

Bellerive - Lindisfarne Catholic Parish

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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

With the opening of Tasmania's borders on Monday 26th October, it is a timely opportunity to revisit our Parish COVIDsafe plan. Our aim is to comply with legislative requirements as well as to provide every member of our community with the opportunity to gather in prayer and feel safe while doing so. Thank you for your cooperation with our COVID volunteers as they ensure as safe an environment as possible for every parishioner. The main points of our COVIDsafe plan are:

Sanitise hands upon entry to the church

Maintain 1.5m from others as much as possible while in the church

Name and phone number recorded for contact tracing purposes

Families and couples may be seated together, but 1.5m from the next individual or group

No collection or offertory procession and no distribution of printed material

Contactless sign of peace exchanged

Proceed to Holy Communion in single file, one side of the church at a time, maintaining 1.5m distance from the next person as per floor markers

No reception of the Eucharist on the tongue or from the Chalice

An additional dispenser of hand sanitiser is now provided at the head of the aisle for those wishing to make use of it immediately prior to the reception of Holy Communion

Exit the church as quickly as possible remaining mindful of social distance and ensuring that aisles remain clear for easy egress of those feeling vulnerable

We can expect that an outbreak of Coronavirus will occur in Tasmania again in coming months, and our COVIDsafe plan is aimed at reducing the likelihood of one of our churches becoming a "hotspot". Once more, we renew our commitment to these restrictions as an act of service to others in our community.

The talk that Francis Sullivan gave recently at the launch of Concerned Catholics Tasmania is available on the website concernedcatholicstasmania.org The Pastoral Council will discuss the possibility of a community screening of this talk for those interested, so keep your ear out for that.

In a gesture of welcome and respect, Pope Francis has spoken in favour of civil unions for homosexual couples, stating that "homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God. You cannot kick someone out of a family or make their life miserable for this." The Pope went on to say that gay parents should raise their children in their parish church. I am reminded of the words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel: "What I want is mercy, not sacrifice".

Please keep your prayers going for the success of our Family Ministry position. Applications close this week, and we will hopefully have someone in this role in the lead up to Christmas.

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.

Copies of the Standard, newsletter and Australian Catholics are available on the reading table in the carport

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

Wednesday	11:00am	Funeral Service for Bev Hyland
Thursday		No Mass-interviews for Acting Principal at MacKillop College
Friday	9:00am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Apoc 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12