

# Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

Our churches are open for the celebration of public Masses once more! Alleluia!!

While I know you will welcome this development as much as me, there are still a number of protocols we must observe. The Parish Pastoral Council has conducted an exhaustive Risk Assessment and developed our Parish Covid-Safe Action Plan in order to provide you with a safe environment in which to gather in prayer. The major points of this Plan are outlined here.

During the current Stage Two easing of restrictions, we can only have a maximum of 20 people plus essential staff gathering at any one time in a church. Once we reach Stage Three easing of restrictions this number will rise, depending on the physical size of the church building (80 people in Corpus Christi Church and the Church of the Incarnation, 60 people in John Paul II Church).

In order to manage this reality, we have created a booking system through Trybooking.com. This can be accessed in any of the following ways:

- Click the link from the Parish Website: [www.cdtas.org.au/bellerive](http://www.cdtas.org.au/bellerive)
- Click the link from the Parish Facebook page: @belleriveparish
- Visit Trybooking.com and search for Bellerive-Lindisfarne Parish events
- Phone the Parish Office (Ph 6245 0501) between 2 and 3pm on weekdays and we will make the booking for you.

I acknowledge that many will miss out on the Mass of your preference, especially during Stage Two restrictions, and respectfully ask that you only book for one Mass per fortnight, including weekday Masses, to ensure equal access for everyone. The Archbishop has extended the dispensation for the Sunday obligation until this pandemic is over, so I ask you to consider attending a weekday Mass instead of Sunday if that is possible for you. Bookings are essential for all Masses. We will continue to live stream the Sunday Mass as a permanent feature of Parish life for those unable to attend Mass. This weekend, the live streamed Mass will be at the usual time of 9am, but from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, the live streamed Mass will be at 8.30am every Sunday.

Until further notice, we are required to maintain a register with names and contact details of every person who attends each service in the parish. This will assist Government health authorities with contact tracing in the event of an outbreak. The Trybooking system will assist in this regard. We must also observe all hygiene and social distancing requirements as stipulated by the Government guidelines and contained in our Parish Covid-Safe Action Plan. To this end, we

ask that you arrive early for the Mass you have booked to attend in order to move through the registration requirements in a timely manner. We will get used to the system very quickly I'm sure, but I ask for your patience as our volunteers get up to speed with the process.

We are not able to distribute any printed materials at Mass. If you wish to have the printed scripture readings with you during Mass you are welcome to bring your missal or your own printed copy of the Parish newsletter that you ought be receiving via email. The collection basket will remain near the entrance of the church and you are welcome to make a donation either on the way in or out of the church. There will be no offertory procession, and the sign of peace must remain contactless except between members of the same household. Social distancing must be observed at all times, and seats will be marked accordingly, as will the aisle as we come forward for Holy Communion. You are urged to receive Communion in the hand, primarily to reduce the risk of any infection spreading to the minister of Communion. At the conclusion of Mass, you are asked to exit the church promptly to enable appropriate cleaning and disinfection of the church in preparation for the next service. Finally, if you are feeling unwell in any way, please do not come to Mass, even if you are booked in for that Mass.

Taken together, these are significant impositions on our faith community, but these measures are deemed necessary in order to provide the safest possible environment for every member of our parish, especially after interstate travel restrictions are lifted. We will gradually get used to these new systems, which will be monitored and reviewed regularly by the Parish Pastoral Council. Hopefully a vaccine will soon be available and we will not have to operate this way for too long. In the meantime, may the Holy Spirit's gifts of patience and understanding be with us all as we seek ways to support and nourish members of our parish community in these very different circumstances.

Fr Richard

## Mass times this week: (bookings essential - limit of 20 per Mass)

Wednesday 10th June	9:00am	Corpus Christi*
Thursday 11th June	9:00am	Corpus Christi*
Friday 12th June	9:00am	Corpus Christi*
Saturday 13th June	6:00pm	Incarnation
Sunday 14th June	8:30am	John Paul II*
	10:30am	Corpus Christi
	6:00pm	Corpus Christi

\*Live streamed on  
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Parish newsletter, Catholic Standard newspaper and Australian Catholic magazine available on the reading table outside the Parish Office.

Next week's Readings: Deut 8:2-3,14-16; 1Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58