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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

With Easter just a few weeks away, this newsletter carries the times and venues for the Easter services. The booking system at Christmas time proved to be counter productive, as about 200 people booked places at Christmas Masses and then did not come, while others missed out in the belief that bookings were fully subscribed. Therefore, Easter services will operate on a first come first served basis with doors open one hour before the start time for each liturgy. There will be overflow with live stream to the Parish Hall at Corpus Christi for the remaining crowd, and Holy Communion will be brought to these parishioners as required.

I draw your attention to the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning, which will be held in the Corpus Christi Hall. These will be presented by some of the candidates for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, and will also be live-streamed on our Parish Facebook page. Other appropriate small changes to the liturgies will ensure a Covidsafe environment: for example a reflection on service in our parish community will replace the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, and Veneration of the Cross will not involve the usual procession this year.

A Communal Penitential Service will be held on Wednesday 17th March at 7pm at Corpus Christi. I will also be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the foyer of Corpus Christi at the Cambridge Road end of the church between 10am and 11am on Saturday 20th and 27th March.

The Feast of St Joseph (Friday 19th March) also falls this week. The Year 7 students from MacKillop College will join us for the 9:30am Parish Mass on Friday to help celebrate this special feast day. The reflection evening for the Feast of St Joseph will also be held at Corpus Christi on Friday evening at 7pm. All welcome.

An exciting initiative this year is the interactive Stations of the Cross during the first three days of Holy Week. I encourage you to make the time to engage with this experience.

Next Saturday 20th March will also see the Ritual of Lament, postponed due to Covid, held at the Rhododendron Gardens in Burnie. This is an opportunity to prayerfully acknowledge the hurt caused to so many by the scourge of sexual abuse in the Church in Tasmania. Please hold this event in your prayer this week.

Fr Richard

Interactive Stations: An opportunity for personal and meaningful prayer in the first part of Holy Week. Visit Corpus Christi Church at a time that suits you (within the 'Open Hours' of 8am - 8pm Mon - Wed) and physically move around the stations in your own time at your own pace. Each station will be set up with interactive and hands-on elements to help deepen your engagement with the reflection and prayer at that station. Suitable for all ages and a beautiful experience to either do alone, with a grandchild/child, or as a family.

LENT IN OUR PARISH

Fridays of Lent	Stations of the Cross	7pm on-line
Sat 5 March	Lent reflections	10:30am Corpus Christi Hall
Weds 17 March	Communal Penitential Service	7pm Corpus Christi Church
Fri 19 March	St Joseph reflections	7pm Corpus Christi Church
Sat 20, 27 March	Reconciliation available	10-11am Corpus Christi Church

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH Reflecting & re-imagining St Joseph on his Feast Day, Friday 19 March 7:00pm at Corpus Christi Church

Easter Music Rehearsal: a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join me on Monday 15th March 7pm at my home. RSVP to Kath on 0439 296 666

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday	12:00pm	Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12: 20-33