

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Twenty-seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year B  
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 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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**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.  
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  
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. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives**  
**Second Reading** Heb 2:9-11  
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** cf. 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  
A reading from the 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

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**  
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**Reflection by Michael Tate**

**Fully Grounded Humans**  
In storytelling genre, the inspired author of Genesis portrays God forming the first human creature from ‘dust from the ground’, which is ‘Adamah’ in Hebrew. The very breath of God is breathed into its nostrils. It has a soul so as to share the gift of Divine life. But before we become too heady, we find that the human being is called ‘Adam’ which means ‘earth creature’. Human beings are created ‘earthly’.  
Pope Francis says: ‘We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf Gen2:7); our very bodies are made up of *her* elements, we breathe *her* air and we receive life and refreshment from *her* waters.’ (2 Laudato Si’ italics added). Where did the recurring ‘*her*’ come from? Listen to St Francis of Assisi in his Canticle of the Creatures: ‘Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.’ This leads Pope Francis to say ‘... Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.’ (1 Laudato Si’). If this way of putting it is true (as I believe it is) then the degradation and wanton destruction of the environment is surely a type of domestic violence in our common home. It is family violence. A well-grounded human being will oppose domestic violence. Let us do so adopting the spiritual and practical ecology of St Francis of Assisi, adapted for our age by Pope Francis.

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**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**  
**Monday 4th** - St Francis of Assisi

**Tuesday 5th** --  
St Maria Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday 6th**  
- St Bruno, priest, Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin

**Thursday 7th** - Our Lady of the Rosary

**Saturday 9th** - St Denis & companions,, martyrs, St John Leonardi, priest, St Hector Valdivielso Saez, martyr



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**Online:**  
**Cenacle Prayer**  
**Tues at 4.45pm**

*The Marian Movement*  
  
*of Priests*

**Adoration: Friday at 5:30pm**



**Bench Ministry:**  
**Tuesday to Sunday 9:30-10:30am.**



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**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR**

**“Anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” (Mk 10:15)**

The Gospel of Mark today narrates the lesson that Jesus taught His disciples after they prevented children from coming to meet Him. In that lesson, Jesus clearly made the children the symbol and model of those who would receive and enter the Kingdom of God. Thanks to the parents for bringing them to the assembly. But then, what are the characteristics of children that Jesus wants us to learn from?



Firstly, children are the perfect example of **trust, openness and dependence**. They put their trust in everyone they meet but mostly in their parents. They trust in their parents who put in their all to providing the best for them, and they receive everything as gift. Instinctively, they acknowledge that they cannot live without the nurturing of the people around them, especially their parents.

Secondly, children exemplify **“short memory”** - they are incapable of keeping grudges, malice, unforgiveness and bitterness as adult do. They are **quick to forgive** others.

Thirdly, children **adapt** easily to **unpredictable situations**. In the gospel story, family brought children to meet Jesus for blessing. For those children, Jesus is just a stranger whom they have never met before. But the children found their own way to enjoy His company; in fact, they came in front of Jesus to let him bless them. On the other side, when the children showed up to Jesus unexpectedly, the disciples did not know what was going on, but they did not want Jesus to be bothered because His Passion was waiting him in Jerusalem. But Jesus taught the disciples to be opened and welcome every moment like the little children.

Those characteristics of children are reflected in every form of discipleship and vocation. Because we are called to take a step into the unknown, we are required to have a profound act of trust, dependence, and openness – in relation to ourselves, others, and, most importantly, God. Living in this challenging time of the world where people are dealing with injustices, the ongoing global pandemic, other diseases, natural disasters... we learn to be more opened and accepting like little children in order to respond to those unexpected situations with peace and integrity. By welcoming God’s kingdom like little children, we are able to welcome every moments as the grace of God.

In all vocations, especially the married life mentioned in the liturgy of the Word this Sunday, Jesus invites us to look deeper into our relationship with each other and see whether our relationships are **built upon God's foundation** which is **LOVE**. In the document *Familiaris Consortio* of Pope Saint John Paul II, the Holy Father mentioned the important of sacrifice for the Christian Family in the modern world: *“Family communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. It requires, in fact, a ready and generous openness of each and all to understanding, to forbearance, to pardon, and to reconciliation.”*

Let us continue to pray and rely on Him for help. By **letting go and letting God**, our lives will be filled by His presence.

**Blessings,**  
**Mark Ha**



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions OCTOBER

### Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel. . .

## PARISH DAILY MASS

Online -

9AM Tuesday to Sunday

BB Parish link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89462634718?pwd=UGhwWFhlWkZUQWZ0bmhRMUZYUUpXZz09>

### ROSTERS

Due to the extension of the lockdown pending the advice from Service NSW the rosters will not be issued this week. Once we know what is happening the roster will be emailed out to you.

### Ministry Connect

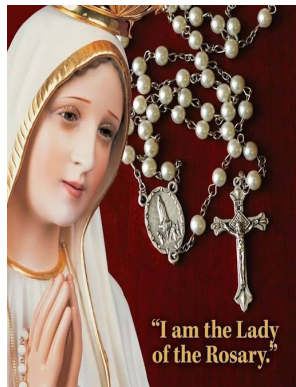
We encourage all Ministries/Team & Group Leaders to keep in touch through the 'Phone Tree' at this time of isolation. All private prayer intentions should be directed to Fr Martins who is also available for home visits to the sick.

Mass online from St Christopher's Cathedral in Canberra is available daily <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:  
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## OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY.



Please join with us for the month of October and pray the Rosary.

The Rosary will be prayed each day before the Online Mass at 8.30am.

All are welcome

## The First Assembly of the Plenary Council begins next weekend.

Visit: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed between **October 3 and 10**, including;

- Daily Masses,
- Morning prayer for Plenary Council members, and
- Sharing the fruits of discernment.

The Opening Mass will be live-streamed from 2.00 pm on 3rd October. Visit the [Plenary Council](#) website for a calendar of live streams during the Assembly. We ask all to prayerfully support the members as we "open the windows to let the Holy Spirit move in our Church." You may wish to participate in the [Archdiocesan Plenary Novena](#)

Key documents, including articles, images, infographics, and multimedia content, will be available via [Google Drive](#). You may wish to bookmark the link for easy access.

In addition, each day during the Assembly, the national team will post content including media releases, the daily homily, a summary of the group sharing during the opening plenary session, and a podcast featuring interviews with Council members.



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## September Birthdays



To all who celebrated a birthday in the month of September, we wish you a very Happy Birthday and every blessing for the year

## ONLINE PLAT FORM UPDATES

During this time of lockdown, we are trying to stay connected with our Parish Community via online platforms such as zoom, Facebook and our website.

It has been delightful to see and to welcome everyone as we gather together to celebrate the online Mass, Cenacle prayer and Adoration.

Last week we were able to connect with over 40 devices for Sunday Mass and over 20 for the weekday Masses.

We will continue to make every efforts to keep our Parish connected and invite you all to join with us as we journey together during this uncertain time. God bless!

### BENCH MINISTRY

Is available to parishioners Tuesday through Sunday from 9.30-10.30am at the front of the church.

All are welcome.

## ORDER OF MALTA

Frank Testa has messaged hoping that everyone at Bateman's Bay parish is keeping well. Frank has been keeping very busy during these pandemic times.

You have all been at the forefront of his thoughts and prayers. He is hoping that they may be able to visit soon - it is looking like that it won't be until November at the earliest at this stage.

Frank and his confreres, send prayerful best wishes to all parishioners, and if they can be of assistance from afar let the office know and we will pass on the message.



## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH TO THE HOLY

Creator Spirit, We see in St Joseph a tenderness and reverence for all your creation. We learn from him to approach others justly and tenderly, and to see our world as endowed with the glory of God. Teach us to love one another and to be of humble service to all of creation, empowered by your life within us. *St Joseph, wise protector and humble servant, pray for us* :o



## LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY

TOGETHER – THEY BECOME ONE

The Readings this weekend speak about Marriage which Fr Henri Caffarel, who founded the Teams of Our Lady Married Couples Movement described as '**Marriage is the only community founded on a sacrament**'.

Teams of Our Lady – L'Equipes de Notre Dame was founded in France over 80 years ago and is a lay movement within the Church that offers couples companionship to grow in their relationship, deepen their faith and forge deep friendships. On September 18 over 165 couples (300+) people from Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines gathered via Zoom for the Oceania Conference.

**Bishop Steve Lowe** of the Hamilton Diocese, New Zealand, presented a very powerful Reflection on *Amoris Laetitia* – *Hope and Support for Married Couples - Challenges Facing Catholic Marriage* through the analogy with Covid. Bishop Steve suggested that Teams is the antidote to the Virus – '*whilst there may be a need for social distancing – there is never a need for spiritual distancing – Christ is always with us online, anytime, anyplace*'. In Let us Dream, Pope Francis reminds us that we need a movement of people who know that we need each other and have a sense of responsibility to others...and to the world...every month 153,000 members of Teams meet together across 90 countries!.

We were reminded:

- ◇ *Marriage is so much more than a theology – marriage is injected with the love of Christ.*
- ◇ *To pray the Letter of St Paul and make variations such as ~ Love is patient, Love is kind...; **God is patient, God is kind;** and [insert your name or someone special to you] is patient ...*
- ◇ *Take time with your relationship – take time to sit down regularly & talk.*
- ◇ *Teams is an antidote to the virus attacking marriage.*

Couples shared throughout the gathering and the most powerful statement from one of the men was '**being brave enough to reveal my own heart**' in relationships and in marriage.

**As we reflect on the Scripture this weekend, whether we are married or not, whether or not we have been disappointed in love, let us pray for the grace to be brave enough each day to reveal our own hearts.**

Amen

### Covid-19 Update:

**Stay at Home Order extended in the Eurobodalla shire till further notice. Please keep SAFE**

**Death Anniversaries:** Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Norma Phillips, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker, Maureen Kinross, Kenneth Bow, **We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Theresa Humphrey, Linda Weatherall, John Muller, Eva Maria Easton, Allan Mitchell, Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Gloria Gamble, Jeanette Urbanik, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Shirley Barber, Patricia Sweeney, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist, Gwen Lavin, Kevin Allen, Evelyn Young, Isobel Evans.

### Remembering the Sick:

Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Catherine Mylott, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

### Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home Remember those who must choose Between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have to cancel our trips Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country. Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

Amen.

*Ursuline Sisters of Louisville  
Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church*

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