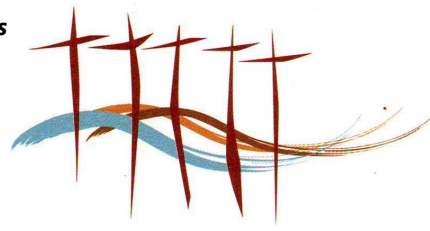


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## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 October, 2018

Year B: Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

next week's Readings: Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

When we hear the creation account in Genesis today we have to dismiss any former notions we may still have. At a previous time our unfamiliarity with the Scriptures gave us notions that led to stereotypes. A casual reading of the creation of humans shows how we can draw simplistic conclusions. For example, since the man was created first, he appears to be the primary focus of God's plan for creating humans. The woman seems to be an afterthought and created just for the purpose of giving the man companionship and comfort. However, this is not the case. Biblical scholarship and a thoughtful reading show the woman's equality and her partnership with the man. She is created from the same "stuff." Thus, God intended man and woman to live in cooperation and meant to share life with one another. The text asserts that in marriage the two become "one flesh." Even their derivative names, "man," "woman," affirm their intimate relationship. The Genesis reading forms the backdrop for our gospel passage today.



The question posed by the Pharisees was not if divorce was allowed, but when it was permissible. The question of divorce was long debated among the religious teachers. The texts about it were scrupulously studied. So, for example, Deuteronomy 24:1 - "Suppose a man enters into marriage with a woman, but she does not please him because he finds something objectionable about her, so he writes her a certificate of divorce...." It does not take a biblical scholar to realize how vulnerable the wife

would be to the pleasure of her husband. What was the "something objectionable" that would be grounds for the divorce? That was the focus of the debates.

The strict, or narrow interpretation, would allow divorce only for infidelity. But a looser reading would allow divorce for anything that the man found "objectionable." Grounds for divorce - what could they be? A burnt meal? Not bearing a son? Old age? It isn't hard to imagine how society would be affected by such easy divorce procedures. Divorce involves legal issues, and much more, since family and community relationships are affected by divorce. For example, married couples are responsible to care for and protect children who are intimately affected by a divorce. As the Scriptures show, God is also involved in married relationships and in our tradition, to signify that, marriage is a sacrament.

Consider the dire straits a divorced woman would undergo in Jesus' world. For the most part women did not own property. Marriage would provide them and their children support and protection. On their own they would be hard-pressed to find life's essentials. Hence, the law was crucial for protection of women and their children from the more powerful forces aligned against them. Jesus' stricter interpretation of the law was characteristic of his desire to protect the least in society. In other places in the gospel Jesus calls his disciples to follow him, leaving behind their families. He was creating a new family, not related by blood ties. But about divorce and its consequences, he chose to follow God's intention, the teaching we heard in today's Genesis reading: "the two of them become one flesh." "Therefore," Jesus teaches, "what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

What I think is "preach-able" from today's gospel, is not the absolute prohibition of divorce. In the light of domestic violence, for example, there is

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## Parish Weekly Diary....

### Monday, 8 October

9.00am **Mass** - Miami  
 - followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

### Tuesday, 9 October

**St Denis**  
**St John Leonardi**  
 7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Wednesday, 10 October

7.00am **Mass** - Miami  
 9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa  
 5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

### Thursday, 11 October

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
 5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

### Friday, 12 October

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital  
 10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

### Saturday, 13 October

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
 4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami  
 5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach  
 5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

### Saturday, 13 October

#### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami  
 Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach  
 sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

### SUNDAY, 14 October

#### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads  
 7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach  
 8.30am **Mass** - Miami  
 8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba  
 10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters  
 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters  
 5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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[www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au/Masstimes](http://www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au/Masstimes)

## NEW SUNDAY MASS

4th Sunday of the month

**Bond University - 7pm - in the Student Lounge**  
**28 October**  
**25 November**

need for divorce to protect the vulnerable partner in marriage. Here's where I would come down on Jesus' teaching – the reason for his interpretation. Marriage was supposed to be permanent, but some husbands too easily cast off their wives and vis versa. As he always did, Jesus seeks to protect those excluded who didn't have societal recourse.

Jesus responds to the Pharisees in good rabbinical fashion, by asking another question, "What did Moses command you?" Moses permitted divorce with a certificate from the husband; which was a way to protect the wife from abandonment in their male-dominated society. With the certificate a woman was free to marry again and have the legal support she needed.

Jesus refers to Genesis to show God's original intention: the equality of man and woman. The man found the animals inferior that God presented to him. When God presents the woman to Adam he finally finds one like himself – "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh."

What about the charge of adultery for remarriage? In Jesus' world if a man were unfaithful he wasn't committing adultery against his wife, but only against other married men. If a woman committed adultery she would be stoned. So, Jesus' teaching now includes men in the charge of adultery if they remarry. (Note: Jewish women could not divorce their husbands, but Mark addressed his Gentile audience where women could divorce and own property.)

Jesus preached with urgency the coming of God's kingdom, which would enable a whole new way of living. Hence, among his other teachings, he forbade oaths and divorce (Matthew 5:34-37). But as the Christian community grew and spread they found they could not live up to all the ideals and they compromised over some of his teachings. So, for example, they struggled with how to support permanent marriages in light of human weaknesses.

Our country allows women to own property, receive wages and seek divorce. Still, women and children are the most vulnerable in our society and equality is still not shared with them.

Jesus does not reject law. He wants life to have order, structures and to provide and nurture those most in need. Today's passage also includes his comments about children. In light of our ongoing crisis of clergy abuse of children, and our obligations to protect our vulnerable members, his words are empowering. One way of "embracing," and "blessing" children, as Jesus does, is for church members, clergy and laity, to call for full disclosure, the removing of violators from working in the church and to do whatever we can to facilitate healing among those who have been betrayed and violated. Jesus' rebuke of the behaviour of his disciples and his instructions to them about proper behaviour towards the least, challenge and empower all of us disciples not to take a "wait and see" attitude, but to do what we can now to move us out of the vicissitudes we now find ourselves.

*Padre*



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Our Burleigh Parish Supports and connects with those who suffer from Mental Health Issues. Always be assured of our prayers.

We welcome Dr Paula who will speak at some of our Masses this weekend.

Did you know people who feel more connected to others have lower rates of anxiety and depression? Connect with the people around you: family, friends, colleagues and neighbours to [#valuementalhealth](https://t.co/5gvOB8A4ty) [#QMHW](https://t.co/5gvOB8A4ty) <https://t.co/5gvOB8A4ty>

Acts of giving and kindness – small and large – are associated with positive mental wellbeing. Give your time, your words, your presence to [#valuementalhealth](https://t.co/4rCv6z0k62) [#QMHW](https://t.co/4rCv6z0k62) <https://t.co/4rCv6z0k62>



**menALIVE SCRIPTURE JOURNALING GROUP** gathers Monday and Thursday mornings. 7 - 8am Monday, 7 - 9am Thursday (inclusive of Eucharist).

For further information contact Chris Kennedy 0412 270828. All men of the parish and visitors are most welcome.

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Centacare Pastoral Ministries will conduct a **Pastoral Care Training Course on the Gold Coast in January 2019.**

Parishioners interested in training to become volunteer pastoral carers at the Gold Coast and Robina hospitals are invited to attend an information session on **Thursday 22 November, 10am - 11.30am** at the Sacred Heart Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters. **Parishioners currently providing pastoral care in the hospitals and in aged care/nursing homes are very welcome to attend.**

For more information, or to register for the information session, please email: [adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:adminpasmin@bne.catholic.net.au) or call Judy Norris on 3324 3193. rsvp by 19 November.

- **OCTOBER EVENING OF MARIAN DEVOTION** - An evening of Rosary, Adoration and Benediction. **Friday 19 October, 6pm**, Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads.
- **SUNG EVENING PRAYER** will be held each Friday in November at 6pm in Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads.

# Parish News and Happenings

## Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith?

**RCIA ENQUIRY NIGHT** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be held on 23 October at 7.30pm in Infant Saviour Meeting Room, Burleigh Heads. This is a night when anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic or in learning about the Catholic faith is welcome to attend. People willing to be sponsors or to accompany someone to the Enquiry Night are also invited. For further information phone the Parish Office on 5576 6466 or Josee Hill on 0430 546465.



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND** - September 2019. Please register your interest at the Parish Office. *\*Especially suitable for 75+ age group.*

- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be held on the fourth Sunday of each month from 4.30 - 5.30pm at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.
- **MASS FOR YOUTH** - Sunday 7 October and 21 October, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 5.30pm. Musicians and singers wanted. Please meet at 4.30pm for practice.
- **WOMEN'S REFLECTION DAY** - 9.30am - 3pm, Saturday 10 November, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters. Open to women of all ages and stages. Come, take some quiet reflective apart, as we explore *"Mary: Mother of Mercy. With Mary as model, what does our discipleship look like for us as women in the Church in the 21st Century? How do we give birth to mercy in our lives?"* What to bring: BYO lunch. Pen and journal. Hat and sunscreen. Morning tea and tea/coffee during the day will be supplied. RSVP essential. Please email Sue Thomas [sue@suethomas.net.au](mailto:sue@suethomas.net.au) or phone the Parish Office by Tuesday 6 November. *There is no cost to this day. A donation is invited to cover the cost of resources, paid at the door.*
- **INVITATION: FREE VOCAL and CHORAL TRAINING** is offered for all interested singers and non singers. (Youngsters, young ones and young once!). Rehearsals ongoing by qualified experienced mentor. We hope to encourage active participation through joyful singing at our Masses. For further information please call Emma on 5530 3614 or 0402 110366.

- Help defeat the **DRAFT TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY BILL** currently before the Queensland Parliament. The proposed law allows abortion to 22 weeks for ANY reason and till birth for a wide range of reasons, including "social" considerations. Sex selection is allowed. The proposed law is regarded as one of the most extreme in the world. Currently in Qld abortion is a crime; however, no woman has ever been convicted. Visit Archdiocese of Brisbane [[communications@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:communications@bne.catholic.net.au) or [maill46.suw121.mcdlv.net](mailto:maill46.suw121.mcdlv.net)] or Cherish Life [www.cherishlife.org.au/lifecampaign](http://www.cherishlife.org.au/lifecampaign) to write an MP letter.
- Find out about **ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD**. Palms Info Session - Friday 9 November, 5.30pm, Brisbane Square Library, 266 George St, Brisbane. Hear how Palms educators, health, business, trades and development personnel have exchanged skills to improve opportunity for Asian, African and Pacific communities; Find out where your teaching skills can make a real, lasting contribution; or just hear more about it. More information available at [www.palms.org.au/events](http://www.palms.org.au/events) or phone (02) 9560 5333.
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Young Catholics proclaim their love for Jesus at Ignite Conference ... Catholic aid agencies helping victims of quake and tsunami in Central Sulawesi province ... Red Frog's national coordinator says the Australian drinking culture is taking a leap in the right direction ... Woman of great faith shows love and forgiveness in the face of hatred and violence ... Newly ordained Augustinian priest overjoyed about fulfilling childhood dream.

**CONNECT MASS**  
**10am, Mary, Mother of Mercy**

Yr 8 21 October  
Yr 7 25 November

## JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE CANONISATION OF OSCAR ROMERO

The Latin American Catholic Chaplaincy, and the Romero Centre Brisbane-Australia invite all people of goodwill to come and celebrate the Canonisation of Archbishop Romero on Sunday October 14.

The event will be held from 5.30pm in the Holy Spirit Church at 16 Villiers Street, New Farm.

Our Parish will also make special tribute to Saint Romero next weekend.

## BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Michael, Amara, Ted, Leo, Alyssa and Miley who were baptised last week.

## FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Cecilia Noreen Cribb who has died in Christ. Let us remember her family and friends in our prayers this week.

*God will raise you up on eagle's wings*

## SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Leigh Boulcher, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, John Costigan, Graham Dall, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Paul Gamin, Mary-Lou Gatt, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Terry Maguire, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, John Mooney, Stephen Murray, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Mike Parker, Paula Pinch, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Nigel Tomlinson, Sarra Tyler, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Graham Zendler, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

## DECEASED

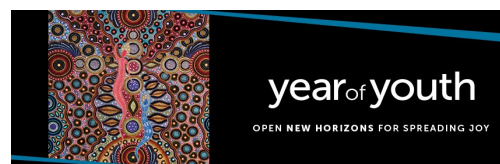
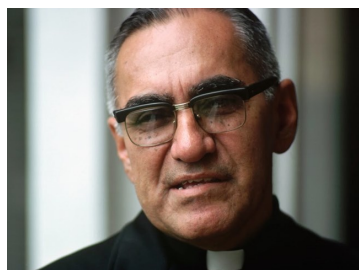
**Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Irene Carmody, Michael Moy, Cecilia Cribb.

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you ...  
May you find eternal life.*

### PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;  
☺ = good;  
☺ = hangin' in there;  
☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Palm Beach





# Liturgical Music for Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## INTRODUCTORY RITES:

### Gathering:

#### Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
all on earth thy sceptre claim,  
all in heav'n above adore thee.  
Infinite, thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubin and Seraphim in unceasing chorus praising;  
fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name thee;  
while in essence only one,  
undivided God we claim thee;  
and adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

### Psalm Response:

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

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## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

### Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

**Monday:** The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.

**Tuesday:** Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

**Wednesday:** Let my prayer come before you, Lord.

**Thursday:** I believe that I shall see the good things of  
the Lord in the land of the living.

**Friday:** Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.

**Saturday:** Lord, let your face shine on me.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

### Communion:

#### I'll Be Always Loving You

I am here with you by your side,  
sheltering your heart from the night.

Let me love the world through your heart.  
Let me heal your wounds with my touch.

*Wherever you go, whatever you do,  
I'll be always loving you.*

Let me see the world through your eyes.  
Let forgiveness shine through your smile.

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#### Will You Love Me?

Will you give me your life forever?  
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?  
Will you walk in the light of my presence?  
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

*Will you love me as I have loved you?  
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?  
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,  
and the sun will be shining on you.*

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,  
is your love strong enough to endure?  
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?  
Does it shine in the night for the world?

Can you walk in the footprints of silence  
through the wilderness sands in the sun,  
from the desert of doubt and temptation,  
to the glorious mountain of fire?

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## CONCLUDING RITES

### Dismissal:

#### Sing To The Mountains

*Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.*

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God.

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