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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

“Happy Father’s Day” to all the dads in our community. I hope you are feeling appreciated for the valuable role you play in the lives of your children, and in the lives of all who benefit from your presence and love. It was lovely watching the excited children from our parish primary schools expectantly approaching the Father’s Day stalls hosted by Parents and Friends groups. I hope the coffee mug or pair of socks is received with an appreciation of the love with which it was selected! Have a lovely day!

As we consider others in our community who we have called “Father” over the years, I bring your attention to the annual appeal for the “Sick and Aged Priests Fund”. Envelopes are available at the Parish Office, or details are elsewhere in this newsletter if you wish to make a donation.

The Gospel this weekend highlights a mechanism for achieving meaningful reconciliation in a community. This provides a wonderful backdrop as we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time with 60 of our young parishioners this week. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they experience the mercy and unconditional love of God in this beautiful sacrament, and feel the healing power of the Holy Spirit at the deepest levels of their souls.

The Year 7 students at MacKillop College will be on retreat on Thursday and Friday this week, and we pray that this experience will prove stimulating and insightful for these young people. We pray also for the staff who guide these students, that they will be authentic witnesses of the Gospel message they share.

I invite you to think back on some of these formative experiences in your own life, and the people who modeled for you the added dimension the gift of faith brings to the experience of life. As we give thanks for our fathers, we also remember all those who have nurtured the faith in our hearts and lives.

May God’s blessing be with you all,

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.

Fortieth Anniversary Celebration

Sincere thank you to so many who kindly made contact with me, attended the Masses at the Cathedral and Holy Spirit church, contributed towards a presentation and sent cards, gifts, and good wishes on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of my ordination as a priest. Many thanks to Fr Shammi Perera and the team of people at the Cathedral for the Diocesan celebration which included Mass followed by a luncheon for the clergy. Such an occasion is another reminder that all of us together make up the Body of Christ and that each in our own capacity live out our baptismal calling as we share in various ways in the one priesthood of Christ. For me it has been and will continue to be an enormous joy and privilege to serve Christ and to make him known in and through his Church.

Fr Brian Nichols

Available on the reading table outside the parish office:

The Swag: latest edition. Australian Catholics Magazine

Sick and Aged Priests donation envelopes. Or you can donate securely at www.hobart.catholic.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 Incarnation
Thursday	12:00pm	John Paul II
Friday	9:30am	Corpus Christi

Next week’s Readings: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20