

This Week's Diary

Sunday September 28	Holy Communion	8:30am
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30@HTO	10:30am
Monday September 29	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Tuesday September 30	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Wednesday October 1	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Holy Communion	10:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Thursday October 2	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Friday October 3	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
Saturday October 4	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday October 5	Holy Communion	8:30am
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30@HTO	10:30am

**Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3,
Matthew 21:33-46**

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

28 September, 2014

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) marks to-day as Social Justice Sunday. The following is an extract from the resource material, which reminds us of the huge social impact of gambling on the community.

“Gambling and its impact in Australia

Is nothing sacred?

The NCCA Social Justice Network has chosen the topic of gambling for the 2014 Social Justice Sunday resource in the hope of voicing the strong concerns held by the Churches about the encroachment of gambling and its destructive influence into the daily lives of many Australians.

The marketing and influence of the gambling industry into the political arena as well as into entertainment and sports is such that it seems to have become the “new normal”. Savings, family relationships and caring for others, work, housing, medical care, honesty and trust become overshadowed by the addiction to gambling and the warped thinking that “next time I’ll win”.

Not all people caught in the gambling net are wealthy. Many are poorer people who look for distractions from the difficulties of daily life in the hope that gambling will lift their mood as well as their finances.”

“How can we as a society respond to the suffering of individuals and families whose lives have been destroyed by gambling?”

How can we as people of faith help to restore and protect the dignity of those most vulnerable to its effects?”

Grace and Peace

Tara Curlewis

National Council of Churches in Australia



Saturday Worship

**Beginning on 4th October, the
Saturday Service will be at
5:30pm.**

Next Sunday

daylight saving commences!

To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you are refreshed by your worship here today.

Please stay for a cup of tea after the service if you are able.

Prayer Response:

Lord, by your love

lead us and transform us.

In our prayers:

- Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz; the Diocese
- Diocesan Archdeacon Frank Hetherington and Marilyn; Youth Ministry
- The Parish Appointment Board
- Our Parish
- Canon Margaret
- Peace in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Gaza and all nations of the Middle East; The Ukraine and Russia
- Iraq's Christians; for peace and justice
- Police Officers and Chaplains
- The needs of gamblers
- Victims of violence
- Those who are in hospital
- Give thanks for the rain

ABM Reflection

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4,11-16;

Philippians 2 or 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

The Authority of Jesus is Questioned – vv 23-27

The temple officials fear that Jesus is really becoming a trouble maker, after all their challenging of Jesus' authority comes just after Jesus has turned over the tables of the merchants and the money changers in the temple forecourt. They see a trap in Jesus' question to them but rather than make a mistake they chose not to answer and so Jesus does not give them the answer that they requested. Instead he goes on to tell the following parable.

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There are two things that are being questioned here – honour and obedience. The first son dishonoured their father by publically refusing his request. The second son showed his father honour, but then

failed to do as he had been promised. But the first son repented and went to work in the vineyard as requested. Hence it was the first son that did the will of the Father. There will always be room for those that repent.

Those in the Temple are more like the second son who want to be seen to do the right thing, but, for whatever their reason, do not follow through. In effect they ended up by dishonouring God.

Questions: How often have we promised to do something without having any intention of following through on our commitment? Who has shamed whom?

Pray that all Christians will show God honour, repenting first, if necessary.

Pray for the Amity Foundation (ABM's partner in China), giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

Parish Appointment Board

Please use this prayer (or one like it) regularly, to support the Board as it undertakes its work.

*Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for
ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom,
discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. APBA p 212*

A study on Benedictine Spirituality

If interested in undertaking this study (utilising Joan Chittister's book, Wisdom Distilled from the Daily), please speak to Canon Margaret **as soon as possible**, regarding the ordering of a book and/or your plan to participate in the study, and your preferred time/day.

The Legal Defence Fundraising Committee

has been meeting, and plans \$128,000
are underway for a number of forthcoming functions.

The Committee would also like to hear from any-one who is planning an activity, and to support them with these.

Donations are coming in steadily and amounts of all sizes are very welcome.

Thank-you to those who have contributed so far.

Envelopes for this purpose are available at all the entrances to the church and hall. The progress can be seen on the adjacent bar. For further information, please contact Anne Holden 6362 3399 or Len Bailey 6360 1072.

Further fundraising events for the Diocesan Legal Defence:

Soup and Home Made Sausage Roll Luncheon

12:30pm, Sunday 19th October, hosted by Phil & Carol Anderson at 10A Mahogany Court
Cost \$10 adult \$5 child (25 places only)
RSVP 12th October 6362 0306, or mrpja@bigpond.com

Tour of the Historical Rectory followed by High Tea

2:00pm-5:00pm: 25th October, 2014
Cost: \$20; Concession: \$15.
All welcome. Bring your friends.

Parish Roll

Do your contact details need updating? If so, please contact the Parish Office: office@holytrinityorange.org.au or 6362 1623. **Thank-you.**

Raffle Ticket Sales

Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets during October. If you can assist, please contact Rhyl on 0400 066 623.

Parish Spring Fair

Saturday 8th November

The next planning meeting will be at 11:00am on Friday 3rd October, in the Parish Centre. Come along, put your ideas forward and share some great company.

To launch this year's Spring Fair, there are baskets at the back of the church and in the hall, for any **hamper items** towards our major raffle. Please help make our raffle a grand prize!! Lynne 6362 0141.

The next Fellowship Luncheon

12:30pm, Sunday 12 October. Please 'bring a plate' to share. Mark Hannaford will be speaking about Mental Health and his time in Orange. **All Welcome.**

Name Badges

Please, would you assist by wearing your name badge as often as possible. If you haven't one, and would like one, please contact Leslie in the Parish Office.

BCA Boxes

Please, would you return your BCA box by the end of September. Thank-you.

Peaceful, Central, Quality Retirement Villa – Holy Trinity Village

This is a comfortable 2 bedroom villa set amongst beautifully maintained gardens with only 8 other villas, new paint and carpet. It also features a single garage with internal access.

All enquiries to the Parish Office between 9am and 1pm - 6362 1623.