## Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of All Saints: a wonderful celebration of the saints and heroes of our faith who have gone before us and left an example and legacy with which to inspire and guide us on our journey of faith. Monday this week is the Feast of All Souls, and Mass will be celebrated at Corpus Christi at 7pm on Monday evening.

In addition, a special Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday evening at 7pm in Corpus Christi Church. Invitations have been sent to all families who have celebrated a funeral in our parish these past twelve months to gather and remember their loved ones before God. In these COVID times our church capacity is limited, but parishioners are welcome to attend and take part as well.

It is an ancient Catholic tradition to pray for the dead during the month of November. To focus this prayer intention, we will place the Book of Remembrance before the altar during the weekend Masses. If you would like the name of a loved one included in the book, please use the envelope provided in your set of planned giving envelopes or write the name on a piece of paper and it will be added to the prayer list.

Please also keep in your prayers the 22 children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. May this be an experience of the healing power of God's love for them and their families.

In the Gospel of the Beatitudes this weekend, it is the final beatitude that draws my attention: "Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account..." I am reminded of a recent speech of Pope Francis where he says: "the worst weed in a community is gossip... This diabolical cancer which arises from the will to attack someone's reputation also destroys the rest of the ecclesial body." Let us each be mindful of the way we talk about others.

Fr Richard

November Memorial Mass In addition to the regular Mass for All Souls Day, this year we are inviting all families who have celebrated a funeral in our parish to gather for a Memorial Mass at Corpus Christi on Thursday November 5th. Given the COVID restrictions, we will give priority to those in this category, but if there is space beyond that number, parishioners will be welcome to join us for the celebration. We will hopefully have more idea of numbers by next weekend.

A SPLENDID SECRET

A highly respected international speaker on spirituality will deliver the 2020 John Wallis Memorial Lecture from England, via zoom, on Tuesday 24 November, 7-8:30 pm. Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ will discuss the spirituality of the Pope's new encyclical in a lecture entitled "A Splendid Secret: Fratelli Tutti and the Transformation of Relationships". Due to our Zoom capacity, registration will be required. Please email <a href="mailto:spirit@graciousgenerosity.com.au">spirit@graciousgenerosity.com.au</a> to indicate your intention to attend. Local COVID-19 protocols will determine the number of participants at any one location. further information: Eva Dunn 0417 734 503

On behalf of Vinnies I would like to thank the parish communities at Lindisfarne , Bellerive and Rokeby for the outstanding response to our food drive for those in need. The demand for food and cards to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables has never been higher. Apart from the food \$3,000 was contributed in cards . Terry Beaver

<u>Parish Pastoral Council report to Parish</u> The following matters were discussed at the meeting on 25th October: Pastoral Vision Workshop. Liturgy of the Word at Aged Care Facilities, COVID-19 Safety Action Plan, Guidelines of use for O'Loughlin Room, Christmas Mass times, All Souls Day Mass, Memorial Mass, Arrangements for Fr Richard's leave

## **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday	6:00pm	Church of the incarnation (Reconciliation 5:30)
Sunday	8:30am	John Paul II (Live streamed)
	10.20am	Carpus Christi

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## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday	7:00pm	Corpus Christi All Souls Day
Wednesday	12::pm	Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II

7:00pm November Memorial Mass

Friday 9.30am Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Wis 6:12-16; Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13