



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 Dianne Bergant CSA

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

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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!*

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our Parish Community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pasqualina Gangemi, Rev. Deacon Charles English

ANNIVERSARIES

Vincenzo Carbone(1 month), Simon Doan Quang Hieu, Anna Nguyen Thi Lieu, Anton Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, The Doan family

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PARISH NEWS

'ZOOM MASS & ROSARY' AT ST PETER'S DAILY THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Through saying the Rosary, we meditate the mysteries of our Redemption. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on Thursday, 7th October.

Please join as we pray **daily** a 'Zoom' Rosary commencing at **9.30am**, followed by Eucharistic celebration. Please use the following recurring link (same link that is used for the Wednesday evening Zoom catch up). Join Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6279668391?pwd=TTlVY1R0dThxM5WEQzQ3FjeXlzZz09>

ID: 627 966 8391

Passcode: 7774040

ST PETER'S 'COMMUNITY AT HOME TIME' All are welcome to join in our weekly 'Zoom' meetings where we have a friendly chat. Our next Zoom 'get together' will be **Wednesday 6th October from 8-9pm**. (See 'Zoom' link above.)

RE-IMAGINING OUR LOCAL CHURCH AS MISSION COMMUNITIES

'Take the Way of the Gospel': An introduction This resource provides an introduction to the 'Way of the Gospel' process and what parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are being invited to - the formation of Missions that comprise a family of faith communities. The formation of Missions provides us with a process to work together in becoming more missionary. Embarking on Missions is not about changing our core mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, but about the ways in which we do this that are relevant to our place and time, and with good planning for the future. For further information, please visit The Melbourne Archdiocese website: melbournecatholic.org.au and click on "Take the Way of the Gospel".

NEW PARISH TELEPHONE SYSTEM

There may be some disruptions to incoming calls in the coming week as a new telephone system is installed at the Parish. Our telephone number: 9337 4141 remains the same.

PLenary COUNCIL - FIRST ASSEMBLY

From October 3-10, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first of two Assemblies of the Plenary Council. Due to COVID and the varying lockdown restrictions across Australia, the first Assembly will now take place online. There are close to 280 members from around the country, with 17 from Melbourne. While a face-to-face Plenary would have been ideal, the Plenary Facilitation Team has prepared for all eventualities which means ensuring that each Plenary Member has the tools they'll need to participate online for the full seven days. The agenda for the Plenary Council has emerged from three years and several layers of prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment. The areas of focus and 16 questions, all aim to address the question of how we are being called to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia at this time. While Plenary members will be meeting online, we will be able to join by tuning in to the daily livestream, beginning with the Opening Mass in Perth on Sunday 3 October. Visit the Plenary website www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more details. Here are some highlights from the upcoming livestreaming schedule you might want to look out for:-

- **3 October:** Opening Mass of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, 2pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth.
- **4-9 October:** Daily Mass broadcast at 9.30am AEDT and on demand afterwards.
- **4-6 October and 8-9 October:** Plenary session livestream starts at 11am AEDT and runs until approximately 12.15pm AEDT.
- **7 October:** Plenary session livestream starts at 12 noon AEDT and runs until approximately 12.45pm AEDT.
- **10 October:** Closing Mass of the First General Assembly, 11am AEDT from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

We look forward with joy to the gradual return to classrooms of St Peter's school students and teachers over the coming weeks. We pray that there are no more disruptions to the 2021 school year.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.