

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

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

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

**VINNIES—ANTI-POVERTY WEEK
13TH-19TH OCTOBER**

Vinnies is acutely aware of how much we need to address this. Your help will assist in meeting a serious need. If you can, consider an extra donation in the next 2 weeks to the Poor Boxes at each entrance, especially as we approach Christmas. Thank you for your support.

Vinnies—Hectorville Tranmere Conference

Morning Tea

**Sunday
13th Oct 2024
after 9:30am
Holy Mass**

**All are
welcome!**



**BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING**

Loyola Press

Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him. The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.



Parish Bulletin

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

5/6 Oct 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 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.



The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127

Response:

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

- 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**
- 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**
- 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

Hebrews 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.

The word of the Lord

*What God has joined
together,
no one must divide.*

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 marriage break-up. May all find support and guidance within the Church community.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—12/13 Oct 2024 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays
Count team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	
SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	28/29SEP 2024
Open Plate	\$439.75
Planned Giving	\$543.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$982.75
ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING	
September 2024: \$2,183.00	

October is Mission Month and Catholic Mission Appeal for 2024 will be held on October 20. The focus this year is Mongolia. We continue to support our current projects in 41 countries and 14 parishes here in Australia. and leaflets are available at each door. We thank you for your support.



Mission: Transform Live - theirs...and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our at our [Discovery Online](#) session Wednesday 9 October. Explore [unique opportunities](#) matching your skills to sustainable solutions. **Venue:** Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events **Date:** Wednesday 9 October 2024 **Tme:** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm **0422 427 567**

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ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:
Patricia Samuel
Neville Roach

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Marie Shevlin

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.



Pope Francis @pontifex

The Church is always the Church of the poor in spirit and of sinners seeking forgiveness, and not only of the righteous and holy. Indeed, she is the Church of the righteous and holy who recognize we are poor and sinners.

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$617.15

PARISH NOTICES

Chinese Community Mass—6th October 2024

The Chinese Catholic Community of South Australia is having their monthly community mass on Sunday 6th October 2024 at St. Joseph's Church. The celebrant is Fr Roderick. Mass starts at 12:30pm followed by shared lunch. Rosary prayer starts at 12:10pm. For more information, please contact Louisa 0422 079 534 (by text first).

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

RISE UP - One day Program for Teens Aged 11-17

(Organised by Jesus Youth Adelaide in Salisbury Catholic Parish)

Jesus Youth Adelaide is hosting a one-day conference (RISE UP) for teens (ages 11-17) at St Augustine's Church on Saturday October 12. This event aims to bring young people together to experience the love of Jesus through live music, engaging talks, workshops, activities and Holy Mass, all shared in fellowship over meals.

Venue: Family Centre, Salisbury Catholic Parish, 23 Commercial Road, Salisbury 5108 SA

Date: October 12, 2024

Registration Fee:

- One child (\$20)
- Two children/ siblings (\$30)
- Three children/ siblings (\$35)
- Four children/ siblings (\$ 40)

Start - on-site Registration @ 8am

Finish - Pick-up at 4.30pm

For further details or clarifications, please get in touch 0466 063 111 or 0413 917 338

Second Assembly of the Synod on Synodality

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and John Lochowiak are headed to the Synod in Rome at the end of this month. The Synod will take place over the month of October.

We ask that our communities pray for both of them and the process of the Synod. We pray that as a Church we will all better understand that we are invited to walk together and to listen to each other prayerfully.

Information around the synod can be found here: www.synod.va/en.html

Car Boot Sale at the Monastery

The Monastery will be hosting another car boot sale on November 10. The event will be held on the oval 9:30am - 1:30pm. There will be a stall for our gift shop, a book stall for our parish library and a coffee van on the day. We welcome everyone to join us on the day! **If you would like to book a car space for \$25.00, please contact the office on 8338 8700.**

Feast of St Daniel Comboni Mass. All Welcome!

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St Daniel Comboni Eucharistic celebration Mass on Sunday October 13, 2024, at 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are welcome to this cultural celebration of a saint who stood up for injustice and promoted care for the marginalised. For more information, please contact the Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on E: jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Brighton Catholic Parish - Mass for the Unborn Child

A special Mass celebrated in memory of the Unborn Child as well as those children who have lost their lives to accidents and illnesses will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 24 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton, on Saturday October 12 at 10am, followed by coffee/tea. For more information please call (08) 8296 7292.

The Kids' Bulletin
What is Marriage all About?

Mark 10:2-12



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was telling the people about God's idea of marriage.

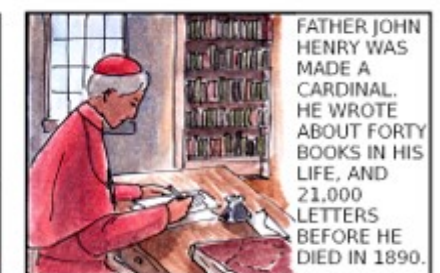
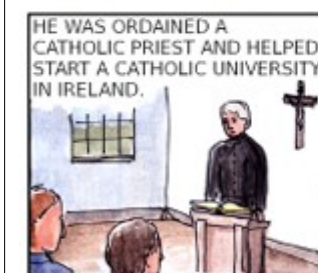
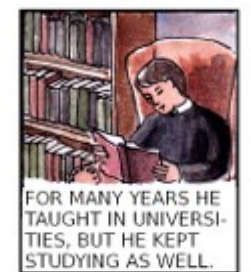
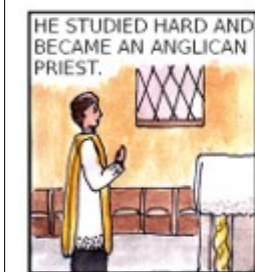
You know that marriage is what happens when a man and woman get married. But did you know that it is a sacrament? God gives special graces to people who get married so they can love each other well and raise good children.

Do you know what marriage is for? God made husbands and wives so that they could help each other to get to Heaven. But that's not all. When people get married, they are also starting a new family. Together with the father and mother, God brings new children into the world. He gives the parents all the help they need to raise their children.



Answer to front page: Let the children come to me.
Answer to inside page: names, birds, animals, partner, sheep, God, home, woman

Saint John Henry Newman
October 9



SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH BECAUSE HE HONESTLY STUDIED ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH. WE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE AND LEARN ALL WE CAN ABOUT GOD AND THE CHURCH. ONE GOOD WAY IS TO LEARN ABOUT THE SAINTS!