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Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we especially welcome and acknowledge those parishioners who have quietly and faithfully worked behind the scenes for so many years to clean our churches. With the decision to proceed to external contract cleaners for our churches, we take the opportunity to thank all those who have volunteered in this role, and we look forward to redeploying some of you into other volunteer roles in the future!

With the installation of handrails on the sanctuary steps at Corpus Christi, we now have handrails or ramps on the sanctuaries of all three of our churches. This prompts me to remind you to feel free to make use of the handrails when you enter or leave the sanctuary even if you do not think you require the support they provide.

The Safe Communities workshops provided a forum for discussion of many initiatives for promoting awareness of these issues within our community as well as processes for reporting any concerns. The Pastoral Council will now take these issues forward as we share the fruits of this work with the wider community. I am very grateful to Christine Edwards for her diligence in bringing this Safe Communities program to life within our community. Stay tuned for further information and a few adjustments to the way we operate in our community as we seek to ensure a safe community where all people are welcomed and nurtured.

This weekend sees the ordination to the diaconate of Steven Smith and Chathura Silva. These two men will be ordained priests for the Tasmanian Church next year, and we wish them well as they take this significant step of commitment.

Our Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates also conclude their

preparation program this weekend with a special celebration together. I thank them for their enthusiasm and also acknowledge their parents' commitment to the preparation program. I look forward to sharing the journey with them all in the years ahead.

Finally, congratulations to Brendan Gill who has been appointed Principal of John Paul II Catholic Primary School, commencing January 2020. Brendan lives in the parish and usually attends Mass at John Paul II Church so will not be a stranger to the community. Brendan comes to us from St Aloysius where he has taught for 11 years, the past four years in the role of Co-Principal.

Best wishes for a great week,

Fr Richard

FEAST OF ST THERESE – The feast of St Therese will be celebrated with a Sung Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on Tuesday 1st October at 9:30am. Archbishop Julian will be the celebrant and homilist. Mass will be followed by morning tea. All are welcome to join the Carmelite Nuns for this celebration.

Social Justice Sunday: On 29 September, we will celebrate Social Justice Sunday. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: *'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'*. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to *'boldly become citizens of the digital world'*. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping the digital landscape rather than being shaped by it. Contact your parish office for copies of the Social Justice Statement or a 10 point summary. If you don't have enough hard copies of the statement or the 10 steps brochure you can find digital copies at: <https://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements>

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues	10:45	Freemasons Home
	12.00	Church of the Incarnation
Weds	12:00	Corpus Christi
Thurs	10.00am	John Paul II
Fri	9.30am	Corpus Christi

Next week's Readings
Amos 6:1,4-7
1Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31