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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

As parish life pauses for a moment during school holidays, and the immediate threat of the coronavirus to Tasmanians recedes for a time, I am prompted to reflect on the past few months and what a demanding experience it has been for all of us in different ways.

In March we were plunged into uncertainty and retreated to our homes to wait out the pandemic. We watched the mounting death toll in other parts of the world. Fear and panic buying eased as information gave us some sense of control. Long days of isolation saw neighbours reach out and families rediscover the fun of simple things. New experiences such as homeschooling and on-line Mass became normal for a time. Hand sanitiser is now everywhere as CovidSafe Plans dictate community life and the economic impact continues to be felt throughout the community.

Through it all, we have been sustained by the love of family, friends and neighbours, courageously led by our Premier Peter Gutwein and accompanied by our God who promised to be with us always. There is no doubt this has been a challenging experience which has impacted us all. While there remains no certainty regarding the next stages of the journey, I have a new appreciation for the resilience of those who lived through the World Wars which raged for five and six years. Let's hope we have a vaccine earlier than that!

Meanwhile, our own parish community struggles along as people slowly emerge from their cocoons. Our numbers at the Sunday morning Masses are approaching the limits of capacity of our churches, and we may need to revise our approach to these gatherings. Thanks go to our team of volunteers who enact our CovidSafe Plan with such cheerful generosity. Please continue to cooperate with the ushers who ask you to sit in a particular seat. They are working to a plan which aims to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass. Unfortunately, individuals sitting in their favorite seat will soon mean others have to miss out on Mass, so I continue to ask for your patience and understanding. Our two evening Masses have plenty of capacity at this stage.

Have a great week,

Fr Richard

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's winter appeal. Donations can be made by visiting vinnies.org.au or by calling 13 18 12 or by EFT to the St Vincent de Paul Society Bank CBA BSB:067 601 Account Number 10178303. Envelopes are also available at all churches and on the reading table outside the office.

The Moonah Bazaar Project CatholicCare Tasmania's Safe Haven Hub has received a Multicultural Grant from the Department of Communities for the development of the Moonah Bazaar Project. The Project will offer small business training, coaching and ongoing mentoring for up to eight participants, who will operate sustainable micro businesses in a community market environment. People wishing to participate in the project are encouraged to submit an expression of interest form. The form is available from www.safehavenhub.org.au Applicants must meet the following criteria: Have a viable business idea, and are over the age of 18. Have been in Australia for less than five years and are from a CALD background. Possess a basic understanding of how to operate a computer and hold a Certificate II in Spoken and Written English. Expressions of Interest close on 27th July.

VOLUNTEERS

A reminder that all involved in ministry in the parish are asked to confirm their willingness to return to these roles in coming weeks. Please email or call the parish office.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6:00 pm Church of the Incarnation (Reconciliation 5:30)
Sunday	8:30 am John Paul II (Live streamed)
	10:30 am Corpus Christi
	6:00 pm Corpus Christi

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

Next week's Readings: Wis 12:13,16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43