

The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

3 October 2021

First Reading Gen 2:18-24

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 God 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.

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
he 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

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified
have one 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.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 4:12

*Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!*



Gospel Mk 10:2-16
or (shorter form Mk 10:2-12)

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.

Reflection by Nick Brodie

Jesus repeatedly called out the Pharisees' inflexible attitudes and hypocritical behaviours. They were seemingly fixated on the letter of the law at the expense of its spirit. Given that, Jesus' reply to the Pharisees' loaded question about divorce is fascinating. Jesus answers a deliberately provocative legal question by referring to two data points: law and creation. When the two appear at odds in this instance Jesus prioritises creation.

With this in mind, we would do well to remember this episode's wider import as this Season of Creation draws to a close. The weight which Jesus gave to creation's divine purpose is surely significant. In that light we should perhaps revisit the spirit of Moses' law, especially that section in chapter 23 of Exodus which commands the people to let the land lie fallow every seventh year. This was for the benefit of the poor and the wild animals. Even the idea of everyone resting on the sabbath every week was partly and explicitly so that the community's oxen and donkeys could have a rest. In the long view, therefore, protecting creation is an ancient part of our faith's tradition. The question is: do we still live up to its spirit?

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HOLY TRINITY

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES (currently suspended)

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

Recently Deceased: Tony Joiner and Br Brian Brandon.

Anniversaries 3rd October to 9th October:

Bob McHugh, John Cooper, Laura Castellaro, Sheleah Walker, Barbara Wyatt, Billy Coghlan and John Walker.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COUNTERS: Counters are not required for Tuesday 5th October.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

While we welcome an easing of restrictions in our area of Regional Victoria, some strict updated rules apply for religious gatherings. After again consulting the Parish Pastoral Council members and a number of parishioners, we have decided that it is safest to continue to suspend public celebrations of Mass and Sacraments for the time being. For up to date current information, please visit our website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au.

As always, please be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

*With warm regards, may God bless you,
Fr Darien*

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For up to date current information on Mass times and restrictions, please call the parish office or visit the parish website.

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Daylight Savings begins this Sunday at 3:00am. Remember, clocks "spring" forward 1 hour.

Plenary Tracker: Join us for Plenary Tracker, a daily Zoom, with exclusive news, insights, and panel discussions hosted by respected former ABC presenter Genevieve Jacobs AM. **Every night from Sunday 3rd to 10th October at 7:30pm.** Registering for Plenary Tracker is **FREE**. Visit our website for registration, links & further information.

The Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10 October 2021 via 'one device-one person' mode. The Plenary Council website will provide daily live streams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October at 2:00pm AEST): <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>. Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>.

Advent is coming / Advent studies: Although we are all living with a great deal of uncertainty, the Faith Development Group is trying to gauge the desire for Advent reflections, either individually or in groups. As we don't know what is possible this stage, it would be helpful if we could get an indication of interest, to enable us to go ahead and order the approximate number of books required. If possible, we will organise morning/evening groups and/or supply books. It depends on you and the world we will then be living in. Could you please either ring me or send an email to show your interest, indicating whether you would like to be in a group (day or evening), if this can occur, or you would still like a book even if we cannot meet in groups. You may just wish to order a book for individual reflection. Please let me know ASAP, by the 15th of October at the latest.

Sandra on behalf of the Faith Development Group
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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

(Mass pending news about lockdown restrictions)

Monday 4th October – St Francis of Assisi (Memorial)

Tuesday 5th October – St Faustina Kowalska (Memorial)
No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 6th October – St Bruno (Memorial)
No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)
No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 8th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27
No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 9th October – Sts Denis and companions, and St John Leonardi (Memorial)

Sunday 10th October – 28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

**"Wherever life plants you,
bloom with grace.**

- French Proverb.

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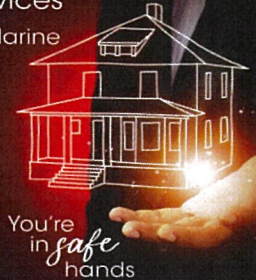
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