

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading *Genesis 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 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 *Hebrews 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 John 4:12*
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel *Mark 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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Well 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 'earthy'. 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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Fr Loi's courtyard is in need of some attention. It is only a small garden. If anyone can help, please let Marie Weatherall know on 0405 028 057



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Twenty-Seventh Week
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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 8th October B/ Bay Library 10am

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am Mass

Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday 9th October 9am

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

In the early chapters of Genesis we have what is called Primeval History. There is no contemporaneous evidence of the events recorded, much less the thoughts and words of the characters involved. They were probably written when the Kingdom of Judah fell to Babylon in 587 BCE, and its citizens taken into exile.

Yahweh's (God's) activity is described in very human (anthropomorphic) terms. The scene is a garden. The actors are God, Adam, Eve (All good) and the Serpent (Evil). The drama attempts to explain how the male/female relationship came about. And sadly how sin and evil came into the world. The latter was not the work of God. But humans. Hence despite God's Covenant with their patriarch Abraham the infidelity of the Jewish race had brought this great shame (Defeat/Exile) upon the Jewish people themselves.

You will notice in today's First Reading it is neither God nor Adam who comments: **"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife, and they become one."** It is a comment by the anonymous author that confirms a basic principle of marriage in the Mosaic Law. One, however, that Moses had modified.

In today's Gospel (Mark 10: 2-16) some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked him a politically sensitive question. **"Is it against the Law for a man to divorce his wife?"**

I say sensitive because John the Baptist had paid with his life by publicly denouncing King Herod for marrying his divorced brother Philip's wife. Jesus, as he often did, replied with a question of his own: **"What did Moses command you?"**

Jesus, of course, knew the concession Moses had made, so when they replied: **"Moses allowed us to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce."** Jesus would appeal to an authority higher than Moses, who had devised an ad hoc solution to social relationship problems that arose as the Jews wandered in the desert toward the Promised Land. **"So then, what God had united, man must not divide."**

The Pharisees did not hang around to prolong the argument.

Hebrews (2: 10-11) continues the relationship theme of God's interaction with humans. In his Incarnation by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity entered into the closest possible solidarity with humanity, sharing our earthly experience, even unto death.

Today let Jesus put his arms around you. Let him lay his hands on you. Let him bless you.

Think of him as you hug your partner, your best friend, your child.... No matter how young or old they are!

GOD LOVES YOU

Joe Quigley



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 7th—Sun 13th Oct
Monday 7th: No Mass
Tuesday 8th: Adoration 4pm
 Mass 5pm
Wednesday 9th: Mass with Anointing of the Sick 9am
Thursday 10th: Mass 9am
Friday 11th: Mass 9am
Saturday 12th: Mass 5pm
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
Sunday 13th: Mass 9am

PALMS AUSTRALIA Information Session
 Via Zoom
 Wednesday 9th October 7.30-8.30pm
 Go to palms.org.au/events to register
MISSION— Transform Lives—theirs...and yours

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

5/6 OCTOBER
Cleaning
 7-11M deSmet/J

5.00PM MASS
 Welcomer J Anderson
 Commentator :S Ebejer
 Reader: J Mackay
 Eucharistic Ministers
 J O'Sullivan,
 Computer Screen
 M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
 Welcomer T van den Broek
 Commentator N Beatty
 Reader: D Herring
 Eucharistic Ministers
 M & C Lowe
 Computer Screen T Jones.

MORNING TEA:
 Filipino Community

COUNTERS
 B Basevi

12/13 OCTOBER
Cleaning
 14-18 B Coffey/M Paine

5.00PM MASS
 Welcomer: B Oerder
 Commentator: P O'Kelly
 Reader: P Nolan
 Eucharistic Minister
 N Buick
 Computer Screen
 J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
 Welcomer M deSmet
 Commentator .B Basevi
 Reader: L Page
 Eucharistic Ministers
 V & C Burns
 Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:
 M Vidovic & Zdenka

COUNTERS
 D & L May



This week-end we welcome Ava Grocott to our faith community through the waters of baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon her on this baptism day and always

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

I will be doing ROSTERS for November—February next week. If you are going away please let me know the dates.
 Many thanks for your help.
 Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

BBECET TRIVIA AFTERNOON Will be held on Saturday 19th October 2pm @ the Olive Tree Church/Southlands 2 Bayridge Drive, North Batemans Bay—\$15 per person—Afternoon tea included
 For further information call John Hoggan on 0417 801 566

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See brochures in church foyer for services and programs.

YOU ARE INVITED to the ORDINATION of MARK HA to be held at ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL, FORREST ACT @ 5PM ON THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER .

Followed by refreshments at HAYDON HALL behind the Cathedral.



*A list has been placed in the church foyer for parishioners who would like to attend and either need a lift or those who can offer a spare seat in their car.
 Mark would like to have an idea of numbers for catering purposes*



The 2024 Archdiocesan Assembly 18-20 October 2024, is a key gathering for the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The Assembly will focus on celebrating the **Year of the Holy Spirit** and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.

In many ways, the Archdiocese is walking on the same path as the first Apostles. It took time for the early Church to discern and declare: **"It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit"** (Acts 15:28)

All are invited to join us on our pilgrim journey of discernment.

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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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians Pray for us

St Joseph Pray for us

St John Vianney Pray for us

St Mary of the Cross Pray for us

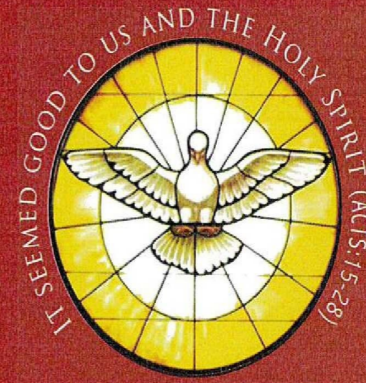
FUNERALS IN THE PARISH: Margaret Kelly—Wednesday 9th October @ 11am

Remembering the Sick:

Letitia Baz, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antonette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
 Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.
 Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions October

For a shared mission
 We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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