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**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

7th October 2018

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

The complementarity of man and woman... is the root of marriage and family."

~Pope Francis

There was once a story about a teacher in English who asked her sophomore class what's the word denoting a marriage with many wives. A student answered, "Ma'am, polygamy." "Correct," she said. "How about a marriage with two spouses," another student replied, "Ma'am, it is bigamy." "Correct," the teacher said, "And how about a marriage with only one wife?" A student raised his hand and blurted out, "Ma'am, monotony!" Actually what the student meant was "monogamy," of course. However, unwittingly his answer touched on a problem in marriage, that is, monotony.



Marriage is facing a variety of novel changes and challenges. Over the past decades, the understanding and definition of Marriage and family has been constantly evolving. With the new waves of thinking, there seems to be a hike in the rate of divorce which is quite alarming today. Divorce and separations have impacted the very fabric of family and the children are enormously affected. As a result, the children struggle in forming their own adult relationships and they end up with behavioural problems in and out of the family. I need not elaborate the effects of divorce as you are witnessing it or going through it. Today's readings highlight the permanence and the sacredness of marriage as it is of

divine origin. Marriage is a gift of God to be cherished and protected. It has its own challenges and problems. I do sympathize with many of our brothers and sisters who are going through difficult times in their marriages and pray that God will give them the strength to carry on.

"A couple's life together -- a life centred in trust, forgiveness and love -- and their generous response to the vocation of parenthood model the unfathomable and profound love of God: love that lets go rather than clings, love that happily gives rather than takes, love that liberates rather than confines. The sacrament of marriage, as Jesus taught, is a total giving and sharing by each spouse so that the line between "his" and "hers" disappears into only "us." In the life they create together, life that sometimes means both taking on and letting go for the sake of the beloved, Christ is the ever-present Wedding Guest, who makes their simple, everyday life together a miraculous sacrament, in which the love of God is revealed to all of us in this couple's love for one another"

They returned home happy but tired after celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary with their children and friends. Before falling into bed he offered to make a late-night snack for both of them. While she slumped into a stool along the kitchen counter, he collected the ham, cheese and mustard from the refrigerator. Reaching into the breadbox, he took out what turned out to be the last four slices of bread. He carefully made two sandwiches and cut each in four quarters, the way she liked them. He placed one of the sandwiches in a plate and placed it in front of her. "How come you always give me the sandwich with the heel of the bread," she said. "For forty years we've been married and you always give me the heel of the bread. I know I've never said this before, but honey, I really hate the heel of the bread." Embarrassed he shrugged his shoulders and said, "I always give you the heel of bread because it's my favourite piece." The story speaks of a tender love. It might also show some lack of communication if, after forty years, they didn't know what each liked or disliked. (Connections) Marriage is built on Faith in God and trust in each other, mutual love, open communication, a let-go attitude and forgiveness.



"The family is the foundation of co-existence and a remedy against social fragmentation. Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child's development and emotional maturity." ~Pope Francis.

God's blessings, Fr. Vince



- ◇ New hydraulic lines are now being installed under the driveway leading up to the church. This should be finished before Term 4 begins.
- ◇ It's not a swimming pool being built beside Fr Vince's driveway; that large hole will be for a stormwater detention tank.
- ◇ If you have any questions about the construction, please feel free to ring Angelo Roia on 98991948, or email the construction committee: stmadsconstruction@gmail.com



Cake & Craft Fundraiser



We are having a cake and craft fundraiser for our new church on Saturday the 20th and Sunday the 21st of October.



Please take a cake box from the foyer and bring your goodies to church from 5pm on 20th October.

If you would like to donate craft items to sell that weekend—hangers, throws, tea cosies, etc—please bring them also on the 20th.

For any questions, please call Lita after 4pm on 0410341550. It would also be great if you could send Lita a text to let her know what kind of sweets you are able to donate.



PLEDGE UPDATE

31 pews
and

3 stained glass (sacramental) windows to go

*Don't forget the ministry forms due on 20/21 October!



As a community, we will be praying for the students who will be sitting their HSC exams beginning this October. Please write the names of the HSC students you would like us to pray for in the book provided in the foyer.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1121.45

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1221

Loose = \$ 821.90

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4149.90 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

Thank you for your generosity!

BAPTISM PREPARATION: CHANGE OF DATE

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **13th October** at **4:30-5:30pm** at the St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



HAVE YOUR SAY!

All are welcome to bring a plate to share to a session to start the Plenary 2020 conversation at St Mads!
18th Oct, Thurs, 7pm
St Joseph Centre

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I would like to see ...
I feel ...



Choir Practice

9th October 2018, Tuesday at 7pm, in the Church

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Further info call:

Careyanne 0438791813 or **Alex** 0404311278



2019 Columban Art calendars are now available in the **Piety Stall** for \$9 each!
You can now also buy **Majellan Christmas cards** for \$7 a pack!

For special orders, please feel free to ring Sandra Tabone—0413272400

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Teresa Marascio, Belen Valladores, and Violet Hobbs

For the dearly departed

Sr Eufrosia Caruana, May Qualter, Roberta Sabellano Alumios, Frederick Salmon, Aldo Joseph Tallon, Charles James Bradley, Feliciana and Benito Sabellano, Teresa Maguire, Ross, Norma and Colin Sattler, Eleonora Nikolik, Engracia Corpuz, Norman & Chahade Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahade Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, and Mary Merhi

For healing of the sick

Michael Foley, Trish Takahashi, Samuel Abella, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel



CASUAL POSITION at the St Madeleine's Parish Office

We are in need of an admin assistant to work in the office 5 hours a fortnight, with opportunity to increase in the future.

The role will involve data entry, bookkeeping, and preparing resources.

Candidates must have above-average computer skills, ideally experienced in MYOB and Microsoft Office—Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher.

Please submit the applications to Fr Vince by email: vsvince85@gmail.com or at the office. Applications close on 24th October.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

WORLD YOUTH DAY RAFFLE

The Diocese of Parramatta has organised a raffle to support delegates to the World Youth Day in Panama in January 2019.

Raffle tickets are available in the foyer. Please take as many booklets as you like to sell to your family and friends. Ticket stubs and cash are due back in the parish by 15th October in order to be included in the raffle draw on 27th October.

- 1st prize: Mazda2, 5-door automatic
- 2nd prize: Cosmos Coach tours \$2000 voucher
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th prizes: New iPhone X (check the posters for other prizes)



LIFELINE BOOK FAIR: 13/14 OCTOBER

Lifeline is holding its annual Giant Book Fair at Oakhill College, Castle Hill on Friday 12 October, Saturday 13 October and Sunday 14 October from 8am to 5pm each day. The sale will include over 50,000 second hand books including quality novels, literature, history, study aids and many other categories, all at very attractive prices.

LITURGY CONFERENCE 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale.

For tickets and a full list of workshops go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

JOB VACANCIES

Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney.

For all details visit: <https://www.aidtochurch.org/work>

Just for Fun...



An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years.

The Wizard says, 'Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you.'

The old man says without hesitation, 'I now pronounce you man and wife.'

The Secret Password

An elderly man dies and goes to heaven. At the pearly gates Saint Peter welcomes him but states that the man must know how to spell the secret password to get in.

The old man replies, "You mean I don't have to know it, I just have to spell it?"

Saint Peter says, "Yes, that is correct, all you have to do is spell 'LOVE.'"

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:

Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator

Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup - Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20, or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

THE CHURCH. ALL OF IT.

Issues of The Catholic Weekly are available in the foyer for \$2 each.

- ◇ 24,000km solo trip to absolve sin
- ◇ NEW LOOK Catholic Weekly - Win an iPad
- ◇ Olympics Bound: Students to compete in Argentina
- ◇ Growing threat to Seal of Confession

Let us pray insistently to the divine Spirit to come to renew our hearts and make us understand Jesus Christ and the way to go to him... Convinced of our need for the help of the Spirit, let us not cease asking for it with 'sighs too deep for words' as Saint Paul says.

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinators:

CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves/Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia

Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone

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THIS WEEKEND		5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm
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	ACOLYTE	Peter Balnaves	Neil John	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Amira Campo Adriana Kennedy	Gael Carpani
	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Dianne Millington	Deb & Paul Copperfield	Sandra Tabone CareyAnne Moylan	Tereza Barisic
	JUN MINISTERS			Christian Maait	Tiago Gregory Elizabeth Cauchi
	MUSICIANS	Lisa J	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(9 Oct) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FLOWERS	Teresa Capaldi; arranged by Rita Vumbaca		ALTAR LINEN	Barbara Madafiglio	

13/14 OCT	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phyllis Hannah	Joe Touma
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers	Ann & Mark Lee	Youth Group
	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Adriana Kennedy	Selina Calleia Jason Hatcher
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang	Thomas Foxall Thomas Barker
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(16 Oct) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	FLOWERS	Dianne Bennett		ALTAR LINEN	Barbara Madafiglio