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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

As the Church begins a new liturgical year, I return from holidays greatly refreshed and energised. Here's hoping it lasts long into the New Year! My thanks to Fr Fidelis and to the acolytes, sacristans and secretaries who took on extra responsibilities over the last couple of weeks while I was on leave.

The beginning of Advent reminds us that Christmas is upon us and it is time to make preparations, not just on the practical level but to prepare our hearts to recognise and receive Christ when he comes. In the first week of Advent we light the Prophet's candle as a reminder of the HOPE that was harboured by God's people throughout the centuries before the coming of Christ. The victory of light over darkness continues to be the source of our hope today.

In order to comply with government restrictions imposed due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Archbishop has announced that there must be a registration system for all Christmas Masses so that we do not find ourselves turning people away from Christmas services. The Archdiocese will coordinate this process for each parish, and we will make every effort to ensure the smooth facilitation of this registration process especially for our regular parishioners. Please talk to your families and decide which Christmas service you would like to attend, and we will try to ensure everyone gets their preference. Thank you for your cooperation, there will be more information in coming weeks.

Let the ADVENTure begin!

Fr Richard

CAROLS ON THE HILL

Carols on the Hill is a free, traditional outdoor carols event allowing families to take part in the joy of Christmas.

This year's event will again be held at Guilford Young College Oval (Hobart Campus) on Saturday 12 December from 7.00pm.

To find out more, or book your tickets, go to Eventbrite.com.au and search 'Carols on the Hill 2020'

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

St Vincent De Paul Society Awards

Congratulations to the Vinnies Members from our Parish who received the following Service and Member of the Year awards last week

Don Mills 65 Years

Robert McManus 50 Years

Terry Beaver 20 Years

Catherine Beaver 25 Years as well as Conference Member of the Year Award

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

Columban Calendars will be available next week after Mass \$10

HONOURING THE LORD'S DAY

A Pastoral Letter to the Catholic faithful of Tasmania from Archbishop Julian Porteous is available on the table in the carport outside the office.

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday 12:00pm Church of the Incarnation

Thursday 12:00pm John Paul II

Friday No Mass

Next week's Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8