



ST COLUMBKILLE'S FAMILY

THREE PARISHES TOGETHER

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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.

Mass of Anointing and Lunch (Cooma)

Friday 7th October (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)

10am Mass, to be followed by lunch in the Parish Centre.

Come along and celebrate the feast with a feast!

Main course provided, please bring a cake or slice for afters.

Assistance with transport to Mass, please phone Fr Mick, 0419 010 870.

Wheelchair for Nuna

Thank you for your donations for Nuna's wheelchair. So far \$1 354.10 has been raised, a wonderful gift for her. St Patrick's Parish School has also been fundraising and have raised \$700. All monies will be sent to Sarnelli House Orphanage in Thailand. 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 discernment

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

We resume our catecheses on the theme of discernment — because the theme of discernment is very important in order to know what is going on within us, to know about our feelings and ideas, we have to discern where they come from, where they lead me, to what decisions — and today we focus on the first of its constituent elements, which is prayer. To discern we need to be in an environment, in a state of prayer.

Prayer is an indispensable aid for spiritual discernment, especially when it involves the affective dimension, enabling us to address God with simplicity and familiarity, as one would speak to a friend. It is knowing how to go beyond thoughts, to enter into intimacy with the Lord, with an affectionate spontaneity. The secret of the lives of the saints is familiarity and confidence with God, which grows in them and makes it ever easier to recognize what is pleasing to Him. True prayer is familiarity with and confidence in God. It is not reciting prayers like a parrot, blah, blah, blah, no. True prayer is this spontaneity and affection for the Lord. This familiarity overcomes fear or doubt that His will is not for our good, a temptation that sometimes runs through our thoughts and makes our heart restless and uncertain, or even bitter.

Discernment does not claim absolute certainty, it is not a chemically pure method, it does not claim absolute certainty, because it is about life, and life is not always logical, it has many aspects that cannot be enclosed in one category of thought. We would like to know precisely what should be done, yet even when it happens, we do not always act accordingly. How many times have we, too, had the experience described by the apostle Paul, who says: “For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want” (Rom. 7:19). We are not just reason, we are not machines, it is not enough to be given instructions to carry them out: the obstacles, like the supports, to deciding for the Lord are primarily affective, from the heart.

Drawing each day closer to the Lord, we come, by a certain “connaturality”, to recognize more fully his will for our lives, and in that will to find our peace and our authentic fulfilment.

Retired Priest’s Appeal

Thank you to those who have donated to this appeal. The monies raised directly support those priests who have retired from active ministry. The monies assist with the payment of nursing home bonds, rent on homes, services and food. Your generosity is most appreciated. You can place your donation on any collection or you can mail it in. Please use the envelopes supplied.

<u>Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time /C</u>	
1 st Reading	2 Kings 5: 14-17
2 nd Reading	2 Tim 2:8-13
Gospel -	Luke 17:11-19