

Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

As New South Wales extends and tightens the parameters of its lockdown and Victoria enters another lockdown, we hold our mainland family and friends in our prayers, especially those whose vulnerabilities increase with these periods of isolation. In charity and compassion, may we all play our own part to keep our community safe. Please ensure that you are checked in via the check-in Tas App as soon as you enter any parish premises, maintain distance where possible, especially when entering and exiting the church, and please stay home and join us online if you are feeling unwell.

No doubt such uncertain times have many feeling like the lost sheep in today's Gospel, searching for meaning, connection, guidance or support. The comforting image of Jesus as the shepherd brings with it the Christian ideal of servant leadership. Especially in times of such turmoil, whether it be the challenges of the pandemic or other challenges, may we not only *know* the comfort of Jesus the Good Shepherd, but **BE** the shepherd, the servant leader, to each other, treating one another with the kindness, empathy, gentleness, and concern that is shown each of us by Jesus.

Next weekend we celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. During the week a number of our younger parishioners gathered to plan and prepare for this special celebration, learning about the theme, "I am with you always" and the desire of Pope Francis that every grandparent and elderly person might receive the comfort of our shepherd God through the "visit of an angel". We hope you can join us at a Mass next weekend with your grandparent, grandchild, or elderly friend and we encourage you to arrange to spend time with or visit someone after Mass who fits this category.

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to Fr Brian Nichols who is celebrating Masses with us across the weekend. We are grateful for his being with us. All being well, we look forward to not only welcoming our grandparents and elderly friends next weekend, but also to no longer being the sheep without a shepherd, as we welcome back Fr Richard after what has hopefully been a refreshing break! Have a great week,

Rachelle (Family Ministry Coordinator)

Knit a Square for Indigenous Palliative Care: Thanks to your outstanding and loving response during NAIDOC week we have a collection of **265** knitted and crocheted squares to gift to NATSICC from our parish community. NATSICC sent the following message via our facebook page: "Sincere thanks to the Parish and all that participated in this activity. We are blessed and grateful for your support!".

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: (next weekend: 24/25 July)

If you haven't yet invited your grandparents, grandchildren or elderly friends to attend Mass with you next weekend, now is the time! Invitations still available at the back of the church. We will celebrate at all our Masses, but there will be a little something extra special from the children at the 10.30am Mass. You are also encouraged to plan to do something special with your grandparent/grandchild after Mass, or to visit an elderly person. Prayer cards will be available at Masses to take with you.

Grandparent Poster: If you forgot to bring your completed Grandparent Poster this weekend, please be sure to drop in the box outside the Parish Office during the week with the name of the church on the back that you would like it displayed in.

National Catholic Men's Gathering: Saturday July 31, 9:30am to 3:15pm at Guilford Young College (Hobart Campus). Tickets are \$15. To register: contact Ben Smith on ben.smith@aohtas.org.au.

A Conversation with Pope Francis about the Environment: Concerned Catholics Tasmania invites you to explore ***Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home***. Facilitators: Dr Trish Hindmarsh and Fr Krish Mathavan MSC, with Mr Tony Smith
Hobart: Bellerive Catholic Parish Hall 9.45 for 10.00-12.30pm **Saturday August 7th**.

New Envelopes: will be available next weekend.

Anyone wishing to change to direct debt contact the office ASAP.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Thursday	11:00am	Corpus Christi	Fr Peter's Anniversary
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi	

Next week's Readings: 2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15