



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th October 2024



## Gospel Reflection

The question of divorce was among the most divisive issues in Jewish society. The Book of Deuteronomy (24: 1) stipulated that a husband could divorce his wife for “some indecency.” Interpretations of exactly what

constituted “indecency” varied greatly, ranging from adultery to accidentally burning the evening meal. Further, the wife was regarded under the Law as the husband’s chattel, with neither legal right to protection nor recourse to seeking a divorce on her own. In Biblical times, there was little appreciation of love and commitment in marriage – marriages were always arranged in the husband’s favor, the husband could divorce his wife for just about any reason, the woman was treated little better than property. Divorce, then, was tragically common among the Jews of Jesus’ time.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus cites the Genesis account of the creation of man and woman (today’s first reading) to emphasize that husband and wife are equal partners in the covenant of marriage (“the two become one body”). The language of Genesis indicates that the Creator intends for the marriage union to possess the same special covenantal nature as God’s covenant with Israel. Jesus again appeals to the spirit of the Law rather than arguing legalities: It is the nature of their marriage covenant that husband and wife owe to one another total and complete love and mutual respect in sharing responsibility for making their marriage succeed.

Today’s Gospel reading also includes Mark’s story of Jesus’ welcoming the little children. Again, Jesus holds up the model of a child’s simplicity and humility as the model for the servant-disciple.

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## PARISH MORNING TEA THIS SUNDAY IN MANLY FOLLOWING THE 8:30am MASS



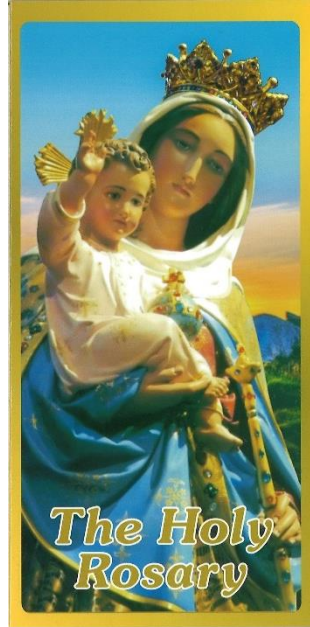
Children’s Liturgy will commence on Sunday 13th October during the 10:30am Mass. It will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the

month at 10:30am Mass. This will cater for children aged 3 to 8 years old. Each week a theme that correlates to the readings and Gospel is presented to the children using age-appropriate materials. The adult catechists incorporate prayer, song, group discussion, worksheets and other activities so the children can relate the Word of God to daily life. The children leave the church after a blessing from the priest, gather in the parish meeting room, and return during the offertory.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER  
SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024  
Clocks turn forward 1 hour**



## OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



“The Rosary is the most beautiful and richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.”  
*Pope Saint Pius X*

During October you can pick up a **free copy of the Holy Rosary Leaflet** from Piety Store – listing the four Mysteries, Prayers of the Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, How to Pray the Rosary.

Rosary beads are half price along with a bag with every purchase



## A Call from Bishop Anthony to Pray for Peace

Dear Fathers, Deacons, and Friends,

As we appreciate the situation in the Middle East is dire, resulting in the displacement and suffering of so many, now in Lebanon. It is also one year since the atrocities in Israel and the subsequent pain for the entire people of Gaza.

From Rome, Bishop Anthony has asked that we gather as a Diocese and pray for peace. He urges us to invoke the intercession of Mary, Mother of the God, by praying the Rosary individually, in families, groups and communities.

To this end, on behalf of Bishop Anthony, I will lead a **Vigil of Prayer for Peace at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on the evening of Monday 7th October at 8.00pm**. It is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Vigil will include the Rosary.

I ask that we all promote the occasion, and that we encourage as many to attend our Cathedral at this very difficult time in our world.

With Bishop Anthony’s deep appreciation,

Fr David Ranson VG



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October – For a Shared Mission.** We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

**LET US PRAY FOR** 6th October 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Bernice Sullivan; Helen Patmore

**Anniversary:** Matthew Beninati

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Rena Cull; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Rita Hogan

### Dates to remember...

- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 11th Oct at 6pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am
- **Children's Liturgy commences in Manly**  
Sunday 13th October 10:30am Mass



### PARISH MORNING TEA

**MANLY:** every 3rd Sunday after the 10:30am Mass hosted by the Tongan Community.

**FRESHWATER:** every Sunday after the 9am Mass in the parish hall.

**Join us for morning tea and a chat.**

**All welcome and bring a friend.**



If you are new to the Parish or are not currently registered we warmly welcome you and ask that you complete a Parish Census form.

This will assist us to connect with you and your family and advise you of any of our parish community activities.

The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate or emailed to the Parish Office - [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



Ministers of Communion for the Sick

We would like to recommence Communion to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass on Sundays.

This includes our local Nursing Homes and parishioners at home.

We look forward to hearing from you if you have previously been a part of this ministry or if you are interested in being trained as a Minister to the Sick. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822.



### CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822

**Livestreaming on Facebook** Sunday 8:30am Mass  
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)

### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** [facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

**Parish website:** [bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater](https://bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater)

*Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our MANLY community.*

### KIDS ACTIVITY BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH



### VACATION CARE SEP & OCT 2024

St Mary's Catholic School Manly 7:30am – 6:00pm

0409 455 359 [oshc.manly@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:oshc.manly@catholiccaredbb.org.au)

27/9 Movie and fimo clay

30/9 Handball & handburgers

1/10 Roller Skating

2/10 Sensory play with sandy twist

3/10 Breakdancing

4/10 Bubble Bonanza

7/10 Public Holiday

8/10 Tie Dye

9/10 Mystery Day

10/10 Halloween Fun

11/10 Halloween Fun

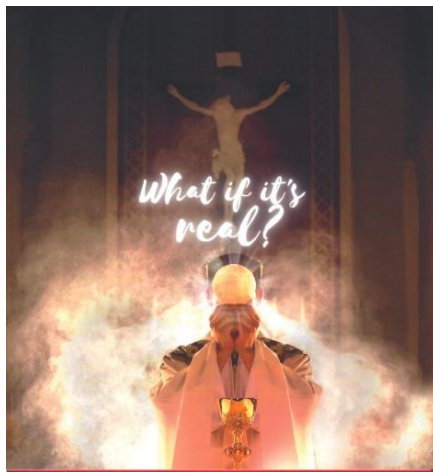
14/10 Master Chef Day

### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish – 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church
- Youth Group (Yrs 7 – Yr 12): 1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm – 9pm

### PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:  
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm  
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



## ALTARATION

THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS REVEALED

DO I HAVE TO COME TO MASS?  
WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING  
DURING MASS?  
IS MASS MORE THAN JUST A STORY  
FROM THE PAST?  
AND MANY MORE QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED  
AND MANY MORE QUESTIONS  
REALISED



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

COMMENCING:  
28 OCTOBER  
PROGRAM  
IS MADE UP OF  
5 SESSIONS  
HELD  
ON MONDAYS  
FROM 7.30PM  
TO 9PM  
AT PARISH  
MEETING ROOM



BOOKING



**Altaration** addresses head-on one of the biggest problems we all face: how do we learn to appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass...and to actually look forward to attending and participating?

Through a unique learning experience, including powerful cinematography, we will come to see the Mass and the priesthood in a dramatically new way. **Altaration** is designed to stir thought, create conversation, dispel myths, and inspire us to a deep and lasting love for the Mass.

The goal of **Altaration** is not to fill our heads with information but to pierce our hearts with transformation.

**Come and join Fr Marek from  
Monday 28th October at 7:30pm – 9pm  
in the Parish Meeting Room – 5 sessions**

Bookings via the QR Code or contacting the parish office 9977 5822 or  
[manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN  
MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS  
6pm – 7.30pm Quiet Prayer,  
Adoration and reconciliation will  
be available 6pm – 7pm concluding  
with Benediction**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!  
31st October - more info to follow**

WHY CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN  
WHEN WE CAN CELEBRATE

# HOLY-WINS PARTY

**31 October 2024  
6.30pm - 8.30pm**



Dress your children as saints and join us for an evening of food, games, treats and prayer. Let's promote a culture of saints not monsters and death.



### Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen*

### YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group which is held every **1st and 3rd Sunday** following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm). Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

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Instagram: [manlyfreshwater\\_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)



Thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

**PILOT PROGRAM** –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this.

The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

**SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...**

- 1. Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
- 2. Collection plates during Mass**
- 3. Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals**.
- 4. Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
- 5. Direct into Parish Bank Accounts**
  - **Parish Giving (2nd collection)** Funds the running of the Parish  
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish  
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784
  - **Clergy Giving (1st collection)**  
Supports our Priests  
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral  
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

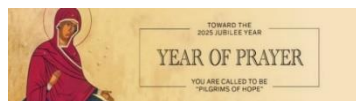


**HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?**

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

**DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT**

Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.



In preparation for the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2023-24 has been designated the Year of

Prayer by Pope Francis, with a particular emphasis on the Our Father. This presents our Church with a significant opportunity to revisit the basics of prayer, and for us to become even more a people of prayer.



Our Vicar General, Very Rev Dr David Ranson, has prepared a Meditation Series of Christian Prayer. This is in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee.

The Introduction to the series and the first three videos in the series can be found at the

link below.

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/year-of-prayer> or on the [Diocese YouTube channel](#)

**Celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Carlo Acutis.**



Dear friends,

The Parish of Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood has been honoured by the reception of a First Class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, to be canonised in the Jubilee Year of 2025. Carlo, in fact, was baptised in Our Lady of Dolours, Chelsea. As a church surrounded by over 2000 students each day, it is our hope that Carlo presents as an inspiration to all young people. Subsequently, Bishop Randazzo has designated our church as a Shrine of Hope for young people through the coming Jubilee. There is a warm welcome to everyone to join us on the evening of Friday 11 October, the Vigil of the Feast day of Blessed Carlo, and in the novena anticipating this event, as our Parish formally receives his relic and assumes its new task as a shrine of Hope.

**Novena**

In the leadup to our celebration on the vigil of Blessed Carlo Acutis' Feast Day, we warmly invite you to join us in an online Novena, reflecting on, and giving thanks for, the life of Carlo.

The novena will be from October 3 – 10, with the final day of the Novena being prayed in person at the vigil celebration on October 11. Can't make it every day? That's okay, please do join us when you are available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84776329194>

**Meeting ID:** 847 7632 9194 **No Password.**

**Feast Day Vigil Mass, Veneration of Relic, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 7pm Friday 11 October**

All are warmly welcomed to join our Feast Day celebration of Carlo's life by joining the Vigil Mass at 7pm. After Mass everyone will have an opportunity to venerate the relic of Blessed Carlo. Once Adoration has finished, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will occur all night, finishing at 9am on Saturday 12 October. Spread the word!

Looking forward to seeing you there. *Fr David Ranson VG*

**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION**  
The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima  
St Kevin's Church  
Dee Why  
50 Oaks Avenue

Wed 9th October	Rosary • 6:00 PM
Thu 10th October	Rosary • 6:00 pm
Fri 11th October	Rosary • 6:00 PM
Sun 13 October	Mass @ 10:30 am FOLLOWED BY 5 COURSE MEAL LUNCH DRINKS INCLUDED & MUSIC FOR DANCING COST \$50 PP CHILDREN UNDER 13 FREE <i>Contact</i> Luigi Maruca 0404 655 280 Larissa Landinez 0424 501 569

# Why we dedicate the Month of October to The Holy Rosary



It all started in 1571, when the Catholic League entered into battle against the Ottoman Empire to protect Italy from invasion. The Turks were on a warpath to overthrow all of Europe, killing millions of people and forcing Islamic conversion on survivors. They had conquered the Middle East and Mediterranean islands of Cyprus and Crete. Italy was next.

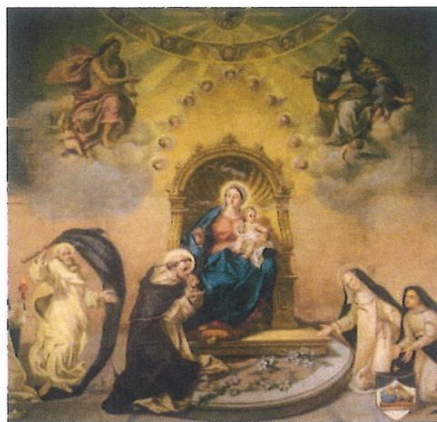
As the impending battle loomed, Pope Pius V called on various religious communities throughout Europe to join him in praying the rosary, including public recitations, to defeat the Islamic threat. Heading into battle, every man in the Catholic League's forces carried a rosary. Their fleet was no match for the competition, vastly outnumbered.

Miraculously, the Catholic League returned victorious after a daylong battle known as the Battle of Lepanto that took place off the coast of Greece. In thanksgiving for Mary's intercession and protection, Pope Pius V declared the day - October 7- as a feast day for Our Lady of the Rosary. To celebrate, a rosary procession was held in Saint Peter's Square.

The presence and protection of our Mother Mary has immense power - requested, channelled, and honoured through the rosary. Her immaculate intercession has won wars and conquered hearts. After the feast day was established, the entire month of October was dedicated to the rosary in 1884 by Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Superiore Anno*:

*"Last year, as each of you is aware, We*

*decreed by an Encyclical Letter that, to win the help of Heaven for the Church in her trials, the great Mother of God should be honoured by the means of the most holy Rosary during the whole of the month of October. In this We followed both Our own impulse and the example of Our predecessors, who in times of difficulty were wont to have recourse with increased fervor to the Blessed Virgin, and to seek her aid with special prayers."*



Although the commitment to the rosary was formalised in 1571, it was an established prayer long before then. The rosary was first given to Saint Dominic by the Virgin Mary during an apparition in 1214 in Prouilhe of southern France. She presented it as a source of strength and grace to persevere in his efforts to convert Albigensian heretics, saying:

*"Wonder not that you have obtained so little fruit by your labours, you have spent them on barren soil, not yet watered with the dew of Divine grace. When God willed to renew the face of the earth, He began by sending down on it the fertilising rain*

*of the Angelic Salutation. Therefore preach my Psalter composed of 150 Angelic Salutations and 15 Our Fathers, and you will obtain an abundant harvest."*

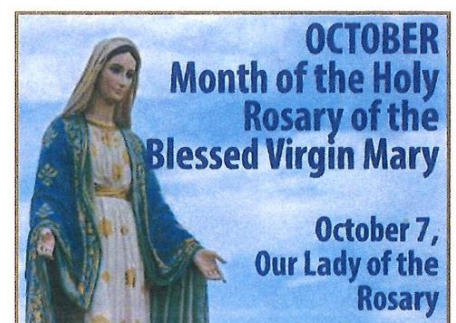
Saint Dominic went on to found the Order of Preachers, or the Dominicans. The image of Our Lady of the Rosary reflects this apparition, with Mary holding the child Jesus in one hand and the other hand extending to give the rosary beads to Saint Dominic. Pope Benedict explained the meaning behind the image in a 2007 Angelus:

*"This important iconography shows that the Rosary is a means given by the Virgin to contemplate Jesus and, in meditating on his life, to love him and follow him ever more faithfully. It is this message that Our Lady has also bequeathed to us in her various apparitions."*

We know it to be one of the most recited and celebrated Catholic prayers - used to implore our Mother Mary for her intercession and blessings. St John Paul II expanded on the rosary's power in his 2002 apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, when he announced the Year of the Rosary and the addition of the Luminous Mysteries:

*"With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer."*

As we enter into October, let us renew our devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary - reflecting on its origins saving nations and individuals in times of conflict and despair.



## Poland and Medjugorje Pilgrimage Testimonies



We visited the holy town of Medjugorje, and it is one of the world's most famous pilgrimage sites. There's lots of interesting and very beautiful places to spend time in prayer - like the outdoor 14 stations, the Queen of Peace statue or the statue of the Risen Christ. People all over the world come here for confession.

Each evening we attended the Holy Mass with the Prayer Program at the outdoor altar. The radio broadcasts simultaneous translation of the services from Croatian into many languages.

Everything is so normal and yet, so special: the exposition of the blessed sacrament on the enormous monstrance, the violinist and the musical group – all

touched my heart deeply. The kneeling of the pilgrims, the burning of the incense, reading of the holy scripture during adoration, benediction and blessing of the people with the monstrance, the pilgrims leaving quietly after benediction, St James Church – I do not know what it is that pulls me back to want to be there again but I was happy to have visited leading me to encounter the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, in Adoration, in Confession, in scripture passages, in silent prayer and the Rosary – a time of grace for me as I can never thank God enough for his grace. I have returned home stronger in my faith and determined to put our Blessed Mother's messages and directions as five stones to save souls. They are – daily prayer, fasting, reading the Bible daily, confession regularly and to receive Holy Communion, and when possible, going to daily Mass. - *Irene*

During our pilgrimage to Medjugorje, I was hoping my rosary would turn gold (as I have heard someone's did) or my torn tendon would be healed or to witness other spectacular phenomena. Instead, I discovered my path to Our Lord was to be found in and through the confusion, the dryness, the humiliation, the struggle, the ordinary. Then I found peace.

By God's grace, I was moved to be reminded of God's inestimable love for each of us, and have now resolved to put into practice Our Lady's request to "pray, pray, pray!" and to "be converted".

Thank you Lord Jesus, thank you to Our Lady, thank you Fr Marek, thank you pilgrims! - *Pilgrim*



My highlights on the pilgrimage were serving at mass in front of the altar of the Shrine of our lady, the Black Madonna of Czestochowa, I feel honoured to be able to experience such an exclusive privilege. Medjugorje was an enlightening experience to my faith, it's a very tranquil place and I could really feel the protective embrace of our mother's veil over the town. I come back with a stronger grounded spirituality and much more exciting experiences to look forward to on my continued pilgrimage with God. - *Daven Jordan Fajilan*

We are privileged to be able to celebrate Mass so close to the Black Madonna and I am profoundly touched at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy from the story of Jesus appearing to Sr. Faustina as a beggar during a wet cold night. Also I am deeply impressed by Sr. Faustina's trust in God and her courage. Just do whatever the Holy Spirit inspired her to do and to leave her home not knowing what the next steps would be. - *Pilgrim*



# Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

## First Reading

**Genesis 2:18-24 (JB)**

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 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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 127 (JB)*

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

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.

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.

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

*Hebrews 2:9-11 (JB)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*1 John 4:12 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Mark 10:2-16 (JB)*

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.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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