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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 3, 2021 Year B



Today's reading from Mark's Gospel, taken with Mt 5:31-32; Mt 19:3-9; Lk 16:18; and 1 Cor 7:10-11, is the main source from which the Catholic Church derives Jesus' teaching on the Sacramental nature of marriage and its indissolubility. Christian marriage involves both a sacred and legal contract between a man and woman and at the same time is rooted in a special Covenant with the Lord. That is

why Jesus states that a valid marriage is permanent. Hence, the Church has always firmly taught that a Sacramental marriage between Christians in which there has been true matrimonial consent and consummation, is absolutely indissoluble, except by the death of one of the spouses. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* summarizes the Church's teaching: "Divorce is a grave offense against the natural law. It claims to break the contract, to which the spouses freely consented, to live with each other till death..... Divorce is immoral also because it introduces disorder into the family and into society. This disorder brings grave harm to the deserted spouse, to children traumatized by the separation of their parents and often torn between them, and because of its contagious effect which makes it truly a plague on society" (CCC #2384, 2385). *(frtonyhomilies)*

XXVII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO B)

Nel contesto della manifestazione del Figlio dell'uomo e dopo il secondo annuncio della passione, Marco espone - come complemento catechetico - l'insegnamento sulla indissolubilità del matrimonio, e i comportamenti richiesti per fare parte del regno di Dio.

Gesù cambia scena (Mc 10,1): va in Giudea. Espone con autorità messianica - non a un gruppo ma al popolo - l'indissolubilità del matrimonio come un principio universale. San Marco non entra nelle discussioni dei rabbini sulla legislazione del divorzio. Coglie con fedeltà le parole di Gesù, senza tener conto della clausola eccezionale trasmessa da (Mt 19,9). Marco, rivolgendosi a comunità di gentili, e andando al di là del mondo giudaico, ricorre alla Genesi (Gen 1,27 e 2,24): nell'unione indissolubile del matrimonio brillano, folgoranti, l'immagine e la somiglianza poste da Dio nell'uomo e nella donna. Gesù spiega e chiarisce la volontà del Creatore.

L'atteggiamento di Gesù con i bambini fa trasparire la fiducia con la quale bisogna ricevere Dio come Padre (Abbà), la protezione e la sicurezza della paternità divina. Alcune tradizioni patristiche hanno scoperto nell'atteggiamento di Gesù con i bambini un'allusione implicita al battesimo dei bambini. (lachiensa.it)

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Kathy Romanow, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek,, Antonina Paulus, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan

Recently deceased: Angelina Butera, Mario Tumolero, Concetta Sciola, Pasqualina Torchia, Domenico Demaria, Aurora and Christine Tuazon

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Maria Lamonaca, Camillo Lamonaca, Charlie Debono, Jarrod Debono, Concetta Portelli

We especially pray for all the deceased whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm : J. Butera

Sunday 10.30 am : C. Di Giulio

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Novena mass: Wednesday 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

St. Vincent De Paul Quarterly report (April-June 2021)

63 households were assisted comprising of 88 adults and 53 children.

Total value of aid given including food, accommodation, bills, and, furniture was \$10563.00

Your donations are gratefully received.

The Vinnies team

Plenary Council 2021

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October). <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

The electronic version of the Parish bulletin is available on the Parish website @ <http://stmatthewsparish.org.au/>