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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all believers. May we bear the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, and so allow the Holy Spirit to give life to our community and our world through these manifestations of divine presence.

We once more extend a special welcome to the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next week, and pray that the Holy Spirit will remain in their hearts as a source of peace, courage and hope when they are most needed. The Year 7 students from MacKillop College will also be on retreat this week. Please keep them in your prayers as they reflect on the place of faith in their lives.

Pope Francis recently reflected: "If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat" (Mk 6:37) (Evangelii Gaudium)

On this Pentecost Sunday, therefore, we once again throw the support of our entire parish community behind the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. People are cold and hungry in our community and the command of the Gospel is to respond as generously as possible to this need. Donations of cash, blankets and warm clothes can be brought to our churches over coming weeks and will be distributed directly to those in need via Louis' Van and other St Vincent de Paul networks. Thank you for your generosity.

Have a great week,

Fr Richard

Family Ministry Report We had a beautiful celebration of Mother's Day acknowledging, and joining in prayer for, all mothers and mother figures in our lives and community. With Confirmation just over a week away, we've also been enjoying some deep and spirit-filled conversations with our Sacramental families. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the 23 people (in addition to our 5 Sacramental Team members) who assisted at Faith Sharing Sessions this past month. Finally, we are pleased to announce that **Children's Liturgy of the Word** will be offered in our parish at the 10.30am Mass from Sunday 6 June. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. - Rachele

The Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held from this weekend. Your donations by envelope contributions and by providing blankets, doonas, jumpers, coats and general clothing will be greatly appreciated and can make a real difference to the lives of the people we support. Please return your contribution in the envelopes provided to the collection plate over the next week or so. Plastic bags for clothing donations are also available for return to the church foyer over the next few weeks.

Children's Liturgy: Children will be invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during **10.30am Masses at Corpus Christi Church**, beginning **Sunday 6th June** (Feast of Corpus Christi). Children will be invited to join our leaders in the O'Loughlin Room for a more accessible experience of celebrating God's Word. We are excited to offer this ministry in our parish and hope our children are looking forward to it too! For more information e-mail: bellerive@aohtas.org.au

A generous parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, has made a donation to have the kneelers in Corpus Christi Church padded. This work will continue over coming weeks. I'm sure some aging knees will be grateful!

Copies of latest edition of The Standard and Australian Catholics are available.

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

Tuesday	10:45am	Freemasons
Wednesday	12:00pm	Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday 7 th	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Deut 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20