

GOSPEL

Mk 10:2-16

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



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

6 OCTOBER 2024

'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

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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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

27th Week in Ordinary Time YR B

- 06 Sun:** 27th Sunday O/T
- 07 Mon:** No Mass
- 08 Tues:** 27th week in O/T
- 09 Wed:** 27th week in O/T
- 10 Thu:** 27th week in O/T
- 11 Fri:** 27th week in O/T
- 12 Sat:** 27th week in O/T / Vigil 28th Sunday O/T

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm

**For Baptisms & Weddings*
Please call the Parish Office*

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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360 Daly Street, Cloverdale WA 6105
6272 7100 | www.nds.wa.edu.au



St Maria Goretti's Catholic School
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
6279 2000 | www.smg.wa.edu.au

WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors.

Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

ONE BODY. As we hear Jesus proclaim the basic oneness of husband and wife in marriage, a oneness with which no human agency, not even the law of Moses, can interfere, we rejoice in the many couples who have grown closer together through the ups and downs of their married life. We also have compassion for those who have experienced the trauma and distress of a marriage break-up. May all find support and guidance within the church community.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

| PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS | First Collection EFT Details | Second Collection EFT Details |
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| | A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery | A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish |
| | BSB: 086 006 | BSB: 086 006 |
| | Account #: 140 608 771 | Account #: 667 172 433 |
| | Reference: Name | Reference: Name |

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

| Mass | Acolyte | Commentator | Readers | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
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| Saturday 12 th Oct 6.00pm | Joe Saldanha | | Reader Req M Carino | C Nguyen S/M Required | D & C Oee I Sharp |
| Sunday 13 th Oct 8.00am | Andy Minh Nguyen | S Robinson | D Rodrigues P Palmez | C Parnham D P Sekulla | N King |
| Sunday 13 th Oct 10.00am | Oliver Perez | J Intervencion | In-In Intervencion V Conier | T Seputro J Branchi | Z Chong A Megee |
| Sunday 13 th Oct 6.00pm | Sunil Rodrigues | | Reader Required S Irene | J & R Fernandez | J Mai M Lanarolle |

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **5th October 2024:**
R & S Garcia 15 Chester St, Belmont T Fernandez
4 Dod Green, Cloverdale.

RCIA Commencement for 2024/2025

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Catholic Faith Community, please contact Parish Office & details will be passed onto Ann our coordinator or see Fr Quynh after the Mass. RCIA has commenced on a Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre. It is not too late to enrol.

Safeguarding Story & Information Books

We have a few copies of Story books for children & information books for teenagers & parents available in the parish office. Please see Safeguarding Notice board Wright St entrance for book titles.

Vocations Discernment Retreat

Fr. Joseph Laundry, Vocations Director, invites men aged 18+ to join the Discernment Retreat from **18-20 October 2024** at St. Charles Seminary, Guildford. This retreat offers spiritual formation, vocations talks, and more to help participants discern God's call.

Only 3 spots remain, and registration details can be found at vocations.perthcatholic.org.au/discernment-retreat-2024.

Please see the notice boards for further information.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall

This Sunday 6th October in the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses. Light snack served for morning tea along with tea & coffee. Variety of delicious food items for sale. Cash & EFTPOS. All proceeds to the PBF.

Meeting for the Week

Parish Council: Thursday 10th October @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Mans Mass

Next weekend **12/13th October** after all Masses there will be a passing out collecting. All monies raised will go to the ongoing good works of St Vinnie's in the Belmont/Redcliffe/Cloverdale area. Thankyou in advance for your support.

Parish Thanksgiving Mass and Supper 19th October

The 6pm Mass will be offered as a 'Thanksgiving Mass' followed by Supper in the parish centre for all those that have given their time and talents to the parish in any way over the last 12 months. All are invited to attend. For catering purposes please place your name on the 'Attendance Sheet' provided at both sides of the Church.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures.

Email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

Rosary Procession Around Lake Monger

Friday 18th October 7pm, Our Lady's Rosary Procession around Lake Monger will take place leaving from the gazebo, down from the Dodd Street Carpark. All are welcome to come along and join in the praying of the Rosary as we walk around the lake. The paths are wheelchair and pram friendly. Those who are unable to walk may join others and sit in the gazebo where the Rosary will be led by Legionaries. Please bring your own chair. No naked flames are allowed so please bring a torch. See notice boards for full details.

'The Record' Magazine September Edition

Available from both sides of the church. Good articles: Letters from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe & Bishop Don Sproston, The Record celebrates 150th Anniversary and many more good articles. Please take a copy.

Notre Dame Community

Mary MacKillop's Story & Colouring Books

Are available to purchase. The books are written in English & Vietnamese. Pink – colouring book \$5.00 each and the green, blue & yellow Story books - \$10.00 each. All proceeds to the PBF.

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Augusta Clark Kessler, Peter Butcher, Margaret & Denis Saldana, Victoria, John & Ralph Jackson, Alfred Taylor, Brian Aitken, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, deceased members of the Xavier Family, Denzil DeVisser and all souls in Purgatory.*



Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan Jones, Honey Heldt, Hanh Hoang & Helen Bertola (Coverley).