently encouraging when we meet Christ as our shepherd and guide. In whatever form Christ meets us this year, may the encounter change us, conform us to his image and help us to know his heart. This is the journey towards wisdom.

Speaking of journeys, but of another type altogether, a number of people have asked me to show a few pictures and tell a few stories from my recent trip to South America and Antarctica. I will happily do so on the evening of Wednesday 15th January at 7pm in the O'Loughlin Room. Please bring a plate of supper to share. The kettle will be on, but please feel free to bring along any other refreshments if you would prefer.

Once again, best wishes and God's blessings for 2020.

Fr Richard



ANTARCTICA PHOTOS: Fr Richard will show some of his photos from his recent trip to South America and Antarctica at 7pm on Wednesday 15th January in the O'Loughlin Room. Please bring some supper to share.

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.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: \$10 cash and carry

WEEKEND MASSES

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

Tues 7th	12pm	Incarnation
Wed 8th	12pm	Corpus Christi
Thurs 9th	10:00am	John Paul II

Next week's Readings: Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matt 3:13-17