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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

3rd October 2021



The virtue of Fidelity

Today we see two examples of both the blessings and responsibilities of marital fidelity: one from the book of Genesis and the other from the Gospel of Mark.

There are two creation stories in Genesis. The narrative of today's First Reading is the second account. In the first (Genesis 1: 1-2:4), the man and woman are created in one act - they are called 'Adam.' But in this second account, the man is created first. The woman is created from the man's own body. This is not a creation story of subordination by sequence and priority - the man first, then the "lesser" woman. Instead, this is a story of deep intimacy between the two. She is not created from his foot so that he would dominate over her, nor is she created from his head so that she would rule over him. She comes from where his heart is. They are "one flesh" which, in the original language, suggests a new personality. In marriage a new personality is being formed. To achieve this unity while still respecting the uniqueness and even the idiosyncrasies of each, is a feat of great love and labour.

In Jesus' world, marriage was a way of binding together two families. The Pharisees tell Jesus, Moses "allowed/permitted" a decree of divorce. Jesus disagrees and tells them Moses "commanded it." Here Jesus is adding his own teaching. A woman cannot be cast aside so easily as if she were a commodity, once used to bear offspring, now no longer useful. He says their relationship is much more sacred. "The two become one flesh" and no one can separate them because God has joined them.

Jesus presents the ideal today of a permanent loving relationship that reflects God's intentions for humans from the beginning. As it says in our Genesis reading, "the two become one flesh." They are inseparable. The Gospel presents the vision of a whole new way of acting and being. Whether we are married, divorced, single or celibate, we all know how far we are from fully embracing that vision of new life. We struggle to live the Gospel ideal in all walks of life, including marriage, but we fall short. Yet, the Lord comforts us with the realization of how much we are loved by our God and the assurance that this love is unbreakable.

Fr Baby

BAY CONNECT—Online resources for everyone

Click here: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect> for an online program of regular activities, 4 times a week, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities.

Message of Hope: We hope you enjoyed our Message of Hope video. It will be available on our website soon, please stay tuned.



Pastoral Works Broken Bay

www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

Lectio Divina—every Thursday 5pm via Zoom

Join Sr Josie and Sr Jennifer for their weekly Lectio Divina (Break open the Word) every Thursday at 5pm. To participate, please visit the Parish Facebook page or email the Parish Office at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

LIVE STREAM: Sunday Mass 9am

Join us for 9am Mass this Sunday 3rd Oct via live-stream. Go to the Parish Facebook page 'Toukley-Lake Munmorah Parish' or click <https://www.facebook.com/toukley.parish.3>

CatholicCare - Foster Carers

If you have space in your home and room in your heart, Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au. [Click here to subscribe to CatholicCare's](#) quarterly newsletter.

Confirmation Sacramental Program

Please continue to pray for the candidates and their families. We invite our candidates, their families, sponsors and all Parishioners to join our live-stream Mass every Sunday at 9am. <https://www.facebook.com/toukley.parish.3>

First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online

Save the Date: starts TODAY, for more info, visit the website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

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PPC Diocesan Gatherings

A reminder that two gatherings have been organised for all PPC members. The first was held on Wed 15th Sept and the second will be held on Tues 9th Nov at 7pm. Please email the Parish office toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au for details.

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

Dear friends, Reciting the Holy Rosary is one of the strong traditions of the Catholic Church. The month of October is dedicated to the devotion of the Holy Rosary. As we have begun this month, let us be united in praying the Rosary. I would encourage all families to pray the Rosary together. Any family that prays together, stays together. As a parish community, we will arrange to pray the Rosary together towards the end of October. More information will be given in the coming weeks.



CatholicCare keeping seniors connected and active during lockdown

Explore dance, fitness, technology, creativity, nutrition, tai chi and more with CatholicCare. Our Memory Innovations Centre improves quality of life, wellbeing and helps support positive brain health for seniors in our community. Our professionally run programs focus on having fun, connecting with others and stimulating your brain. Programs are currently being delivered online during the lockdown and you can join anytime. For more information visit www.catholiccareddb.org.au/aged-care/memory-innovations-centre or call (02) 9488 2659.

Catechist Q & A with Peter Huby **Why did I become a Catechist?**

It was the hand of the Holy Spirit. I have no recollection of making the active decision to become a catechist. I was at Mass at Castle Hill and the Catechists were having an information morning in the parish centre next to the main door of the church. I felt a need to go in and hear what they had to say. I was working full-time at this time and didn't even think about the how or when of being involved. When I returned to work on Monday I asked my manager could I take time off to fulfil my ministry, she said yes, with both of us not knowing what my commitment would be. It turned out to be every Thursday morning for the next three years, she even allowed me to work remotely on Thursdays. I also think that it had a positive effect on my work colleagues. Now I've retired I still feel the conviction of the Holy Spirit to continue.

Why do I continue to be a catechist?

The ongoing feeling that I make a difference in the lives of the students and the school and their teachers. By being a witness to the good news of Jesus, I in my humble way fulfil His great commission. This work also has given my family something to hinge their belief on. I also get to be around people of a like mind, our parish coordinator, our priests, the other catechists and the CCD office who all hold me account and steady me. Even on the worst day in the classroom I come away knowing, it's about God and not me. I feel an immense sense of love for my students, which makes my day, and it's what I come back for again and again. I have also said many times "if people knew how good being a catechist is they'd be queuing at the presbytery". I teach at Gorokan Public School, and these are the most respectful and well behaved children I have met, both in my class and around the school, they are far better behaved than the Castle Hill children.

How have I grown by being in this ministry?

I have completed much training, both in the Parramatta Diocese and in Broken Bay Diocese. In that training I gained the skills and knowledge required to be a catechist, but more over I got knowledge that I needed as a Christian. My faith is my own, God gave some faith and they have no questions, but I needed more knowledge to support my faith. I needed to know, for myself, what the Catechism says, related bible texts and teachings of the church on certain matters. Since being a catechist, I now have a better grasp of nature of God's love, who Jesus is and the power of the Holy Spirit. More over I know how to express it, through, words, action and my attitude. I have become less inhibited about my faith, openly singing, dancing and relating Gods love as a joy that cannot be quenched.



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Today we celebrate the **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**. Please keep each other in your prayers, and remember to stay home and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you soon.



REMINDER: Daylight Savings begins this weekend, please put your clocks forward by one hour on Saturday night so that you are tuning in to our live-stream at the correct time 9am Sunday.

Prayer for People Affected by Covid-19

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

COVID-19 Restrictions – Places of Worship Diocese of Broken Bay

Latest Update: 9th Sept 2021. Due to current COVID restrictions, our churches and all Parish buildings remain closed.

UPDATE: The Bishop has advised that our Churches are expected to re-open on Mon 11th Oct (assuming 70% double vaccination) however this will be for private prayer only and confessions by appointment. Masses will resume when NSW reaches 80% double vaccination, expected to be late October.

Parish Office—currently closed due to COVID restrictions

Please do not visit the office but you are welcome to email us at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au or call 4396 4455 and leave a message. If you need to drop something off, please use the small slot next to the Parish office door. Alicia is currently working from home some days so please be patient with responses to phone messages. Email is preferred. In an emergency, please call one of the priests on their mobile (see front page of this Bulletin).

Planned Giving during Lockdown

Donate directly to the Parish Bank Account—

please consider depositing your Planned Giving contribution directly into our bank account.

Acc Name: Toukley Catholic Parish

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Ref # Your surname (and envelope number if you have one).



Please consider making a small contribution to our 1st Collection which has been significantly impacted by having no Masses for the past 3 months. Same account details as above, but use '1st Collection' as the reference. Thank you

Would you like to receive this Bulletin by email?

Contact us at toukleyparish@bbcatholic.org.au and we will email the Bulletin to you every Friday.



In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.



Recently Deceased
Irene Holland, Elaine Tuckwell,
Stanley Nolan, Murray Evans, Lesley Croker

Anniversaries

Sallie Mulvany, Khoo Swee Gim, John Sullivan,
Christopher Lee

Remembrances

Eugenia Grimes, Eileen O'Kane, Sallie Mulvany,
Ng Yook Chee, Bob Moon, Bill Tyson. Madaline
Webster, Gail Beer, Ellen Ashton & family, Gail
Beer, Eileen Thorpe, Moore & Langley families,
Greg Irvine, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Kathleen Cassidy, Adel Firth-Mason, Noel McCool,
Nenita Turner, Yohanes Christanto Perdana, Je-
hezkiel Lambaran, Brian Lane, Joe Micallef, Anne
Lacrosse, Eleanor Matthews, Dave Rodney, Maila
Reyes, Mary Smith, Therese Chetcuti, Graham
Moir, Julie Kozak, Sr Tincy Thomas

Funerals

Irene Holland—Fri 8th Oct, by invitation

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



Sept/October Birthdays

Helen Cashin (6th Sept)
Robyn Rosina (6th Sept)
Nat Rosina (11th Sept)
Aurora Spencer (22nd Sept)
Irene Deagan (27th Sept)
Marie Steel (28th Sept)
Nancy Bergado (30th Sept)



Contact the office to have your birthday included!

Connected in Christ is BACK!

[Click here to access this great resource](#)

Mackay Family Funerals

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Volunteer Angels

Male & Female

Do you have a caring heart & time to become a friend to a lonely person in an Aged Care Facility

Please call Anne-Marie 4396 1555

The Community Visitors' Scheme

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127

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

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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-12

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next Sunday - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading - Wisdom 7:7-11
Second Reading - Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel - Mark 10:17-27

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