



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

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Our Parish Mission Statement:

We believe and live out the mission of Jesus Christ as a community of worship and faith shared in service.

Parish Team:

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Principal: Mr Mark Compton

Masses:



THE LEGION OF MARY RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7PM VIA ZOOM. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE .



PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU

- ⇒ ARE EXPERIENCING COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS
- ⇒ HAVE A TEMPERATURE
- ⇒ HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE THAT IS EITHER A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19
- ⇒ **FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY**

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 3rd October, 2021

This is not an easy Gospel to write on. Many hearing or reading it could think that it does not apply to them as they are widowed, unmarried, celibate, rejected, deserted or even divorced. That is quite a swathe of people. But it still does speak to us, to all of us. It tells us that long-term loving relationships are integral to our development as persons.



I recently watched the movie *The Way* and while it received rave reviews I was profoundly disappointed with the ending. While the central character Tom did need to learn to embrace life and allow it to form him, I question whether becoming a traveller of the world would actually bring him to a rich deep life – who would he love? Who would challenge and form him radically on a daily basis? For it is in the deep bonds of love that we are formed as persons. And, as antithetical as this is to the popular notion of romance, this usually happens in ordinary mundane situations devoid of glamour or excitement.

Harriet Goldher Lerner in her book *The Dance of Anger* gives a definition of 'intimacy': maintaining a relationship over the long haul. As we do that, our strengths and weaknesses are revealed, as are those of the other in the relationship. In dealing with each other, we necessarily change. As we chose to grow in love, we are transformed. As we chose to remain in that delicate and difficult dance, we will discover that we have entered into the Kingdom of God.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

While you are resting in God ponder on the close relationships of your life. How does each person reveal the face of God to you? What is it that you love about each of them? What do you reveal to each one of them? What is it that they love about you?

In the strengths, weaknesses and challenges of each relationship, can you find the grace of God at work?

Sr Kym Harris osb www.prayasyoucan.com.au

FIRST READING:

Genesis 2 : 18-24

*They were two in one flesh.***RESPONSE:**

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

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 2 : 9-11

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL:

Mark 10 : 2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide.**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:****Recently Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased John Edwards, Valente Lorenzo Tan and Sam Attard as well as Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana family.

Sick:

Please pray for Roger Milosh, Jessica Moloney and Des Donoghue.

**OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH**

In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need. You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies. Please come with an open and generous heart. You can donate via phone 1800257296 or visit catholicmission.org.au/thailand

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIRST COLLECTION while in lockdown**

With the continued lockdown of our Church, you may wish to make an EFT contribution to support your Clergy, i.e. what you would normally place on the first collection.

To do, please use the following details:

BSB 067950 Account No 00004265 Account Name Diocesan Clergy Reference 6040 (followed by) your name. This will enable them to credit your donation to our parish. Thank you for your contributions – they are much appreciated.

GOT YOUR WEDDING UNDER CONTROL?

But how prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information see our web site: www.engagedencounter.org.au



CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE APPEAL IS CURRENTLY TAKING DONATIONS TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF HAITI WHO EXPERIENCED A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE IN AUGUST. TO DONATE CONTACT 1800 024 413 OR VISIT www.caritas.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL NEWS**Join Bishop Vincent at Mass for the opening of the Plenary Council**

On Sunday 3rd October at 11am AEDT, you are invited to join Bishop Vincent as he celebrates a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Plenary Council from St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Watch the Mass live on the St Patrick's Cathedral Facebook and YouTube channels. The official opening Mass for the Plenary Council will be celebrated by Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth at 2pm AEDT. Watch the opening Mass via plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1

**Tune in daily to the sessions of the Plenary Council**

As the First Assembly of the Plenary Council gets underway on 3 October, you can tune in from home as the almost 300 Members of the Plenary Council discern the future of the Australian Church. The Plenary Council is providing livestreamed Daily Masses from 9.30am AEDT and access to the Plenary session livestreams from 11am AEDT. To find out more and to tune in to the daily sessions, please visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1