



St Thomas the Apostle Parish Camp Hill



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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th October 2021

Gospel Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

Gospel Focus – Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite a lot in religion and yet it's a term with which modern society is very uncomfortable. We're not really 'into' sacrifice. We're much more into feeling good about ourselves and comfortable in our existence. Jesus called on the rich man to make a sacrifice – to let go of what he really loved and valued. What Jesus really called the man to do was to place his trust in Jesus and not in material wealth – that was the sacrifice he was called to make. Ultimately, the man couldn't do that! He couldn't let go of certainty and security and entrust his life and soul to Jesus.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

A reminder the October issue of The Catholic Leader is available **in the church for \$4 per copy.**
Money can be placed in the marked box on the wall near the exit door.

This issue contains articles on the Queensland euthanasia vote, a new ordination to the Brisbane Oratory, Knights of the Southern Cross, St Joachim's 60th anniversary & more.

Please join us as we

Farewell Fr Christopher

On Saturday 23rd October
Mass at 5.30pm at St Thomas',
followed by Supper in the Parish Hall

Please register by Monday 18th October at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/175912297417>

Fr Christopher's Gift



We are collecting contributions towards a parish gift for Fr Christopher.

If you'd like to make a contribution, envelopes are available at Masses over the next two weekends and there will be a special collection box at the door.

If you prefer to donate via direct debit, details are:

BSB: 064-786

A/C Number: 100023529

Reference: **Fr Christopher** and surname

Thank you for your support.

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1st reading: Wisdom 7:7-11 *In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13 *The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 *Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Parish News & Notices

PLENARY COUNCIL 2021

This Sunday 10th October is the closing day for the First Assembly of the Plenary Council. Information & resources, including links to the Masses and Meetings which happened over the past week can be found here:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council members, and for the Church in Australia.

Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice
and is nourished by giving.
Without sacrifice, there is no love.

St Maximilian Kolbe

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the
joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age
to age. Amen.*

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



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Office hours

8:30 am - 1:30pm: M/T/Th/F

MASS TIMES:

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

Sunday 5.30pm

Weekday Eucharist

Monday 7.00am

Tuesday 7.00am

Thursday 9.00am

Friday 9.00am

Public Holiday 9.00am

Reconciliation Call Parish Office

Adoration and Benediction

1st Friday After 9am Mass

Anointing of the Sick during Mass

Thursday 9th Sept 2021 @ 10.30am

PARISH TEAM:

Parish Priest - Fr Christopher Obi
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Sr Analissa Balderama
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Parish Secretary

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FOR WE CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD

ACTS 4:20

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond to what you have seen and heard, and the Home, as well as other vital mission programs supporting children and communities in need around the world.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



Marriage Encounter Weekend - Virtual 22-24 October 2021

Couples, priests and religious are invited to a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament and grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

**Virtual weekend via Zoom,
22-24 October 2021,
7pm Friday to 4pm Sunday.**

Contact Julie and Zyg Staszyc:

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The Week Ahead

Sun - Oct 10th	Perkins House Mass @ 8.30am Baptisms @ 10am Mass @ 5.30pm
Mon - Oct 11th	Mass @ 7am
Tues - Oct 12th	Mass @ 7am
Wed - Oct 13th	-
Thur - Oct 14th	Mass @ 9am
Fri - Oct 15th	Mass @ 9am
Sat - Oct 16th	Mass @ 5.30pm
Sun - Oct 17th	Mass @ 8.30am and 5.30pm

We remember in our prayers



The sick: Joan Scott, Humberto Villalta, Nes Mustafa, Jolanda Villalta, Dan Bishop, Shirley Murphy, Sue Douglas, Tom Grant, Lauren Balcombe, Lola Radford, Sonia Mendez, Fr Ron Mollison, Marjorie Cusack, Sue Lamb, Jacob Mu, Megan Bowden, Camel Horn, Fr Ian Wren, Lynn Toon, Shirley Owen

Recently Deceased: Olive Kiely

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joyce Holden, Errol Lawes, Dorothy Clayton, William (Bert) Vanden Bergh, Mary Kittson, John Cassidy, George Schlecht, Joyce O'Sullivan, Katherine Adamski, Kathleen Hardy, Barry Uscinski, Sr Mary Camillus, Des Power, Peter Kenny, Frances Moffatt, Tom O'Brien, Sr Eunice Osborne, Anitha Bradbury, Mary Josephine Smith, Jean Just, Carmel Murray, Carmel Mahoney