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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

Our inaugural November Memorial Mass on Thursday evening was a beautiful and emotional occasion where those who have lost loved ones in the past year gathered to mourn and pray for their loved ones. A good crowd was in attendance and it was certainly an event worth its place in our annual parish calendar. The celebrations of First Reconciliation were also very prayerful experiences during the week. The twenty children and their families are to be congratulated, and my thanks once again go to the Sacramental Team of Rach, Claire, Jo, Mel and Anna. A special mention goes to Kath Hogan for the musical accompaniment at all four evening events in our parish this week.

The Parish Pastoral Council has finalised arrangements for Christmas Services this year. As we look to the celebration of a COVID Christmas, the timetable looks a little different. We are trialing a 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve at the Church of the Incarnation. The 6pm service will be outdoors at the John Paul II Primary School oval and will NOT be Mass. This family friendly event will include carol singing, scripture readings, a nativity play and prayers of intercession. Being outdoors will allow for a larger crowd to gather under COVID restrictions. Given the availability of only one priest, we have brought the midnight Mass forward to the earlier time of 10pm at Corpus Christi while the Christmas morning Mass remains at 9.30am. It is hoped that both these Masses will be able to be live-streamed to the Parish Hall at Corpus Christi to enable overflow numbers to be accommodated. Naturally, a thorough review of each of these elements will be undertaken before any become a regular feature of our parish Christmas celebrations.

A number of priests will move to new assignments in January, precipitated by the retirement of Fr Chris Hope and the relocation of Fr Brian Nichols to Melbourne to take up his role in the regional seminary. Fr Shammi Perera will move to Sandy Bay Parish, Fr Leonard Caldara who has recently arrived from Sri Lanka, will assume the role of Administrator of the Cathedral Parish. Fr Mike Delaney will move to the Kingston Parish, replaced in Mersey-Leven by Fr Jason Kuzhiyil, who will in turn be replaced in New Norfolk by Fr Anthony Onyirioha.

Next week's Readings: Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

I am taking some annual leave over the next couple of weeks. Fr Fidelis will be returning to the parish to celebrate the Masses over the next two weekends. I am sure you will enjoy catching up with him. I will be back on deck on 28th November. There will be no weekday Masses in the parish during my absence.

Best wishes,

Fr Richard

CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH

Christmas Eve

4pm	Mass	Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne
6pm	Christmas Service	John Paul II School oval (outdoor/NOT Mass)
10pm	Mass	Corpus Christi, Bellerive

Christmas Day

9.30am	Mass	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
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Concerned Catholics Tasmanian INC invites you to a regional gathering focusing on the report "The Light from the Southern Cross – Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic Church in Australia". This was commissioned by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Religious Superiors, as recommended in the final report by the Royal Commission. Key aspects of that report will be discussed, with some recorded input from Australian theologian Father Richard Lennan – one of the four international consultants who drew up the final version. Find out more and have your say... Saturday 28th November 2020 – 9.45 for 10.00 to 12.00 noon Corpus Christi Parish Hall Bellerive. *Register at cdsmith18@bigpond.com by Thursday November 26*

Education of Priests Collection: envelopes available from the table outside the Parish Office.

Also available is the latest edition of The Standard.

Vinnies Christmas Cards will be on sale outside the churches in the carpark areas after masses over the next few weeks. A packet of 5 costs \$3.00

Advent Booklets and Columban Calendars will be available in the coming weeks

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