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Please continue to sanitise your hands and a mask is recommended, maintain social distance to keep us all safe. Please take your Bulletin home, Thank you.

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Wheelchair for Nuna

Thank you for your donations for Nuna's wheelchair. \$1759.10 has been raised, a wonderful gift for her. Please keep looking at their webpage sarnelli.org where Mike Introna's sister Kate is deputy head. Once again, many thanks for all your donations.

Pope Francis on the art of discernment

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Let us continue to explore the theme of discernment. Last time we considered prayer, understood as familiarity and confidence with God, as its indispensable element. Prayer, not like parrots. No: prayer as familiarity and confidence with God; prayer of the daughters and sons of the Father; prayer with an open heart. We saw this in the last Catechesis. In our continuing catechesis on spiritual discernment, we have considered the essential importance of growth in prayer. Today we consider, as a necessary complement to prayer, our need to grow in *self-knowledge*. Coming to know ourselves is not easy; it requires honesty and a patient descent into the depths of our heart. Self-knowledge is itself a fruit of God's grace, whereby we are led to abandon our illusions, to understand who we really are, and to embrace the things that can bring us genuine happiness. In effect, we learn the "passwords" that open the portal to our deepest self and the paths that can lead us to lasting spiritual joy and fulfilment, in obedience to God's gracious will. A great help to such prayerful insight into ourselves, and thus to authentic discernment, is the traditional practice of the nightly examination of conscience. Through daily prayer and self-knowledge, may we more readily discern the Lord's plan for our lives, and come to appreciate more fully our dignity and freedom as beloved children of our heavenly Father.

For the full text go to the Vatican website www.vatican.va

Baptism:

We welcome Neve Ivy Barry into our Parish family, as Neve receives the Sacrament of Baptism at our St Thomas' Church Moonbah this weekend. Congratulations to Benjamin & Felicity Barry on this special day.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time /C

1st Reading Exodus 17:8-13 2nd Reading 2 Tim 3: 14-4:2 Gospel - Luke 18: 1-8