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Fr Fidelis Udousoro

Dear Parish family,

Good morning. I hope that you are doing well, knowing that Jesus Christ is the King of our lives. Today, the Church celebrates the solemnity of Christ the King. He alone is the true King of the universe. He is an 'unusual' King. Instead of sitting on a throne, he leaned on a cross, instead of wearing a crown of diadem, he wore many thorns, instead of commanding his soldiers to die for the people, he died to save us all.

In the Old Testament, kings were mainly seen as military leaders; they commanded their armies to fight against the enemies (Josh 12; 1Sam 11:1; 2Sam 8:1-6). In today's first reading – 2Sam 5:-13, David is crowned king over the twelve tribes of Israel. The people are happy to have him as their king because he is seen as one who is capable of leading them to victory over their enemies.

In the New Testament, we see an 'unusual' king. His name is Jesus Christ. His power is love not war. His might is mercy not revenge. He is anointed not by human beings but God. He is rejected, abused and nailed to the Cross by his citizens Lk 23:35-43. *Yet, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at his name every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, Phil 2:9-10.* Let's acknowledge him as our King, that he may acknowledge us as heirs of his kingdom. Let's also think about how we can use our power to love, instead of using it to hate.

Have a blessed week.

Your brother,

Fr Fidelis

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues 11:00am Freemasons Home

Tues 12:00pm Incarnation

Wed 12pm Corpus Christi

Thurs 10:00 am John Paul II

Fri 9:30am Corpus Christi

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat 6:00pm Incarnation

Sun 8:30am John Paul II

10:30am Corpus Christi

6:00pm Corpus Christi

Advent Reflection: Fr Michael Tate will deliver an Advent reflection on the "Our Father" in the O'Loughlin Room at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend this wonderful opportunity as we prepare for the Christmas season. The idea is to reflect on the "Our Father", explaining its meaning from the cultural setting of the time, and using the original language of the Gospels (but not too technically!). This is not presented in a cold tutorial fashion but in a way which should enhance the prayer life of participants.

Bellerive-Lindisfarne Catholic Community Christmas Entertainment and Afternoon Tea/ quiz/ raffle/ door prizes / trade table etc Entertainment by Cantiamo December 4 2019 Venue: Lindisfarne Citizens Activities Centre at 1.30 p.m. Cost: \$8 (which will include a little gift from Santa) We hope you can make up a table and join us for a great afternoon. *As usual offers of sandwiches, slices, cream cakes will be gratefully received and transport will be available. For these and any other queries please call Catrina Boon 0417439269 or Mary Hemming 0438136396*

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come and hear Fr Fidelis Udousoro discuss "Knowing the Heart of God" Join us at St Francis Xavier Hall, corner Anglesea and Adelaide Sts, South Hobart at 8:00 am on Saturday 30th November. A small donation will help to defray costs. Please bring a friend. To assist catering, please RSVP: By return email: themcstones@gmail.com Phone Duncan MacFarlane 0400 095 807 M Or Martin Stone 6223 8132 H

CAROLS ON THE HILL Saturday 21st December at Guilford Young College Oval Patrick St Hobart 7-9pm. Tickets: www.eventbrite.com.au search 'Carols on the Hill' The Carols on the Hill Community Choir are seeking voices to join them. All are welcome. Rehearsal dates are: Thursday 5, 12, 19 December. These will be held at the St Mary's Cathedral Centre from 6:00 pm – 6:40 pm. Please contact Ella Tobin on ella.tobin@aohtas.org.au or 0468 601 517 to register your interest. RSVP by Friday 29 November.

ADVENT BOOKLETS Available in the church foyer

Next week's Readings: 1st Sun Advent: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:37-44