

# Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

Weddings come in all shapes and sizes these days, but most still gather their friends and family and enjoy an elaborate celebration. It seems it was quite similar in the time of Jesus. The wedding feast of Cana saw Jesus turn water into wine so that the celebration could continue. The abundance of God's generosity was evident as Jesus provided between 120 and 180 gallons of the best wine! Some party! Weddings were celebrations for the entire community, and running out of wine was a social embarrassment and a bad omen for the marriage. In today's parable, the fact that the invited guests were not interested indicates their lack of respect for the king in the story. Jesus addressed this story to the chief priests and elders of the people and in keeping with other similar kingdom parables the king rejects these important guests and invites others in their place. This rejection of the religious establishment of the day still carries the same threat today and prompts the question for our own prayer and reflection: have we become too focused on our own goodness, our own religious practice or our own wants and desires so as to miss the invitation to God's abundant feast of life? Is our church too self-serving, worried about its own reputation more than the needs of the poor and marginalised?

Interestingly, the wedding garment was a common Jewish image for works of generosity expected of every faithful person. The man found to be lacking a wedding garment is therefore presumed to be a mean and selfish person. Such a person has no place at the wedding feast of the king. In the words of St Paul in his letter to the Colossians: "clothe yourselves in sincere compassion, kindness and humility, gentleness and patience... over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love." This is the wedding garment we strive for.

On this Mission Sunday, we are invited to consider a donation to the work of Catholic Mission who foster religious education and health care in the developing world. Envelopes are available at the parish office. The St Vincent de Paul collection of non-perishable grocery items also continues. Thank you for your generosity.

Have a great week,

Fr Richard

## St Vincent de Paul Society Appeal

Please consider donating supermarket vouchers or money so families can purchase and enjoy fresh meat, fruit and vegetables. Recommended items to donate:

pasta, rice, cereal, canned fruit, canned tuna, biscuits, canned soup, baked beans/spaghetti, toilet paper, nuts/dried fruit, pasta sauce, porridge, spreads, long life milk, muesli bars, instant noodles/rice, canned tomatoes, tooth paste, razors.

## CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

The theme of this Year's appeal is "For the Joy of the Lord is your Strength." This verse is from Nehemiah 8:10, inviting us to enjoy good food and to share this food with those who have nothing. I invite you to participate in this year's appeal and support catholic Mission and the Children of the Arrupe Centre in Cambodia. Contributions can be placed in an envelope marked Catholic Mission or be electronic transfer to :

BSB 062784. Account Name: Catholic Mission:

Account Number: 007156500. Reference: 127202

Once the payment has been made, please send the remittance advice to email:

[Hobart.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:Hobart.director@catholicmission.org.au)

## 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		<b><u>No Mass</u></b>

Next week's Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21