



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

6 OCTOBER 2024

## 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!



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary - 6 October 2024- Year B

### OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH HILTON

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**REFLECTION: I am Sorry.** You may well have heard of the person I refer to you today, Archbishop Nguyen Van Thuan. He was Archbishop of Saigon and was in fact Bishop when Saigon fell during the Vietnam war. He was taken prisoner and for 13½ years and endured immense deprivation. A number of those years were spent in solitary confinement. Among the many ploys used against him in the big re-education program to get him to deny his God they would for instance leave the bald electric light burning for days so Bishop Thuan could not know the difference between day or night. Then reversely they would leave the light off for days and he would be plunged into terrible darkness. It doesn't take much imagination to work out what this could have done to somebody's spirit. On other occasions they would leave him hungry for days and then give him a great feast of fish, heavily salted. Obviously, he would eat the lot for he was hungry. This would be followed by a terrible thirst. He would be left and then they would give him something to drink, and he would drink and drink and drink. At the risk of sounding crass then of course the inevitable bodily functions would take over and then the poor Bishop would find that he had soiled himself. The guards would come and drag him out into the centre of the yard with everyone to look at him. They would get a female officer to strip him and hose him down. They would hose out his cell. Again, it doesn't take much imagination to work out how humiliating that must have been for him. Augh, Bishop took up with an answer for the love of his dear God who was never far from his heart. He bowed and apologised to those guards for causing them trouble.

How many of us would have the humility to think that. In the face of the little humiliations that come our way, how about this week making that part of your story? I intend to make it mine. When those little humiliations come to us that we find ourselves saying "Thank you" to the person who points out something we already know that we say sorry to the person who is putting us under duress. In the end how we would gladden the heart of God who says, "Thank you" and "I am sorry" to us all the time.

### SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION for all CHURCH WORKERS:

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened the scope of safeguarding of children to include adults at risk. This induction provides an overview of the:

- Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Policies and Procedures.
- Understanding Abuse, Grooming and Prevention.
- Reporting of concerns.
- Role of the Safeguarding Officer.
- Collective Responsibility and Care...

ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is **anyone** in the Archdiocese in **any role** – paid or voluntary. Please register for the upcoming session if you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years. The upcoming session is as follow: **Date:** Saturday, 19 October 2024. **Time:** 10-11 am. **Venue:** Our Lady of Fatima, 10 Foss Street, Palmyra. **Registration:** <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#online-training>.

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT:** Join us for a Vocations Discernment weekend retreat to help guide God's call for your life. Fr Joseph Laundry, Vocations Director, invites men aged 18+ to join our Discernment Retreat from **18-20 Sunday, 6 October 2024**

**October 2024** at St Charles Seminary, Guildford. This retreat offers spiritual formation, vocation talks and more to help participants discern God's call. Cost is \$50. Only 3 spots remain. To register call 9220 5901 or email [vocations.perthcatholic.org.au/discernment-retreat-2024](mailto:vocations.perthcatholic.org.au/discernment-retreat-2024).

### BJ HICKEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN:

The Centre for Faith Enrichment is once again calling for applications to the **BJ Hickey Scholarship!** The scholarships are for Biblical studies of any length and at any level. You don't need to be an academic – just someone with a desire to further their knowledge of Scripture and to help others with that knowledge. To access the scholarship application details and the new digital Scholarship Application Form, please visit the [Scholarships page](#) on the Centre for Faith Enrichment website: [www.cfe.org.au](http://www.cfe.org.au). Please note that applications close at **5pm on Friday, 1 November 2024**. These will be considered in November 2024 and applicants will be notified in December 2024. For all related enquiries, please email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au) or call 9278 0261

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meet every Monday, except for public holidays, between 7 and 8 pm in the first meeting room to the left of the Church. New members are always welcome. Please contact Ian (President) on 0428 121 152 for further information.

### 2025 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS:

Are on sale for **\$10 each** from the Parish Office. The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar.



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**RECONCILIATION - Saturday's:** 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 5 to 12 October 2024**

#### Saturday 5 October

**9am Mass:** In Thanksgiving - Donor

**6pm Mass:** Antonio D'Alessandro & Renato D'Alessandro (Anniversary)

#### Sunday 6 October

**7.30am Mass:** Jose Rebelo (Anniversary)

**9am Mass:** For the People

**3-4pm Holy Hour**

#### Tuesday 8 October

**9am Mass:** Intention of Donor

#### Wednesday 9 October

**9am Mass:** John Randall (RIP)

#### Thursday 10 October

**9am Mass:** Intention of Donor

#### Friday 11 October

**8.30am Anointing Mass:** Fortunata Landro-Randazzo

#### Saturday 12 October

**9.30am Funeral Service**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** 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.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the One Bread and one Chalice.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS:

Christine Rhow, Veronica-Marie, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Martin-Joseph, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Damien-Ivan, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Zoe-Anne, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Kiara-Eve, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Fr Greg Carroll, Fr Wilson Donizzetti, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot, Fr John Piumatti, Fr Don Kettle, Mila Hogan, Mara Ravlich, Fr Vittorio Ricciardi, Lloyd Smith.

**WE REMEMBER:** Pope Francis has called for a Global Day of Prayer and Fasting to mark the **one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel** and in the face of the increasing conflict taking place in the Middle East. **He is asking all of us to take part in a day of Prayer and Fasting for peace in the world on Monday 7 October 2024: Our Lady of the Rosary.** Pope Francis said the Church is always at the service of humanity especially in this dramatic hour of our history, as the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to ravage entire peoples and nations. The **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC)** has also notified each diocese encouraging all to participate in this day of prayer and fasting. The **ACBC** is encouraging use of the **Prayer Confronting Violence and Abuse** associated with the current Social Justice Statement. On the Memorial of Lady of the Rosary our **recitation of the Rosary** should invoke **Mary, Queen of Peace**. Also remember in your prayers all those attending the Synod on Synodality in Rome, especially Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB.

**PRAYER: Confronting Violence and Abuse. Loving God,** you made each of us in your image and likeness. Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing dominion and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom. Help us to love like you. **Jesus Christ,** you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence. Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour. Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did. **Holy Spirit,** you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse and support their call for justice. Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour. Amen.

### THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION:

The amount donated by OLMC Hilton Parish for the 2024 Catholic Mission Appeal was \$1,764. "Thank you for your generous response." The amount raised will go towards helping our missionaries in Mongolia to provide safe haven and support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence and homelessness.

**menALIVE – reCHARGE 24: Friday 1 November 6.30pm to Sunday 3 November 1.30pm,** 3B Piggery Lane, New Norcia. reCHARGE your faith in the company of like-minded men and enjoy some good old-fashioned Benedictine hospitality at the historic New Norcia Hostel. Catholic men are invited to gather to listen, reflect and share our journey of growth into the men we were made to be. Register at <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/reCHARGE>. Further information contact Kim Metcalf 0414 537 023.





**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

## '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**