

# Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mums out there, especially those of you celebrating your first Mother's Day as a mum. It must be a very special feeling! Mother's Day can be a day of conflicting emotions for many: those whose mothers have died in recent times, mothers who have lost a child, and those whose relationship with their mothers is not what they would like it to be. I am also aware of women who are unable to be mothers for whatever reason. We hold all these amazing women in our hearts as we pray together this Mother's Day. At our Parish Masses this weekend you are invited to write the name of your mother, or a motherly figure in your life on a cut-out prayer candle and place it on the corresponding board as we pray for our mums. We also have a reflection on the rosary for mothers available via email and some printed copies are available at Mass as well. Thanks to Christine Edwards for bringing this initiative together.

The Faith Sharing sessions in preparation for Confirmation began this week, and it was so good to have the church buzzing with the energy and joy of the children as they discovered different dimensions of the Holy Spirit and discussed the life of faith with their parents and our debriefing team. The preparation continues until the Archbishop visits the parish in early June to celebrate Confirmation. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

The Gospel this weekend urges us to abide in God's love. We do this by keeping the commandments of Jesus, by loving God and loving one another, and the result is not a burden or a task but the gift of complete joy. We remember that growing into this state of being can be painful and require pruning in order to bear the fruit that comes. It may be helpful to view the trials of life through this lens of being pruned so that we can hold on to the hope that when the season changes, abundant fruit will be evident and our hearts will be filled with joy and gratitude for the blessings God showers upon us.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr Richard

**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 21<sup>st</sup> May. Cost \$10, age 18-35.

### **Contemplating God's gift of Mary.**

This year has been dedicated by Pope Francis to the Holy Family. In May, the traditional month of Mary, we are invited to ponder what it was like for her, Joseph and Jesus in their early years together, and the relevance of this in our own lives. Copies are available at all Masses

### **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](mailto: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**

Tuesday	10:45am	Queen Victoria Home
Wednesday	12:00pm	Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20