

**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



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

6 OCTOBER 2024

**'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**

**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!**

## Hallett Cove Catholic Community

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Kerry Cornelius, Rae Campbell

Sean Perry, Rowan Thomas

Craig Fosdike (School Principal)

Terry Fanning (PFC Rep)

#### Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Adelaide region, on which we meet. We pay respect to elders both past and present.

We acknowledge and respect the Kurna people's cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection with their land, waters and community.

#### Knights of the Southern Cross, Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring Tony Schar on 0419 127 491

#### Leaving A Bequest

Have you ever considered making a bequest to the Church? You may want to contribute to your local parish. For more information, call the bequest office on P: 8210 8223 or E: [bequestoffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:bequestoffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

Would you like to receive an email copy of the bulletin each week. Please email Pat at [hallettcoveparish@gmail.com](mailto:hallettcoveparish@gmail.com) be added to the list.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.15am

#### Reconciliation

5.30pm Saturday evenings before Mass or by appointment with the priest

#### Baptisms

are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month at 10.30am. Other dates negotiable.

Contact the parish office to book.

#### Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday 12noon

(Rosary at 11.30am)

Friday 9.30am

Rosary after Mass

#### Readings for next Sunday

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-27

#### Feast Days this week

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

St Denis

St John Leonardi

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

St John XXIII

#### Meetings this week

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Baptism Preparation meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Craft Group 11am

#### Masses at Brighton this week

Tuesday 12 noon

Wednesday 6.30pm (Rosary at 6pm)

Friday 12noon

Saturday 10am & 6pm

Sunday 8.30am & 10am

#### Holy Water

There is a container of Holy Water on the bench in the foyer. You are welcome to bring your container and fill it from the dispenser.

We are also collecting empty Holy Water vials to recycle or reuse. Please leave them in the basket in the foyer.

#### Book Exchange

Take a book or leave a book for others to share.

#### Palms

If you have any Return your blessed Palms to the basket in the foyer – to be burnt for Ashes for Ash Wednesday

#### Census Update

Please leave any updated census forms in the basket in the foyer – thank you for helping us update our records.

#### Rosters for next weekend

12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mass 6pm 9.15am

#### Sacristan

Pat McKenna

#### Welcoming

Tania Holman Mila Grimshaw

#### Commentator

Ken Holman Joy Saba

#### 1st Reader

Pat Carlisle Mike Ellul

#### 2nd Reader

Malcolm Balkwill Bernie Meixner

#### Ministers of Communion

Peter Smith Mila Grimshaw

Philippa Hanlon Rick Grimshaw

Matthew Aitken Bob Byrth

#### Music Slides Preparation

Malcolm Balkwill

Counters Glenice & Terry Fanning,

Maureen Griggs

Linen Novia Pereira

Cleaners School

#### First Friday of each month

We will have a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration starting at 9.30am and will conclude with Benediction before Mass. Mass will begin at 10am and will include Anointing of the Sick. There will be a few hours of Exposition, Rosary & Adoration after the Mass and you are invited to stay and pray.

All welcome..

#### New to the parish

We welcome new parishioners and invite you to take a flyer about our parish and to complete your details, so that we can add you to our records. Please contact the office if you would like any more information.

#### Children's Liturgy

All primary aged children are invited to Children's Liturgy on the First Saturday of each month and each Sunday when a leader is available.

#### October is Rosary month

We will have Rosary during October after Friday morning Masses, Wednesdays at 11.30am and 6pm each Tuesday evening.

We are looking for someone to visit our Anglicare Nursing home to take communion to residents fortnightly. Please contact Pat for more info

Fr Peter Sheedy will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at

Lockleys Parish Hall, 456 Henley Beach Rd, 2-5pm. All welcome. BYO Drinks.

RSVP by 21<sup>st</sup> October

[psheedy@adam.com.au](mailto:psheedy@adam.com.au)

#### Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a time marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encourages awareness-raising initiatives to help us to heal & protect Our Common Home. This year's theme is:

To hope & act with Creation.

First fruits of hope (Rom 8:23-25)

Creation and all of us are called to worship the Creator, working together for a better future. Only when we work together with Creation can the first fruits of hope be born.

#### Garden Exchange

Thank you to everyone who brought items for the Garden exchange. Please have a look after Mass – if there is something you can use, please take it. Reduce, re use, recycle

#### Laudato Si

The Pope has asked us to think about the world we live in and about how we can help save the environment and care for creation. Each week we will have a suggestion for you to consider: This week: How water savvy is your home/ work environment – how could it be improved

#### Parish Lunch

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30pm at the Warradale Hotel. Register your participation before the 7<sup>th</sup> October by adding your name to the sheet in the foyer.

#### Community Notice Board

We have a Community noticeboard where you can advertise services offered, things for sale, help wanted etc. The parish will not be responsible for any dealings made via these notices. The board will be cleared at the end of each month



#### Please pray for

##### Sick:

Tom Bierer, Phil Sokol, Ofa Starmans, James Goddard, Linda Barker, Glenn Mead, Anne Boots, David Healey, Bernadette Berry, Helen Hehir

##### Recently Deceased

Monita Haydon, Gaudencia San Pedro, June Spurling, Francis (John) Brogan

##### Anniversaries

Vera Brogan

**Privacy Laws.** All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will not be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

#### POPE'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

#### Baptism Preparation

If you have booked a Baptism at Hallett Cove or are thinking about it, come along to our Baptism preparation session this Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.

We will be running monthly preparation sessions for Baptism in our parish and need a group of people to help out the priests in these sessions. If you may be interested, please talk to Pat in the office.

#### Planned Giving envelopes

The new Planned Giving envelopes begin this weekend. Please collect yours from the table in the foyer.

#### Catholic Missions

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.

There will be a special collection for Catholic Missions on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October

#### Add some sparkle to your marriage

Your marriage relationship is a most precious jewel. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend has the power to revitalise your relationship and reconnect you with your spouse and with God. Learn new communication skills and simple ways to keep your relationship a priority.

Our next Weekend is scheduled for 1-3 November at the Adelaide Royal Coach Hotel, Kent Town. Call Jo & Jon on 049 3747 478 or

email [sabookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:sabookings@wwme.org.au). Alternatively, visit [WWME.org.au](http://WWME.org.au) and apply online today.

#### Fr Prathap is on leave.

He is in India and will be back at the end of October. We wish him a safe and relaxing holiday.

We are collecting items for the Vinnies Baby Layettes. There is a box in the foyer for white 0000 Singlets, 0000 Jumpsuits, NEWBORN 0000 size Disposable Nappies or Baby wipes. Please place donations in the box in the foyer. Thank you for your support.

#### Mass for the Unborn Child

A special Mass celebrated in memory of the Unborn Child as well as those children who have lost their lives to accidents and illnesses will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 24 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton, on Saturday October 12 at 10am, followed by coffee/tea. For more information please call (08) 8296 7292.

#### Did you know?

Pat sends out an email each Friday with what is coming up on the weekend. Please send an email to [hallettcoveparish@gmail.com](mailto:hallettcoveparish@gmail.com) to be added to the email list

#### Feast of St Daniel Comboni Mass.

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St Daniel Comboni Eucharistic celebration Mass on Sunday October 13, 2024, at 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are welcome to this cultural celebration of a saint who stood up for injustice and promoted care for the marginalised. For more information, please contact the Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on E:

[jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

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Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our Discovery Online session Wednesday 9 October. Explore unique opportunities matching your skills to sustainable solutions.

Venue: Online via

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Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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[palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

#### Annie's Op-Shop 50% Clearance Sale!

Date: Tuesday, October 15

Time: 9am – 2pm (strictly)

Location: Morphet Vale Parish Corner of 3 Venning Street and 9 Bains Road, Morphet Vale

Join us for a special clearance sale at Annie's Op-Shop, Morphet Vale parish hidden gem! Discover incredible deals on bric-a-brac, clothing, furniture, books, toys, DVDs & CDs, Christmas decorations and much more!

Regular hours: Tuesdays and Fridays, 9am – 2pm.

Don't miss out on this one-day event for fantastic finds and unbeatable prices!

