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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

The celebrations of First Reconciliation held during the week were very special experiences for our parish. Most memorable for me were the obvious pride and love of the parents and the nervous eagerness of the candidates. It was lovely to have the assistance of Fr Peter O'Loughlin and Fr Terry Yard, and as ever the musical leadership of Kath Hogan added so much to the prayerfulness of the occasion. My thanks go to them and to the Sacramental Team: Claire, Rach, Jo and Mel, as well as the Covid volunteers who turned out to ensure a safe and clean environment was maintained. We are now calling for any Grade Three students who are ready to complete the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Term Four. Confirmation and First Eucharist have been held over to 2021 due to the pandemic.

Catholic Theological College in Melbourne is offering a series of 90 minute lectures via Zoom on topics of interest at a cost of just \$20 per session, Details are on the notice board on the church foyer, or go to www.ctc.edu.au

This weekend also sees the deferred Good Friday Collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land. There will be a leaving collection at Weekend Masses or donations can be made securely on-line at Cath Dev Fund BSB 067 000 Acc No 0080 3104 Please include Holy Land as your reference/description.

This week sees the Council of Priests meeting on Tuesday, the Pastoral Conference on Wednesday and the MacKillop students Alpha Retreat on Thursday. Your prayers are requested for all three events, but especially for the Alpha Retreat. Twenty-five students from Years 9 and 10 have spent a couple of hours each week over recent months exploring aspects of the Christian faith. This retreat day is a potential turning point on the journey, so please keep these students in your prayers on Thursday especially, that the Holy Spirit may touch their hearts. These events impact on my availability for weekday Masses this week.

Have a great week,
Fr Richard

Sacrament of Reconciliation: any parents with students about Grade Three who are ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time are invited to register their interest by contacting the Parish Office on 6245 0501 or email bellerive@aohtas.org.au These children will then join those who have celebrated Reconciliation this term in preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist in 2021, Coronavirus restrictions permitting .

Debate on Tasmania's euthanasia & assisted suicide bill will begin on Tuesday

15 September. Several like-minded people have been working for much of this year to scuttle Tasmania's current push for laws to facilitate euthanasia and assisted suicide. We are delighted to let you know that recently our website was launched: <https://livendiewell.org/> This excellent website has heaps of information and, most importantly, suggestions of action you can take before it's too late. We know that Mr Gutwein is concerned about this bill but the more expressions of support he obtains, the more likely he will be to advocate for a much-needed inquiry into end-of-life matters in Tasmania (not just this bill).

Debate on the bill begins next week and, although debate may go on for several weeks, **now is the time to act.**

IF YOU DO NOTHING ELSE, PLEASE CONTACT PREMIER PETER GUTWEIN TODAY.

Available on the reading table outside the parish office:

The latest edition of The Standard

The Swag: latest edition. Australian Catholics Magazine

Living to the End Booklet :a guide for Christians

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

Tuesday	No Mass	Council of Priests
Wednesday	No Mass	Pastoral Conference
Thursday	No Mass	Alpha retreat
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35