## Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

This week has been another timely reminder of what we are truly about as a parish community. The faith filled funeral Mass for Alan Neville on Wednesday morning led by Archbishop Emeritus Adrian Doyle, was a beautiful send off for a man of warmth and compassion who lived a full life in service of family and community. Similarly, the funeral of another life long family friend in Barney Phillips on Wednesday afternoon saw a packed house pay tribute to a good and generous man. The funeral service for 19-month-old Laila Beckett on Friday was infused with love, but carried so many of the unanswerable questions as to the mystery of life. In the midst of these events were the feast day celebrations for Corpus Christi School and interviews for the role of Principal of MacKillop College at a crucial and exciting stage of its unfolding journey as well as a number of baptism celebrations. Our parish community is dynamic and alive with God's Spirit!

Following the appeal of the Parish Pastoral Council and the generous response of two parishioners, the funding for two further defibrillators for Corpus Christi Church and the Church of the Incarnation has been secured. Sincere thanks to those generous parishioners, and let's hope they are a piece of equipment we never need to use!

I will be escaping the hurly burly of parish life for the next few weeks for a much needed break on annual leave. I hope you enjoy the services of some old and new faces in coming weeks as various priests supply the weekend Masses. The Parish office is generally attended between 2 and 3pm each afternoon as well as Friday morning. Every effort will be made to respond to any needs as they arise. I will be back in the parish on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime may God continue to bless you and those you love.

Fr Richard

<u>Vinnies Winter Appeal:</u> Thank you for your progressive donations of \$5,265 and 140 bags of clothing, a wonderful response. These contributions are greatly appreciated and can make a real difference to the lives of the people we support.

<u>Catholic Mission</u> invite you to a "Luncheon for Ethiopia" Where: Royal Yacht Club Tasmania on Saturday 26th June 2021From: 12:00pm through to 3:00 pm. If you are able to attend this Event please call Michael Diocesan Director, Hobart Mob: 0 438 243 533 email: <a href="mailto:Hobart.director@catholicmission.org.au">Hobart.director@catholicmission.org.au</a>.

Rev Fr. Michael Tate will be our Key Note Speaker

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

This week's passage includes one of the great nature miracles of Jesus – the calming of the storm. Some scripture scholars suggest that this story is a construction by the gospel writer to speak directly to the community for whom this gospel was written. The community of the gospel of Mark were consumed with doubt and surrounded by evidence of the world as they knew it falling apart. They were living the metaphor captured in the story: a boat adrift on the sea in the midst of an almighty storm. The cry of the disciples was the cry of the Christian community: 'Master, do you not care?' They felt that God did not care about the turmoil that surrounded them. The gospel writer reassures them that God does care about their struggle but at the same time chastens them for their lack of faith!

The experience of the disciples as their boat was tossed about the sea by the powerful storm may sound like a familiar situation. At times in life we may feel that we have lost control of our situation and we are being blown from one 'disaster' to the next. At such times, we may find ourselves asking the question that the disciples asked of Jesus, 'Master, do you not care?' Jesus' reply to the disciples suggests that had they been calm and trusted in the slow work of God then they would have made it through the storm unharmed.

## **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

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## **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

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Next week's Readings: Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41