

GOSPEL

Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the holy 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.**

Shorter form: 10:1-12

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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6 OCTOBER 2024

'LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME'

Today's Gospel has three scenes. The first brings a challenge to Jesus from the religious leaders who 'came to test him'. Their question is politically, socially and religiously loaded. We recognise this as like today's investigative journalism. We observe the skill of politicians, religious leaders and spokespeople taking the measure of the challenge and deciding how to deal with it. The question here is, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' Jesus recognises the challenge that is one sided, complex and about the law. Jesus' reply is a question 'What did Moses command?' He has engaged the challenge but put the ball back in their court. The answer is given still from a single perspective of the male. Jesus then delivers his parting shot, implying that this commandment was given because of 'hardness of heart' and then quotes from scripture of God's intention in creating male and female. To this there is no further response from the religious leaders: they are silenced.

The scene moves into the house with the disciples where they pursue the question. Jesus answers deliberately for both men and women. The scene changes quickly to people bringing children to Jesus and the disciples turning them away. Jesus' words 'Let the children come to me' gives space for another 'Amen' or 'Truly' saying that is not just about this most recent challenge but connected to our two previous weeks: allowing those who are open and receptive to the message of Jesus to come to him. Where is our receptivity – in listening and openness or in challenge and rebuke?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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 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

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 / 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

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 4:12

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



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Wandong: St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

	<u>5/6 Oct</u>	<u>12/13 Oct</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	5 Oct	12 Oct
Reader	Daniel Mercovich	Brian O'Dwyer
Eucharist Minister	Arthur Donovan	Cath O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	5 Oct	12 Oct
Reader	Marita Dumaresq	Rianne Emmanuel
Eucharist Minister	Clare Clancy	Marg Fleischmann
PowerPoint	Boyd Family	Pauline Duff
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	6 Oct	13 Oct
Reader	Sean Carroll	John Dixon
Eucharist Minister	Justine Sapiano	Kate Archer
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Justine Sapiano
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	6 Oct	13 Oct
Reader	Jeremy Holt	Max Carocci
Eucharist Minister	Vivienne Lawrence	Annette Moore
PowerPoint	Fetu Thompson	Chris Banon
	Rosebelle Quinn	Fetu Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	6 Oct	13 Oct
Reader	Kath Pirie	Ian Pirie
Eucharist Minister	TBA	Angela Liddle
PowerPoint	Kathy Curry	TBA
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Carry Eid	Elisa Ferraresi
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Arthur Donovan	Helen Clancy
		Pauline Duff
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	Lynne Beaumont
		Carry Eid

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Peter Hanvin, Beth Murphy, Dot McIlroy, Susan Foster, Rita Devlin, Rosa Dahm, Guadalupe Agreda, Patrick Hogan, Nuvia Prelac, Bernadette McWhinney, Sandra McCaughey & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Sr. Bernadette Ryan, Jessie Anderson, Jean Ryan, Peter O'Callaghan, Craig Gratton, Ellen Johanna Stute, Kathleen Caulfield, Norah (Ahearn) Vatovec, Brian Joseph Sullivan, Charlie Tuohey, Gwen Sullivan, Lewis Felice, Frank Scully, Ray Archer, Bill Nugent, Gerard Nahill and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Ronnie Johnson and Marie Broome.

Mon 7th Oct: 9am Communion Service, no Mass.

Parish Mass for Fr. Prakash's recovery

In response to the parishioners asking what they could do for Fr. Prakash, a Mass has been organised to pray for Fr. Prakash's speedy recovery. The Mass will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 7pm, at Our Lady of the Way Church in Wallan. All are welcome!



Notice for our Parish: Fr Anh Nguyen, Parish Priest at St Peter's, Epping, has been appointed as Administrator in Fr Prakash's absence, for as long as needed while Fr Prakash recuperates. Fr. Jossy will be with us as priest in residence. We Pray for Fr Prakash's speedy recovery.

Articles for The Shamrock Magazine: The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles to: stpatsparishmagazine@gmail.com

4 October 2024

Letter to Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

My dear friends,

Greetings to you, in Christ Jesus, Prince of Peace.

As we approach the first anniversary of the 7 October terrorising and evil attack by Hamas on Israel, we have seen from a distance the frightening and destructive consequences that have unfolded, involving many countries and more importantly, many peoples - families, the elderly, the young, the displaced.

The lands of Israel, Lebanon, and the Palestinian territories are our Holy Lands, and it is heartbreaking to see where Jesus walked, talked, died and rose, once again on the precipice of an abyss.

Recently, I met with Cardinal Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. His wise words remain with me: a "solution to conflict does not equate with peace". Rather, peace comes through the speaking of truth and the fostering of trust.

Similar thoughts were expressed in this year's Social Justice Statement, of the Australian Bishops:

All of this points to a crisis of truth which creates in turn the crisis of trust lying at the heart of the world's current convulsions; because without trust there can be no peace ... We say: speak truth to build trust and build trust to make peace.

In the conflict zones hatred is obscuring truth and hindering peace. This is something we can never give oxygen to in our own country. No to war, and no to the hatred of peoples. Whilst we might feel helpless at what is unfolding overseas, we can ensure that we live truthfully, and work for dialogue and reconciliation at home. As Christians, peace among people, and respect of peoples, must be our choice.

I join with Pope Francis and my brother Bishops in calling for a day of prayer, fasting and reconciliation for Peace this coming Monday, 7 October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. I encourage you to take up this call in your family and localities. I also ask that our faith communities give expression in prayer to this call during our worship this Sunday, rather than protest in anger.

May our prayers be offered in earnest to Blessed Mary, Mother of Hope and true Lady of Israel, of Palestine and of Lebanon, so that through her intercession the God of all mercy and consolation will bring about a reconciled world.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Archbishop of Melbourne

A Prayer for Peace

Lord our God, Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Father of all peoples, Who in the cross of Your Son and through the gift of His own life, at great cost You wished to destroy the wall of enmity and hostility that separates peoples and makes us enemies: Send into our hearts the gift of the Holy Spirit, that He may purify us from every feeling of violence, hatred and revenge, enlighten us to understand the irrepressible dignity of every human person, and inflame us to the point of consumption for a peaceful and reconciled world in truth and justice, in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God, in Your hands are the hopes of men and women and the rights of every people: Assist with Your wisdom those who govern us, so that, with Your help, they will become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor and of those who suffer the consequences of violence and war; may they promote the common good and lasting peace in our region and throughout the earth.

Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, obtain the gift of peace for the Holy Land that gave birth to you and for the whole world. Amen.

Cardinal Pizzaballa (Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem)

Spiritual Retreats at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will begin a series of reflection nights and retreats commencing with a Reflection Day focussing on the central theme of the Year of Jubilee 2025 : ***Hearing the Audacious Call to be Pilgrims of Hope*** facilitated by Mark Walsh. The day will include times of contemplation using scripture and times of prayer. www.mmhc.org.au/spiritual-retreat/

Day: Monday, 28th October, 2024, **Time:** 9.30am to 3.15pm, **Venue:** Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert street, East Melbourne, **Price:** \$120 (Morning tea provided, BYO Lunch)