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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

The generous bounty of God is witnessed in today's Gospel story, and the inevitable human cries of injustice and jealousy are the response. We are remarkably good at perceiving injustice when it impacts negatively on us or our self-interest. Just watch two children engage in the sharing of the last piece of cake using the "I cut, you choose" method: meticulous care is taken to ensure an equal share, and the sole motivation is that "I might miss out". Imagine a world where the cake could be cut into uneven pieces, but the child would choose the smaller slice out of love or concern for the other. It is possible, and it does happen, but it seems not to be our default position, except when providing for those we know and love.

Do Buddhists go to heaven? Or atheists? Can you imagine your reaction if you get to the pearly gates and find Adolf Hitler there to welcome you? The old image of all the Catholics in one section of heaven believing they are the only ones there is humorous for its absurdity, but also it reveals a darker truth about the way we perhaps perceive ourselves. We are good and faithfully follow the teachings of the church, making sacrifices all through our lives in an effort to be like Jesus, then we find that selfish and lazy and evil people have experienced God's forgiveness and love and been granted the same reward we have strived for all our lives. In human terms it certainly seems unjust, unless we can see that person with the same love with which God sees them!

We remember in our prayer this week a life-long servant of the parish in Judy Freeman. Judy died suddenly on Monday 14th September. We offer our sympathy and love to her husband John and assure him of our prayerful support at this time. Judy's Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi on Monday 21st September at 10:30am. Due to Covid restrictions numbers at the Mass will be limited, but maximum provision will be made to accommodate those who wish to attend. The service will also be live-streamed at www.grahamfamilyfunerals.com.au/funerals and can be watched live or on replay later.

Let us remember one another in prayer.

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 .

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

Available on the reading table outside the parish office:

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Julian

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
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday	10:30am	Funeral Mass for Judy Freeman
Wednesday	12:00pm	Church of the Incarnation
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16