

# Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

We breathe a sigh of relief as further easing of Government restrictions means we can accommodate more people in our churches. We are now permitted 75% of the fixed seating capacity in our churches. We are still required to maintain an attendance register for track and tracing purposes, and this will continue to prove a logistical challenge over Easter where extra crowds will slow our procedures somewhat. Despite the extra capacity inside the churches, the overflow to the Parish Hall will still be set up for the Easter ceremonies with live stream video and a minister bringing communion to the hall as required. Thanks for your understanding if you find yourself in the hall for any of the Easter services.

By the first of May we will be required to register attendance at all services in the Parish using the "Check-in Tas" app. This will no doubt provide some further challenges, but I am confident in your on-going patience and understanding! This app will be available this weekend and at Easter services, so the invitation is there to trial it if you are familiar with it. For those of you who do not have mobile phones, we will maintain a few volunteers who can register you each time you come to church. Once more I extend my thanks to the team of COVID volunteers who have given so generously of their time over the past twelve months. Their efforts in keeping the churches sanitised will continue for some time to come.

As we begin the journey through Holy Week, we accompany Jesus through his suffering and death, but in reality it is Jesus who accompanies us as we face those very familiar human experiences. Let us each make a special effort to ensure that the events we recall this week continue to be a life-giving source of strength and hope for the tougher times in our lives.

Wishing you all a grace-filled Holy Week!

Fr Richard

Next week's Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 ; Jn 20:1-9

**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.

## **Crown of Thorns Oratorio – Good Friday 3.30 & 6.30pm St David's Cathedral**

The Tasmanian premiere of Charles' Packer's *Crown of Thorns* will be performed on Good Friday in St. David's Cathedral. Choral Productions Tasmania Inc, under the direction of conductor Margot Lampkin OAM, will lead a 60-voice choir with soloists Quin Thomson, Helena Markovitch, Brett Budgeon, Christopher Bryg and Michael Lampard. Two performances will be at 3.30 and 6.30pm. Tickets \$35 and \$30 concession, from [www.trybooking.com/BOHCN](http://www.trybooking.com/BOHCN) and from Whitey's Shearing Shed, Kingston, the Lindisfarne Post Office and Bellerive Newsagency. The Cathedral has limited seating due to social distancing, so early purchase is recommended.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** on 11th April will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral: 2.00pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3.00pm Benediction; 3.15pm Mass with Archbishop Julian Porteous as main celebrant.

**Bible Basics Course: An Introduction to the Bible.** An overview of the Old Testament leading up to Jesus Christ. Relax at home and join the course online over five sessions via Zoom. Are you afraid of opening the bible because you don't really know what's going on? Well, join this study to learn about God's plan of salvation: how central figures like Noah, Abraham & Sarah, Moses, and David & Bathsheba, and Isaiah connect, and how they point to Jesus Christ. **When:** Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm, starting in 20<sup>th</sup> April. **Where:** online via Zoom. **Cost:** Free. **Register:** Dr. Christine Wood, [christine.wood@aohtas.org.au](mailto:christine.wood@aohtas.org.au) or 6208-6222.

## **Weekday Masses and Easter Ceremonies**

Tuesday	Mass of the Chrism	7:00pm	Cathedral
Wednesday	Week Day Mass	12:00pm	Incarnation
Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm	Corpus Christi Church
Friday	Stations of the Cross	10:00am	Corpus Christi Hall
	Commemoration of Passion	3:00pm	Corpus Christi Church
Saturday	Easter Vigil	7:00pm	Corpus Christi Church
Sunday	Easter Sunday Mass	8:30am	John Paul II Church
		10:30am	Corpus Christi Church

**No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday**