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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we welcome some of the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their families at our Masses. These young members of our faith community will be presented with a copy of the creed – our statement of faith. When the Archbishop visits the parish in June to Confirm the Baptism of these young people, he will be looking for signs of living faith in them.

We recite the words of the creed, often unsure exactly what the phrases, such as “consubstantial”, might actually mean! However, it is our actions, not our words that tell others what we believe about ourselves, our God and the community and world of which we are a part. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are the evidence we need to provide if we are to claim to be people of faith. It doesn’t matter what we say, or how often we go to church, but how we live and relate to one another that truly counts. Of course, I personally believe that without regular prayer and a community of faith to support and encourage me in challenging times, I would be unable to stay the course and would soon go astray and make excuses for myself! We strive together to be people of faith, hope and love, and can make such an impact when we work together.

As the old story goes: if you were put on trial for being a follower of Jesus, would there be enough evidence to convict you? We can ask that question of ourselves personally and as a parish community, and hear it as an invitation to “be more”... more loving, more joyful, more patient, more gentle, more kind, more faithful etc.

Let us pray for one another in this great and God-given task!

Fr Richard

Next week’s Readings: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48; 1 John 4:17-10; John 15: 9-17

COVID Update: once we have completed the registration process for each venue and have received approval from the Tasmanian Government, our churches will once again return to 100% capacity. The use of the Check-in Tas App will be mandatory, and hand hygiene and social distancing practices still required as we enter and leave the church.

Thank you all for your support throughout this journey, and especially to our fantastic team of COVID volunteers.

The Office of Youth Evangelisation is offering an 8-week course on St John Paul II’s book “Love and Responsibility”. These weekly 90 minute talks and discussions are aimed at equipping young adults with the necessary tools to navigate the world of relationships. St Mary’s Cathedral Centre commencing 6pm, Friday 21st May. Cost \$10, age 18-35.

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, fortnightly over five sessions via Zoom. **When:** fortnightly on Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm, starting 20th April. **Where:** online via Zoom. **Cost:** Free.

Register: Dr. Christine Wood, christine.wood@aohtas.org.au or 6208-6222.

A Synodal Catholic Church: Dream or Reality

Concerned Catholics Tasmania invites all to hear Phyl Billington (from Canberra) lead a discussion on synodality at our AGM. Highly experienced working with many Parish Pastoral Councils, lay groups and in Cath Ed for over 30 years, she is passionate about us moving to the synodal Church Pope Francis has called us to be. **When:** Saturday May 22 from 10.00 to 12.30 at St Patrick’s College, Launceston. **Register at:** hello@concernedcatholicstasmania.org or call 0418 762 922.

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
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 5 th	12:00pm	Corpus Christi	*note change of venue:
			MacKillop College Year 8 students joining us
Thursday 6 th	12:00pm	JPII	
Friday 7 th	9:30am	Corpus Christi	
	10:30am	Lillian Martin Home	