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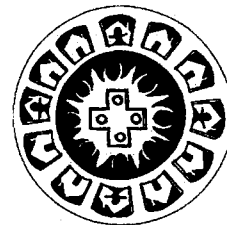
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Christ in community...the
heart of our faith

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 4 October 2015



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

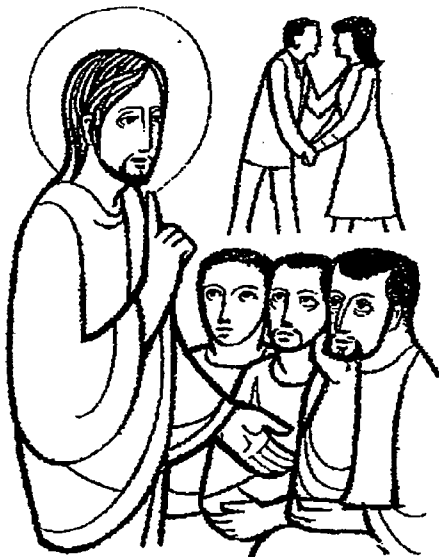


Readings for
next Sunday

Wisdom 7:7-11

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30



Liturgical Jottings

The altar should be built separate from the wall, in such a way that it is possible to walk around it easily and that Mass can be celebrated at it facing the people, which is desirable wherever possible. Moreover, the altar should occupy a place where it is truly the centre toward which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns. The altar should usually be fixed and dedicated. GIRM 299

Laudato Si'

God's plan includes creating humanity. After the creation of man and woman, "God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good". The Bible teaches that every man and woman is created out of love and made in God's image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:26).

Pope Francis no. 64

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Looking at the Readings

What God has joined together, no one must divide

In the Mediterranean world, marriages were between families. Each family selected a partner, union with whom was intended to bind the families into a stronger unit. Just as children do not choose their parents, so too children, in this culture, do not choose their wedding partners. God chose one's parents, and through one's parents God chose one's marriage partner. Hence "What God has joined together, let no one separate."

Divorce is not just about the separation of two partners but the separation of two families. In a society driven by honour and shame, the family of the bride will be shamed. Her male relatives will have to bear the shame. Remedying the shame will lead to feuding and bloodshed. Divorce was never a command under the Law of Moses. It was meant for some serious situation. Moses allows a certificate of divorce in Deuteronomy 24:1-2.

Jesus calls his listeners back to the original vision of marriage in Genesis. 'From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh.' Jesus is saying that both partners are equal. The wife is not a possession of the husband and his family. In the kingdom there are no second-class citizens. All are of equal dignity and to be treated with equal respect.

Scripture scholars point out that the word used for joined here could better be translated "yoked" together. The yoke allowed two animals of unequal size and strength to bring their separate energies and apply them to the task without one taking advantage of the other. The contribution of both was harnessed and mutually appreciated. The marriage union is not a hierarchical order!

Jesus blessed the children and enveloped them in his arms. They received the free loving embrace of the One who embodied the Kingdom. We too need to be 'hugged' by God!

Quotable Quote

"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you." -*St. Augustine of Hippo*

On the Lighter Side

"Aging is not a laughing matter, but its much better if you do learn to laugh with the changes that age brings, then you're not so apt to be disappointed with your spouse."

Ken Davis, Happily Ever Laughter



Notices

Weekend Mass Times - Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 8am and 11am **Weekday Mass Times** Tuesday to Friday 9.15am, Thursday at Ave Maria 4.30pm
Reconciliation- Saturday mornings 9.30am-10.30am
Before 9.15am weekday masses

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 4 (weather permitting)

In honour of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment.

2.00pm At the Northern end of the Victoria Park Lake, Wyndham Street, Shepparton
Followed by a walk around the lake for those who wish to participate.

This event is for everyone who loves animals. All animals must be on a lead, in a basket or cage at all times and be under the control of the owner.



St Vincent de Paul Society You are invited to Come and *good works* See how the St Vincent de Paul Society operates in the local region. Come and See what opportunities and programs are available to assist those seeking our support. e.g soup vans, home visitation, kids camps, kids day out, emergency recovery, tutoring, educational and recreational programs, Vinnies shops, and supporting the aged. **SUNDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 2015**

YOUTH-LED MASS & STRONGER DGROUP

Saturday October 15, the Stronger Team would like to invite you to join us for our Youth-Led Mass at 6pm, followed by our DGroup Series Night: Alpha Youth at 7pm in Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre.
Looking forward to seeing you all there!!

CCR Sandhurst Diocesan Annual Conference 2015 "The Power to Live."

October 16th-18th 2015 at Melbourne University Agricultural College, Dookie. Guest Speaker Fr. Francis Otobo. More details available in the Narthex.

THANK YOU—A small team spent Wednesday morning mowing, gardening and watering the parish grounds. We appreciate their time and effort to keep the grounds looking so beautiful. Thanks to Ray Burns, Leon Preston, Jock O'Connor and Bruno Segafredo.

Good Friday—Stations of the Cross 2016 Due to Easter being in March next year, expressions of interest are now being taken for those who are interested in participating in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday as actors, etc. If you are interested please phone Dale 0408 216 522

MARCH FOR THE BABIES— in Melbourne Saturday 10th October. Meet at Treasury Gardens (cnr Spring St & Wellington Pde). For more information flyers are available in the narthex.

Accommodation Request: Person looking for accommodation for Jan 2016 in share house/spare room. Graduate midwife at GV Health. Ring Fiona if you can help 0447 967 631

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH MEN'S GROUP— FILM NIGHT

11th October in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre at 8pm. Pizza and fellowship followed by film "Of Gods and Men". An order of Trappist monks living a quiet corner of Algeria, must decide to stay among the impoverished residents who have been their neighbours, or flee, as the country is plunged into civil war in the mid—1990s. Cost \$10-00(or as much as you can afford) **ALL WELCOME** If you have not been to a men's group event before this might be a good way to start. Further information contact Damien Sullivan 0438 088403 or Paul White 5831 8700.

ROSTER FOR ST. BRENDAN'S USHERS: A new roster was emailed to all parishioners during the week. If you did not receive your copy please contact the parish office.

STRONGER LIVE 18+ EVENT @ NOBLE MONKS

Stronger LIVE is a new initiative from Stronger Youth for Young Adults 18+.

Come and join us for faith, discussion, great food and fellowship.

The guest speaker for the evening will be ODIN who will be sharing his lived experience of anxiety and depression.

WHERE: Noble Monks

WHEN: Thursday October 15

TIME: 6:30pm For more info contact Mary-Anne, sandhurst@strongeryouth.com (03) 5445 3615.

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP

This annual fundraiser for our parish has created a lot of interest amongst parishioners every year for many years.

Tickets will be on sale before and after mass.
\$2.00 each or \$10.00 per book.

First prize \$500.00



SECRETARIES CONFERENCE— The parish secretaries in the Diocese will be attending a Conference in Bendigo on October 6 and 7. The Office will remain open by volunteers to help where possible.

Celebrating Marriage During all Masses on the weekend 10th & 11th October, all married couples will have the opportunity to renew their vows and receive a special blessing. A beautiful and significant way to celebrate the sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage.



Lectors & Commentators - 10th October & 11th October
6pm Youth Group
8am T Francis, G Quinlan
11am A Ferguson, A Madeira

RECENTLY DECEASED: Harry Walker, Morris Hoare
ANNIVERSARIES: William (Bill Crowe), Ernest John De Lai, Charlie Wall, Reg Hutchinson, Rodrigo Lee

C.W.L meeting Thursday 8th October at 1pm in Mons Jeffrey Centre.