

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 3 October 2021

Background on the Gospel Reading

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.

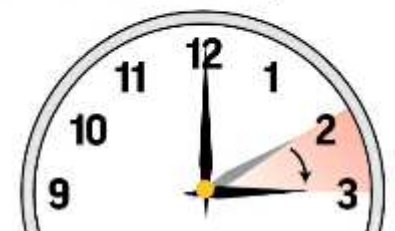
At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage.

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.

Spring ahead

Daylight saving starts Sunday at 2 a.m. Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed Saturday.



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Notices for Parish Bulletin to the Parish Office by 12 noon Thursday

Recently Deceased

Jeremiah O'Neill, Pat Moore

Anniversaries

Carmela Monelli, Paolo

Monelli, Tom Morton

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for those who are sick.

Fr Alex Lim,

Vanessa, Mary

Taylor, Brad

Castricum, Melissa

Tonkin, Joy

Websdale, Vicki Rhodes, Jim

Lacey, Chris Taylor



We pray for all who care for the sick and worry about them.

Vocation View

The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God. 'Let the little children come to me; ... for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.'

Prayer / Meditation

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Each day the Church



is open

from 8:30

am to 6:00pm.

Please choose a time

(1/2 hour) to spend in

Adoration. Each Friday the

Blessed Sacrament is exposed

1st Collection:

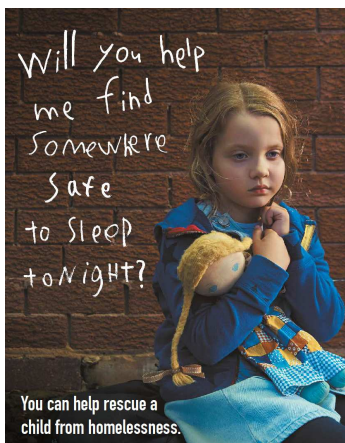
Presbytery: \$110.00

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$3,892.00

Loose Money: \$XXX

Other Events



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St Vincent de Paul Society

Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this spring in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping people experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

Would you like to make a contribution to our Winter Appeal?

If you can contribute to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub> or calling 13 18 12. Please help us to help others.

Please nominate either the Mentone or Parkdale conference when making your donation. Donation of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

A big thank you from the Mentone and Parkdale Vinnies conferences.

9/10 October 2021

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - T Dillon (SP)

9:00 am - D Atherton, B Fitchet (SJV)

11:00 am - R Smith (SP)

5:00 pm - F Desumma (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 P Mount (SP)

9:00 J O'Donoghue (SJV)

11:00 am - T Mengle (SP)

5:00 pm - C Giosis (SP)

Sacristan (SJV):

D Atherton

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick (SJV):

J O'Donoghue

Flowers (SJV):

B McCann

Readings next week: Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Wisdom: 7:7-11

Hebrews: 4:12-13

Mark: 10:17-30

Rosary:

1. In St Patrick's Church the Rosary is prayed each day before morning Mass at 8:40am. All welcome.
2. The Rosary is also prayed on Thursday after 10:40am OLSC Mass and on Wednesday evenings, 3pm at Bridie's (9585 5142)

Divine Mercy Devotions:

Are held in St Patrick's

Cuppa

& Chat



All are welcome each Sunday to join us in the

OTHER EVENTS

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.



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The **4th October** is St Francis of Assisi Feast Day.

St Francis hailed from the beautiful little town of Assisi, in Umbria, the region called "the green heart of Italy" for its abundant vegetation and its central position in the country. It is the only region of peninsular Italy which is landlocked.

Peace Prayer Saint Francis



Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace:
where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that
I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we
receive,
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.
Amen.

October, Month of the Rosary....

It's October! Can you believe it? By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotion.

The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary every day.



Our Blessed Mother herself has asked us in her apparitions to pray the rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and of the world. As we pray the Rosary, we are not only praising the Blessed Virgin Mary with the words of the angel Gabriel but we are also petitioning the Father to hear us while at the same time we have the opportunity to reflect upon the events of the life of our Lord Jesus.

<https://www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au>

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Entrance Antiphon Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

(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.

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.

Communion Antiphon Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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