

## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

4th October 2009

### GOSPEL: Mark 10: 2-16

In today's Gospel Jesus answers questions about marriage and divorce and then receives the little children. He teaches us that to enter God's kingdom we must become like children. We ask for the grace to be small before God and before each other.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

### A PRAYER FOR HUSBANDS AND WIVES TO SAY TOGETHER

"Lord and Creator of life, no other vocation in life have you so richly blessed by interlacing intimacy and affection in the sacred union of hearts and bodies. We who share in this ministry of marriage must also share its heavy burdens. But our moments of loving affection, so human and so holy, lighten our trials and nourish us ... in our common journey to you. ... May the happiness of these times of tenderness be for us a sacrament of our future and endless unity with You. Blessed are You, Lord our God, who crowns marriage with love and affection."

### NO LONGER TWO BUT ONE

When we marry, "we are not simply moving in with someone we think it might be fun to live with. Rather, we are giving our prior assent to the whole chain reaction of trials, decisions, transformations and personal cataclysms which once they are done with us, may leave us changed beyond recognition and marked deeply."

In a very real sense, marriage can be likened to a conversion experience because the sacred union between the spouses requires that they turn from self to the other in a wholehearted commitment that places the other above all others. When the two who marry are believers, there is an added dimension of conversion, for now the two turn from self and all others to look together toward God and vow to live as one in God's presence.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

God created us to live in harmony with one another, to care for each other and to pray for each other. Confident that God hears our prayers, let us pray today for all those whom we love.

That Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

That the entire People of God, to whom Christ entrusted the mandate to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, may eagerly assume their own missionary responsibility and consider it the highest service they can offer humanity.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for all those who have died or are suffering after the Tsunami in Samoa and the earthquakes in Indonesia.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for all those whose lives are at risk: for unwanted babies and the unwanted elderly; for those in prison and those on the fringes of society; for the least valued of our world.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer

Let us remember those for whom we are especially concerned: for our loved ones who are sick or struggling with personal difficulties especially Andy & Marie Carter, Catherine Flannery, Kathy Horvat, Dawn Salmon, Tom Ryan, Audrey Willis, Kathy Dyball, Eileen Foley, Robert Driscoll, Russell Baude, Georgina Nelson, Mat Talbot, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melva McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook. For those who have asked for our prayers

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer

We remember those who have died especially Kevin Kennedy, Tiby Turay, Sr Margaret Brown, Arthur Sisley, Sr M Paul Flemming, Bernie Costigan, Charles Neander, John Salmon, Jill Mitsch, Mary Egan and Sandy McKenzie-McHarg. For our ancestors who have gone before us; for those we miss every day; for all those who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Jenny McLaurin, Rodney Wales, Ron Brindley, Rosemary Cullen, William Manning, Cecilia Manning, Veronika Zovin and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

Wilma Peternel, Julia Frauenfelder, Ronald Sisley, Deceased Members of the Manning, Peterkin & Little Families, Bill Livsey, Rose & Harry Livsey, Mary & Bill Kotthoff, Eileen, Gus, Kerry, Patrick, Bonnie & Patricia Roche, Noel & Peter Rothe, Philip Smith, Victor Bruce, Lil Munk, Frank Kelly, Henry Wynter, John Dallinger, Malcolm Nicholson, Sr Helen Shortall RSM, Sr Monica Esler, Brian Esler, Dan Moore, Alice Plunkett, Clare Flynn & the Flynn Family and all our dear ones who have died.

We pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer

Good and gracious God, watch over and protect us and our homes. Strengthen the love that unites families in peace and joy and grant that our parish family may know the peace and unity that is a sign of your presence among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## **BAPTISMS**

Last weekend we welcomed into God's Church the following newly baptised:

**BENJAMIN MURPHY**

## **FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **MARCH FOR THE BABIES BUS TO MELBOURNE ON SAT. 10TH OCTOBER**

To remember the passing of the Victorian abortion law reform act, a peaceful prayerful march has been organised by Youth For Life starting at 11.00am from Fitzroy Gardens and ending at Parliament House. The bus leaves St Patrick's Church Albury at 7.00am sharp on the day. For details, see the poster at the back of the church or sign up at Veritas Central. Phone 6021 8099 for details. Please book by 5th October.

### **HOLY HOUR, EXPOSITION WITH ROSARY AND BENEDICTION**

Wednesday 7th October from 5.30-6.30pm in St Patrick's Church - prayer in reparation of sins against and a greater respect for all human life.

### **HOLY HOUR**

A Holy Hour for youth is celebrated every last Wednesday of the month from 7.00pm-8.00pm at St Patrick's Church. All ages welcome to come and pray with and for the youth of Albury.

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The Catholic Women's League will be hosting the film "Mao's Last Dancer" on Sunday 4th October at 4.00pm. Afternoon tea at 2.00pm in the parish gardens if the weather is fine otherwise it will be held in St Patrick's supper room. Tickets are \$20.00 each which covers the movie and afternoon tea. Please phone Helen Sandral on 6023 6110.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held this Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

## **CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION**

Parishioners interested in assisting with Catholic catechetical instruction in public primary schools within the parish are invited to contact Christine McMahon on 6021 3573. Training and support provided.

## **SANCTUARY & FLOWER ROSTER FOR 2010**

Volunteers are needed for the St Patrick's Church Altar Roster. This requires about one hour of your time once a week for two weeks of the year to dust the church and arrange flowers. Please phone Nan Brandt on 6021 5060 or the Parish Secretary on 6041 2588 if you can help.

## **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FOR 18-35YRS**

A weekly discussion group for 18-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. Contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email: [mizmim@gmail.com](mailto:mizmim@gmail.com) John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

## **THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

Petition your local Federal MP to protect 'marriage' by opposing the new push to legalise gay marriage

## **SNIPPET**

It is not material goods that quench the profound thirst for meaning and happiness in the heart of every person. (Benedict XVI)