

In one with the Lord

In the Scriptures, numbers are often used to tell us about something. The number 72 is used several times in the Scriptures. In the Book of Numbers, we find there were 72 elders chosen to assist Moses. Also, there were 72 ornaments in the Tabernacle. And in today's gospel, Jesus sends 70 disciples to preach the gospel.

Reflecting on the use of these numbers, we can determine at least three things: *First*, it tells us about people whom God chose to bring God's message to the people, to speak on God's behalf. *Second*, it is about instruments that God uses to reveal God's message of love and mercy. *Third*, it is about God's message being for everyone, no matter who they are and where they come from. Jesus, in choosing the 72, wants to involve us in His work of mercy. In doing so, Jesus invites us to rejoice because, first of all, God wants us to experience God's love and mercy through the life of His Son.

Jesus' invitation extends to each one of us because we are all God's children, created in God's own image and likeness. So, now it is our turn, like the 72, to be sent out to share Jesus' life with others, so they too can experience His love and receive His mercy.

As we continue our daily life and faith journey, we need to acknowledge that it is an easy call to experience God's mercy but it is not always an easy message to proclaim. But our invitation to share Jesus' life with others is not like a heavy burden to carry. Rather it is an invitation to a journey, a journey of gospel witness, a journey of discipleship as agents of and witnesses to God's love and mercy.

Today's gospel is an invitation for each one of us to a new life. Our committed response to this invitation becomes the foundation from which, firstly, to experience God's mercy in our life, and secondly to allow ourselves to be sent as His witnesses and agents into our wounded world. Only in union with the Lord can we experience His mercy in our lives. And only in union with the Lord can we give witness to His gospel and share with others His mercy, love and peace.

Pope Francis has called us to leave behind our fears and self-interest, in order to put ourselves into contact with the real world where people suffer and rejoice, struggle and work, and are wounded and abandoned. Am I ready to experience God's mercy in my life's journey? Am I ready to be sent as an agent of God's mercy? Let us remember that God's mercy is always with us and that, with Christ, there is true joy and plentiful redemption.

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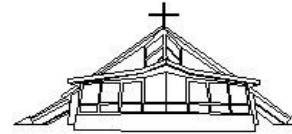
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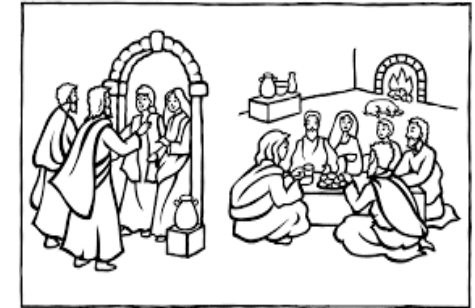
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Today's Reading:

Isaiah 66:10-14;

Galatians 6:14-18;

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



Next Sunday's Readings:

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Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Weekend Mass times:

Saturday vigil	6:00 pm	Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne,
Sunday	8.30 am	John Paul II, Rokeby
	10.30 am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
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Weekday Masses

Tuesday	10:45am	Queen Victoria Home, Lindisfarne
	12:00pm	Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne
Wednesday	12:00pm	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
Thursday	10:00 am	John Paul II, Rokeby
Friday	9:30 am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive

Dear Parish Family,

This week we have begun the process of complying with the Safe Communities Policy of the Archdiocese of Hobart. The Safe Communities Programme aims to ensure that every Catholic parish, school and agency in Tasmania is a place where our children can flourish and our vulnerable adults be nurtured.

There are two important aspects to compliance with the Safe Communities policy, the bureaucratic and the relational elements. The bureaucratic element asks for National Police checks and Working with Vulnerable People accreditation for anyone engaged in ministry or regular encounter with young people or vulnerable adults. We are providing as much support as we can to make this aspect of compliance as easy and accessible as possible. If you have not received a letter from me this week and you believe you are in an area of ministry where you should gain this clearance, please make that known to me as soon as possible.

The second aspect of this policy is the relational element and this involves everyone, regardless of your level of engagement with the life of our community. The Safe Communities Programme endeavours to raise awareness of behaviours and attitudes that are inconsistent with a safe community. Recognising signs of abuse and neglect as well as bullying and grooming behaviours and knowing how to respond is vital to ensuring that our community is a safe place for all.

The bottom line is if you see or experience something that makes you uncomfortable record your observations in writing and report it to the appropriate authority. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has shown that after someone is convicted of these types of crimes against children, many people find the confidence to share what they had seen years before, but which they did not report because they did not think it was significant enough. Tragically, it seems that if enough of these seemingly insignificant elements were gathered together, the red flags of danger could have been raised much earlier.

The Pastoral Council intends to arrange the visit to the parish of the co-ordinator of the Safe Communities Programme in the Archdiocese of Hobart to provide some training and insight into these issues, as well as facilitating some on-line training modules for anyone interested. As I have said before, an aware community is a safer community when it comes to these issues, so please keep your eyes and ears open, familiarise yourself with the appropriate reporting procedures, and make a note of the numbers below:

If the person is still in danger, call Tasmania Police on 000.

If the danger is not immediate, call Child Protection on
1300 737 639

or Elder Abuse on 1800 441 169

or National Disability Abuse on 1800 880 052

If the matter relates to Church personnel or ministry, please include the Director of Professional Standards on 1800 356 613, and advise the Safe Communities Officer on 6208 6222.

Many thanks for your support with this very important and sensitive matter,

Fr Richard

FAREWELL: It is with great sadness that we say farewell to the Principal of John Paul II Catholic Primary School this week. Mrs Fran Bearman has been Principal of JPII for the past five years and has invested herself wholeheartedly in this community. She will be greatly missed. Fran will take up the position of Principal at St Theresa's Catholic Primary School in Moonah at the beginning of Term Three, and we wish her every success in this new chapter in her life. An Acting Principal will be appointed shortly, and the process to recruit the next permanent principal will unfold in the coming months.

NAIDOC WEEK: This week is NAIDOC Week, the annual celebration of the history, culture and contribution of the Indigenous peoples of this land. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over thousands of years. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our parish that we call home.

BELLERIVE LINDISFARNE COMMUNITY

We invite you and your group to our Winter Wonderland afternoon tea and entertainment by the Black Cherries, . Lindisfarne Activities Centre on Wednesday July 24 2019 at 1.30 pm. If you would like further information or help with transport please call Catrina Boon 0417439269 or Mary Hemming 0438136396

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL Carmelite Monastery,
7 Cambridge St., Launceston Tuesday 16th July 9.30am Sung Mass. Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Julian Porteous. A Novena of Masses and Prayers July 7th – 15th. Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta via post or tascarmelvoc@gmail.com Morning Tea after Mass. All are welcome