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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend the Australian Church celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Today also marks the beginning of NAIDOC week which runs until next Sunday 11th July. During this time we are invited to consider and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church and the wider community.

At Masses this weekend we will display a piece of artwork, titled 'Christ our Joy', by indigenous artist, Amunda Gorey, to help guide our prayer and celebration. It depicts an indigenous perspective on the landscape of the Church in Australia and invites us to consider who we are called to be and how we are being called to be church in new ways.

Interestingly, this Sunday's Gospel sees Jesus returning to his native 'country' only to be met with rejection and hostility, despite being welcomed and honoured in other places. This leaves him feeling displaced, unwanted, and lacking connection in his own home. This is not dissimilar to the experiences as expressed by our own First Nations people. The Gospel also highlights the integral role of faith and acceptance in order for God to achieve great things in a person's life. We pray that each of us may be blessed with the faith and acceptance that gives our own life a depth of meaning and fulness that only God can bring, and that through such faith and acceptance we can commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

School holidays begin this week and there's a few activities in the bulletin that might help entertain the family – be sure to check out the knitting and making posters and invitations for Grandparents Day. We welcome once again Fr Peter and Fr Terry who are celebrating Masses with us this weekend and thank them for joining with us!

Rachelle (Family Ministry Coordinator)

55th Anniversary of Ordination: On 22nd July Fr Peter is celebrating his anniversary with 11:00am Mass at Corpus Christi. This will be followed by lunch at a venue to be confirmed. All are welcome to join him. For those wishing to come to lunch please contact Inga 62450501 or bellerive@aohtas.org.au.

Knit a Square for Indigenous Palliative Care: In response to our celebration and prayer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, and during this NAIDOC week (4th – 11th July), you are invited to knit or crochet a 20cm x 20cm square (or several) and bring to Mass next weekend (10/11 July) as an offering from our parish to NATSICC's Palliative Care project. Squares must be made from 8ply acrylic wool, 20cm x 20cm, and can be any colour, although indigenous colours (earthy, blue, and green) help provide additional emotional support.

Thank you Shiploads: Shiploads have donated an amount of hand sanitiser to the parish as part of a program donating sanitiser to community groups to help with the cost of continuing to operate in a COVID Safe manner. Thanks!

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (25 July): Please collect an invitation from the foyer and invite your grandparents, grandchildren and/or elderly friend to join you at Mass on the weekend 24/25 July. Posters are also available to collect for children to help celebrate the gift of their grandparents – a great school holiday project! If you are a grandparent or consider yourself 'elderly' there's still some lines to be read in our prayer video for the occasion. Contact the parish office if you'd like to be part of it.

Eileen Sherrin's 100th Birthday: Eileen Sherrin will celebrate her 100th Birthday on Monday – an outstanding milestone! Many in the Lindisfarne community remember fondly her delicious goods that she sold at the Vigil Mass to raise funds for various charities. Baking, growing, and selling right up until four years ago when she moved into an aged care facility, she raised in excess of \$30,000 over the years. We send a huge congratulations and many Happy Birthday wishes to Eileen as she celebrates 100 years of a life well lived. May God continue to bless and keep you all the days of your life.

Congratulations: Fr Terry celebrated 55 years of Ordination last Monday. Thank you for all you do for us and may God continue to bless you.

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

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Next week's Readings: Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13