

## A Coffee with Alessio



### **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B**

Following on from Last Sunday's Gospel where we heard about the rich man and his unwillingness to follow the call of Jesus, in this Sunday's Gospel we hear about Jesus' model of leadership- Servant Leadership. The final line in the Gospel sums it up beautifully:

“For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

There are two hymns that come to mind in light of the Gospel reading this Sunday.

Firstly, *The Servant Song* (AOV2 #169, CWBII #461, GA #487). That hymn encapsulates the servant leadership style of Jesus perfectly. It also gives us a model to follow.

Secondly, *Christ, Be Our Light* (AOV2 #3, CWBII #540, GA #404). The fifth verse says: “Let us be servants to one another, Making your Kingdom come.”

The topic of servant leadership, serving God and neighbour lead perfectly into the topic of the commemoration of Remembrance Day. This year 11 November falls on a Sunday. We will commemorate the centenary of the end of World War I. We should not let this anniversary pass by without some form of commemoration in our communities. To this end, the Centre for Liturgy has prepared a music list to cater for all tastes and abilities, as well as a set of petitions for the Universal Prayer. Both resources are available on our website: <http://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/music-resources/> (Please note you may need to scroll to the bottom of the page to locate these resources.)

One other comment before I finish my column for this week. Last Sunday 14 October, marked fifty years since the Meckering earthquake. Thanks be to God no one was killed in the earthquake. However, there was a significant amount of damage to houses and properties and a number of injuries. The quake was felt here in the Perth metropolitan area. In fact, it caused a crack on the floor of the old sanctuary in Saint Mary's Cathedral, which is now the Blessed Sacrament chapel. That crack was repaired in the completion of the cathedral back in 2009. So again, people looked for opportunities to serve their neighbour in times of need during the earthquake and the aftermath.

Perhaps this weekend as we are enjoying a coffee and cake, that will allow us an opportunity to give thanks for all the people who serve us and our needs, and also to be thankful that we can do the same for others.

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