

Christ Church Freemantle

Sunday 30th August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

My thought for the week continues in the theme of my last thought. We seem now to have moved on and cases have much reduced. We are all collectively breathing sighs of relief.

There are however still certain hotspots around the country. Is this due to individual selfishness in people thinking that the rules still don't apply to them? In these areas the government has decided that low paid workers can claim an allowance if they need to self-isolate. Do people need to be offered an incentive in order that they can do what is right? They should be able to have faith that the rest of us who are unaffected will be there to support them if necessary? Sadly, I believe, that this would not be the case. Hence the need for the government to have to step in.

I would ask all people to consider the following passages.

Galatians 6:2-6

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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