

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

**A reading from the book of Genesis** 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.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 127. R. v.5

***(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.***

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf. 1 Jn 4:12

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

**A reading from the Gospel according to Mark**

Mk 10:2-16

***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.**

**Communion Antiphon :** Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.



**Next week's readings:**

**First Reading:**

**Wis 7:7 -11**

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14**

**Second Reading:**

**Heb 4:12 - 13**

**Gospel**

**Mk 10:17-27**



# Parish of Belgrave

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*The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)*

**Our Parish Vision Statement:**  
*We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....*

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk &	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am (on zoom)
	WEEKDAY	(on zoom)	(on zoom)	(on zoom)	

### Homily for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 3rd October, 2021

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.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.**

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** Maureen Ann Tuisue (55), the daughter of Ian and Pam Giulieri who passed away on 19th Sep. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

**Anniversaries:** Geoff Henwood, Hugh Ilyine, Ted Madden, Terry O'Brien, Le Thity, Patricia Harrison.

### **Prayer for the deceased:**

Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

As of now all the Liturgical Celebrations stand suspended until we receive further information from Archdiocese of Melbourne. Parish office is closed.

### **Divine Worship on Zoom**

Monday –Saturday: 9am Holy Mass, followed by  
Holy Rosary

Saturday : 6pm Holy Mass (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 9am Holy Mass: 5.30 pm Holy  
Rosary

Join the parish community on zoom in praying together as one family of God for the end the pandemic Covid-19. Zoom Link below

### **Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary on Zoom**

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?](https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMlZ0STY0TFRRYXJGOT09)

[pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMlZ0STY0TFRRYXJGOT09](https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMlZ0STY0TFRRYXJGOT09)

Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..

Passcode: 7mJTww



### **Thanksgiving envelops and supporting priest (Presbytery collection)**

Though we have roadmap provided by Victorian government, we are not sure when we will be able to open the church for liturgical celebrations. I am thankful to all of for your continued support to the parish through (online payment) direct debit and credit card. Few of have posted to parish address your thanksgiving envelops. Thanks for doing so. I request others to do the same. When you send them (thanksgiving envelopes) please mention how much is for church and how much is for presbytery. Once again thank you for your continued support. I assure you of my prayers for your good health safety stay at home. May God bless and protect us all.

**Fr. Anthony Cruz**

### ***Plenary Council - First Assembly 3-10 October***

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via 'one device-one person' mode. There will be 17 members participating in this gathering who have been called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October).

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

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

### ***One Million Children Praying the Rosary***

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at

[www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)



Prayers of the faithful for Twenty-seventh  
Sunday in Ordinary

**PRIEST:** God made us not for isolation but for community . Let us now bring our common needs before him.

**READER:** Response today is ...Hear us in your love.

**READER:** As a Christian community, may we be a sign and a source of unity in a fragmented and troubled world. Lord hear us .....

**Response : Hear us in your love.**

**READER:** We pray that God may give husbands and wives comfort in time of sorrow, strength in times of trial and an enduring love for one another . Lord hear us.....

**Response : Hear us in your love.**

**READER:** When marriages break down may Christ heal the wounds that result. Lord hear us.....

**Response : Hear us in your love.**

**READER:** We pray that single people may find love and support within the Christian community. Lord hear us....

**Response : Hear us in your love.**

**READER:** For the Plenary Council members who are assembling around Australia for the First Assembly: that their hearts and minds are opened to receive the Holy Spirit in all their conversations and prayer. Lord, hear us.

**Response : Hear us in your love.**

**READER:** For our own special needs..... Lord hear us....

**Response : Hear us in your love.**

**PRIEST:** O God, strengthen the bonds that exist between us and we ask for the grace to be faithful to you and to one another. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen

**The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary  
October 7**



*"One day  
through the  
ROSARY  
and  
SCAPULAR  
I will save the  
world."  
OUR LADY to St.  
Dominic*

**The Fifteen Promises Granted to those  
who Recite the Rosary**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary promised to Saint Dominic and to all who follow that "Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted." She left for all Christians Fifteen Promises to those who recite the Holy Rosary.**

**Imparted to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan**

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall **receive signal graces.**
2. I promise my **special protection** and the **greatest graces** to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a **powerful armor against hell**, it will **destroy vice, decrease sin**, and **defeat heresies.**
4. The Rosary will **cause virtue** and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the **abundant mercy** of God; it will **withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities**, and will **lift them to the desire for eternal things.** Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, **shall not perish.**
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall **never be conquered by misfortune.** God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just **he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.**
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the **Rosary shall not die without the sacraments** of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have **during their life and at their death the light of God** and the **plenitude of His graces**; at the moment of death they **shall participate in the merits of the saints** in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from **Purgatory** those **who have been devoted to the Rosary.**
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall **merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.**
11. You shall **obtain all you ask** of me by the **recitation of the Rosary.**
12. All those who **propagate the Holy Rosary** shall be **aided by me in their necessities.**
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the **advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.**
14. All **who recite the Rosary** are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a **great sign of predestination.**

Source: <http://themostholYROsary.com/15promises.htm>