

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 2-12 (short)

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



**Pilgrimage to the shrine of
Our Lady of Mercy—Penrose Park**

Saturday, 13th October, 2018 with the
St Brendan's Friendship Club

The pilgrimage will include morning tea at
Alexandra Lake, Mittagong and a picnic lunch
after the 11.00am Mass at Penrose Park. After
lunch, there will be a procession to the Grotto
and devotions.

Cost is \$45.00. The coach will depart from St
Brendan's at 8.30am. For further information,
for bookings and for schedule of the day
please ring Venero/Catina on 9707 1403 or
0403 852 811

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abused by someone working or ministering
within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite
you to contact us. We will listen to you
respectfully, offer support and discuss the
options you have available to you. Please
contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),
Sunday: 8am,
10am (Children's Liturgy),
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:
6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm
Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time.
Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are
held in the Presbytery on the
1st Sunday of each month
after 10AM Mass .



*Lord, lead your Church into a hope-filled future
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

This weeks readings - Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrew 2:9-11; Gospel -
Mark 10:2-16.

Next Weekend: 28th Sun Ord Time - Year B. **Readings:** Wisdom
7:7-11; Hebrew 4:12-13; Gospel - Mark 10:17-30.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 7 October 2018

First Reconciliation 2018

Registrations for Sacrament of First Reconciliation are now open to all baptised children in Year 3 or above. The Sacrament will be celebrated this year on 28th November and *completed registration forms must be returned by Sunday 21st October*. The first parents meeting is on Tuesday 23rd October at 7pm in St Felix Hall. Blank registration forms may be found in the Church foyer.

Catholic Mission Appeal

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an "education revolution", and the potential impact is far-reaching. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar

Josephite Assoc Meeting

A meeting of the Josephite Associates will be held in the presbytery meeting room next Sunday 14th October at 2.00pm. Anyone wishing to be involved or wish to know more about the Associates are welcome to attend or contact Robyn Molloy for more information on 9707 1292.

Mass Intentions: **Recently Deceased:** Joao Loreto

Anniversary: Phaolo Phan Van Loc; Maria Nguyen Thi Tuu; Connie Rebelo; Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Alex Page.

Deceased: Alexander Page; Irene Page; Robert Page.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Teresita Tenorio; Zenaida Elizondo; Maria Portia Mariano; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Paul Truc Le; Jun Ibarra; An Nguyen.

(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 14/10/18 Group 2: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*).

St Vincent de Paul: 14/10/18 John Ashe **21/10/18** Andrew Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 12/10/18: Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 14th Oct - HOLIDAYS

Weekend Choirs: 14/10 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. **10am** - St Felix Choir. **6pm** - Youth Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	7 OCTOBER	8am	10am	6pm
C	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Cindy Hoang	Mesake Mar	Rosa House	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Jeannette Chong	Jacinta Eltarraf	
14 OCTOBER					
C	Patrick Abourizk	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Gloria Booby	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Kenneth Gan	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Thao Nguyen	Ala Pesamino	Paul Ngoc	
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo	

Reflection

Commitments and promises

Jesus' teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God's grace at work.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep. Read today's Gospel, Mark 10:2-16. Talk about examples of promises and commitments that might be more difficult to honor, like the marriage commitment that Jesus is asked about in this Gospel. Talk about how we need God to help us honor our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God's promise to care for us and asking for his help to keep our commitments to love and care for others. Conclude by praying together that God will give his grace to us that we may honour our commitments to one another. Pray together Saint Ignatius of Loyola's prayer, the *Suscipe*.

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will, All I have and call my own.*

You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

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Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Catholic Bishops have called a Plenary Council for 2020. This is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future and you are all invited to participate.

The Plenary Council gives us an opportunity to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. In the preparation process, we are called to reflect, listen and share insights with one another as we respond to the three questions:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

There will be scheduled meetings in our Parish in the near future. After we talk together, we will collect our stories and ideas and the questions we have about the future of the Church and give our submission to the Plenary Council Working Group who will consolidate and then forward them to the Council for discussion. Your voice will be greatly valued.

More information can be found at: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 14 October 2018 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

New-Look Catholic Weekly

A new chapter in The Catholic Weekly has begun with a redesign to provide a more contemporary look and feel. Buy your copy of the new-look Catholic Weekly newspaper available here at the church for \$2. Take out a 12-month subscription and go into the draw to win an iPad. See the paper for details.