



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

6 OCTOBER 2024

FIRST READING

Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127. R. v. 5

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord /
and walk in his ways! / By the labour of your
hands you shall eat. / You will be happy and
prosper. **R.**

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine / in the
heart of your house; / your children like shoots
of the olive, / around your table. **R.**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed / the man
who fears the Lord. / May the Lord bless you
from Zion / in a happy Jerusalem / all the days
of your life! / May you see your children's
children. / On Israel, peace! **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

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ST JOSEPH'S, ELSTERNWICK

71 Orrong Road, Elsternwick, VIC 3185

Mass

Friday 10:00am, Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

Reconciliation

Friday after Mass, Saturday 6:00pm

Thanksgiving & Special Collections - 2 weeks

Church: \$475.00 Presbytery: \$680.80

Special Collection: -

Next Week's Roster

Lector - Saturday: R Rodrigues

Lector - Sunday: La Bonne family

Counters: B Leong & E Ambrose

HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

707 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South 3162

Mass

Thursday 10:00am and Sunday 9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday after Mass

Thanksgiving & Special Collections - 2 weeks

Church: \$225.00 Presbytery: \$275.45

Special Collection: -

Next Week's Roster

Lector: S McMillan

ST ANTHONY'S, GLEN HUNTLY

74, Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163

In Residence: Fr Pat Jackson SAC, Br Lindsay Rust SAC

Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:15am

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation

30-minutes before all Masses & Saturday 9:45-10:10am

Upcoming Week's Liturgical Calendar

Mon 7 Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 13 Oct: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perpetual Adoration Chapel



Archbishop Peter Comensoli blessed our Perpetual Adoration Chapel on Sunday 2nd December 2018 to commemorate the special centenary celebration of St Joseph's Church.

The Chapel can be accessed 24/7 using a security tag.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to apply for a tag.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (cf. Esth 4:17)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven, you are the Lord of all.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Lam 3:25)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill: **Richard Grant, Paulette Dobbin, Eamonn Whelan, Tony Messina, Steve Genge & family, Jenny, John Tempany**

Recently Deceased: **Bill Hockings**

Death Anniversary & Remembrance: -

Fr Leenus on Holiday

During Fr Leenus' absence (10 September - 10 October), weekday Masses may be replaced with Communion Service. All Mass times remain the same.

Supply priests have been invited on some weekends to assist Fr Pat with Mass celebrations during this period.

Thank you Fr Isaac Zaki for celebrating this weekend's Masses with us.

Feast of the Most Holy Rosary

Come and be Blessed on this Wonderful Day



Sunday 6 October 1:30pm

- Adoration
- Prayers
- Rosary
- Holy Mass

First class relics of two great saints:

- St Gemma Galgani
- St Elizabeth of The Holy Trinity

St Mary's Church, 91 Manning Road, East Malvern

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Safeguarding Training Opportunity



Are you a Volunteer supporting Adults? (For example home visits, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, volunteering at Tony's Café)

Learn more in this online session covering: an introduction to the term "adults at risk"; legislative frameworks; risk factors; personal safeguarding; and other key areas.

Monday, 7 October 2024, Time: 7pm.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81409443261>

Hosted by Pallottine Family UAC.

Presented by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd.

Mass Hosted by Young Adults

The Young Adults (ages 18-35) of all three Parishes will host the 5pm Sunday Mass at St Anthony's Church on 20th October 2024. Mass will be followed by Fellowship (and light snacks).

Please extend an invitation to all youth and young adults you know to come along.



Annual Spring Plant Sale at St Anthony's



Upcoming plant sale on Sunday 27 October.

You can help right now. Please pot any plants or seedlings, (flowers, vegetables or ground cover) now, for sale in October.

Have you plants to donate but can't look after them? Bring them up to the church where we will care for them. Need transport? We can also collect. Not a gardener? Maybe donate some potting mix, or perhaps a voucher from Bunnings or Botanical Creations?

For more information please ring the Parish House and leave a message for Veronica 9401 6336.

Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem calls for prayer and fasting on October 7 to end the war

Jerusalem's Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa has called for a day of fasting, prayer, and penance on October 7, in a renewed bid for peace in the Holy Land.

The region, he said, "has been plunged into a vortex of violence and hatred never seen or experienced before." Referencing the "intensity and impact of the tragedies" in the past year, the cardinal said such scenes had "deeply lacerated our conscience and our sense of humanity."

Violence, which is causing thousands of innocent victims, has also found its way into political and social language and actions.

It has struck a profound blow to the common feeling of belonging to the Holy Land, to the consciousness of being part of a plan of Providence that wanted us here to build together His Kingdom of peace and justice, and not to make it instead a reservoir of hatred and contempt, of mutual rejection and annihilation.

In the lead-up to Monday 7 October, the first anniversary of the Hamas attacks on Israel, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has written a pastoral letter, along with a Prayer for Peace written by Cardinal Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. Copies available at the Church Foyer.

St Thérèse of Lisieux's 'Little Way of Love'

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga warmly invites you to "Paint & Pray" on Saturday, 16th November 2024, at St Joseph's Church and Hall, 45 Stanhope Street, Malvern.

Commencing with Mass at 9.30am followed by morning tea, a short talk by Fr Thomas McFadden OFM Cap, and a painting session and small group discussions. The event will conclude at midday with the Angelus. Tickets are \$30, or \$20 for League Members. RSVP by 13 November or before tickets sell out!

To book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CUHSJ> or email info@cwlvicww.org.au.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

We see in Adam our journey from loneliness to intimacy and the vital importance of healthy marriages for the social fabric of our society. "It's not good for man to be alone." It's a journey from loneliness to intimacy.

Woman, said Augustine, was not taken from man's head to be ruled over by him, nor from his feet to be trampled upon, but from his side, close to his heart, within the encircling embrace of his arm to be loved by him. Equality and difference. Sexuality is a complementarity inserted into our flesh and bone by God. This is God's doing - male and female God created them and saw that they were very good - a reflection of God's intimate family nature, the Trinitarian life. Two were to journey to become one - truly person and truly community.

Marriage is a unique relationship. Out of the vast array of relationships in our life, Genesis singles out only one and traces it back to the very start of creation. Marriage is older than Israel and more ancient than the Church. It is deeply inscribed by God into the very nature of human beings. Nothing can replace or imitate marriage.

At the heart of marriage is not romance, emotion or feeling, but a vow to be faithful to each other, no matter what happens, until death. Intimacy calls for commitment, a bonding not only of flesh and emotion but essentially of mind, will and heart. In your life together it's the decision of your will that keeps your marriage going.

The married commitment is quite different from living together. There's no built-in exit ramp. It is the commitment to leave father and mother and journey to become one - to work at the relationship in good times and in bad. Alec Guinness said that when we were first married, we vowed our life to each other in good times and in bad, hoping it would all be good, not realising that the tough times were equally important for our growth in love.

Fr Pat.



Q: Did you hear about the frog that lost its car?

A: *Apparently it got toad.*



From 25th September to 3rd November you're invited to take part in an international campaign against abortion.

For 40 days, volunteers fast and pray from home or near a Melbourne abortion facility.

For details of location and other information, visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne.

Your donations are gratefully accepted and will go to local pregnancy support 40 Days for Life Melbourne BSB: 063 167 ACC: 11053337

Parish Social Lunch - All Welcome

The Camden Hotel, 414 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield South. Thursday October 10th at 12.30pm.

Please RSVP by Monday, October 7th to Denise at 0410311326 or jdfrederick@bigpond.com.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form: 10:1-12

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Breaking Open the Word

'LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME'

Today's Gospel has three scenes. The first brings a challenge to Jesus from the religious leaders who 'came to test him'. Their question is politically, socially and religiously loaded. We recognise this as like today's investigative journalism. We observe the skill of politicians, religious leaders and spokespeople taking the measure of the challenge and deciding how to deal with it. The question here is, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' Jesus recognises the challenge that is one sided, complex and about the law. Jesus' reply is a question 'What did Moses command?' He has engaged the challenge but put the ball back in their court. The answer is given still from a single perspective of the male. Jesus then delivers his parting shot, implying that this commandment was given because of 'hardness of heart' and then quotes from scripture of God's intention in creating male and female. To this there is no further response from the religious leaders: they are silenced.

The scene moves into the house with the disciples where they pursue the question. Jesus answers deliberately for both men and women. The scene changes quickly to people bringing children to Jesus and the disciples turning them away. Jesus' words 'Let the children come to me' gives space for another 'Amen' or 'Truly' saying that is not just about this most recent challenge but connected to our two previous weeks: allowing those who are open and receptive to the message of Jesus to come to him. Where is our receptivity – in listening and openness or in challenge and rebuke?

Dr Rosemary Canavan