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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

We are the temple or dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. As such, we are challenged by today's Gospel to drive out of ourselves all that is not worthy of this honour. In the words of St Peter, "rid yourselves of all spite, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and carping criticism" (1Pet 2:1) Our Lenten disciplines are hopefully bearing fruit in this regard, as gratitude for God's mercy and love lead to our own expressions of forgiveness and generosity of heart. As Pope Francis reminds us, "the Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." (Evangelii Gaudium 114)

The welcome extended to our RCIA candidates Michelle, Ian and Elle last weekend was very special. We continue to encourage and support all who seek to deepen their relationship with Jesus through our faith community, and we are challenged by the courage and public commitment of these three parishioners. Let us continue to pray for them as they share their faith with us.

There are some good opportunities to deepen our own prayer and reflection in the coming weeks. In addition to the Lenten talks given by Fr Michael Tate in our parish this weekend, you are invited to our parish communal penitential service on 17 March and the launch of Pope Francis's Year of the Family the Feast of St Joseph, 19 March. Pope Francis has dedicated this year to the renewal of family life through the inspiration and example of St Joseph. Further details are elsewhere in the newsletter. Also, I will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the foyer of Corpus Christi Church (enter through the church) on Saturday 20th and 27th March from 10-11am, as well as at the usual time of 5.30pm in the Church of the Incarnation prior to the Saturday evening Vigil Mass.

Let us remember one another in prayer as our journey of Lent unfolds,

Fr Richard

Re-Imagining St Joseph

The Church has dedicated this year to St Joseph, and Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, shares his personal reflections on "this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience". Pope Francis speaks of our particular need of St Joseph in these times of world pandemic crisis, "when our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked".

You are cordially invited to

REFLECTING & RE-IMAGINING ST JOSEPH

on his Feast Day, FRIDAY, 19 MARCH,

at CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

FROM 7-8.15PM

During this reflection we will, in the words of Pope Francis, "Discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble".

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

PROJECT COMPASSION This week help is going to Tanzania. "In the depths of every heart love creates bonds and expands existence, for it draws people out of themselves and towards others."-Pope Francis

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: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21