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Marriage and family: Learning to love again

Today's First readings from Genesis (2:18-24) and Gospel (Mark 10:2-16) are about the spiritual implications of marriage. An excerpt from an article our Archbishop published on ABC website on 23 October 2014 deals with this topic comprehensively. Below is that excerpt that caught my attention.

Cardinal Marc Ouellet has stated that the family is in a "precarious" position today and has traced its shrinkage and fragmentation in modernity to urbanisation, industrialisation and a re-conceptualisation of the institution as being founded solely on the affections of the couple for each other. Although a development carrying with it positives, such as greater respect for freedom and the equality of the sexes, basing marriage on romantic love alone introduces a "high coefficient of instability" into what was hitherto a locus of stability. When concepts of love and sexuality are unmoored from religious values and mores, as they have been in secular modernity, major stress points become evident: disconnection of domestic relations from marriage; disconnection of sexuality from love and procreation; and the relegation of the family to the private sphere. The results are plain to see: in our grandparents' day nearly everyone was married; now fewer than half are. Of those who ever give marriage a try, it's generally only after a long period of experimentation and cohabitation, even though this radically reduces marital sticking power. Many who try don't stay married. What's more, many adults think children are an optional extra for their marriage. Many children grow up without the experience of a mum and dad committed to each other and to them over the long haul. Despite widespread promiscuity the memory of a genuinely marital culture survives in the aspirations of most people to be "relatively monogamous" - they spend sustained periods with one person before moving on to another and they keep hoping that one might be "for keeps."

Thus Pope Francis has observed that the "family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis" and yet is remarkably resilient. Through his two Synods on the family Francis hopes to recall humanity to that "total communion of life," founded on "the depth of obligation" that the spouses assume when they marry each other. In other words, the marriage-based family is not a community founded on sentiments - important as emotions are in drawing and holding us together and inclining our personalities and actions in particular directions. Marriage is not so much about feelings as about gift: it is the place where self-donation is lived and learned, where men and women find themselves and their happiness in a sincere gift of self despite their "irreconcilable differences."

The biggest challenge for the family today is not in the realm of the hot-button issues that gained media attention around the recent Synod, but the much more fundamental problem that modernity has forgotten how to love. That might sound odd in a culture saturated with love songs and "making love," but it is interesting that Google has found that the most commonly asked "How to ..." and "What is ..." questions asked of its search engines in America and Australia are "How to love?" and "What is love?" In particular, I think modernity struggles with any kind of love that goes beyond feelings: especially the cross-shaped, self-sending Easter sort of loving rather than the heart-shaped, self-pleasing Valentine's sort of loving. People today are less and less willing to commit, for the long haul, to another person or a small community of persons, come what may, even when the loving is hard. They are less and less willing to engage in the self-sacrifice that requires the compromising of our wilfulness, even unto death.

The biblical stories of human Genesis suggest that at the heart of what has gone wrong with humanity, time and again through history, has been a crisis in the most fundamental human relationship, between a man and wife, and then violence between two brothers, and outwards it stretches. But the biblical stories of human Re-genesis in Christ suggests that human healing can come through a holy family (imaged in the ecclesia domestica) and through a brotherhood in and through Him that breaks the endless cycles of harming and hurt.

In this time when same sex marriage is a hotly debated issue and many wanting to redefine the concept of marriage, the above quote from Archbishop Fisher's article provides worthwhile food for thought.

Respect Life Sunday

Today in the Archdiocese of Sydney we are celebrating Respect Life Sunday. This day is celebrated annually in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney as an opportunity to pray for greater love and respect for human life from conception to natural birth. This year we are focusing on the Christian experience of bereavement and grief, following the death of a loved one. The brochure *Life is Changed, not Ended* is available in the church foyer.

Social Justice and Peace

You are invited to join Kimberley Doyle and I for a session on Justice ministry and related topics on Wednesday, 21 October. The session will start at 7.30 PM in the Jubilee Hall, Berala. All parishioners are invited to this program. Please register your name with the parish office if you wish to attend

Bible Study

The ten session Bible Study on the Gospel of John is about to conclude at 7 PM on Wednesday, 7 October in the Jubilee Hall, Berala. Please note the change of venue – not Dooley's Club, but the Jubilee Hall, Berala. Should anyone be interested in watching the videos of this Bible study on the Gospel of John by Fr Frank Maloney and Sister Mary Coloe, the parish is able to make USB copies. Please leave a USB (16 GB or more capacity) with your name at the parish office, and copies of the program will be made. Next year the parish will be conducting another Bible Study based on video lectures. You can register your interest in the program now with the parish office.

First Reconciliation Program

To register for the First Reconciliation Program, please use an enrolment form from the foyer of the church. Completed forms can be returned to the parish office. Parents Meeting for the enrolled children is on Tuesday, 13 October at 7 PM at St Peter Chanel Church. Information on the Commitment Mass and the program itself will be provided at the Parents Meeting.

Family Faith Educator

The Catholic Education Office has agreed to sponsor a Family Faith Educator for St Peter Chanel Primary School and the parish starting next year. Now is the time to apply for this job. Any interested people may contact me or the School principal for more information. Selection will be made before the end of the year. I am excited about this new prospect, because of its potential.

Fr George Kallumkal

Fr George has been a great help especially during my absence from the parish. Listening to his experiences, people have shown interest in his mission. Should anyone wish to pursue their interest in his missions, you are welcome to contact him personally. He will be leaving for India on 19 October.

Public Square Rosary

You are invited to be part of it! We need you – Our Lady needs you! – to help this Rosary crusade in Australia

We shall pray the Rosary in front of the Church on Saturday 10th October at 8.30am (straight after mass) to bear witness to our neighbours and passers-by.

Some background info from Ivica Kovac

On Saturday October 10, 2015, in the streets, public squares, parks, and at shopping centres across Australia, groups of devout Catholics will assemble prayerfully for half an hour to pray the Rosary. United in one heart and one mind, they will offer reparation to God for sin and will pray for the conversion of sinners and world peace.

This will be the second year running that 'Australia Needs Fatima' will hold the Public Square Rosary campaign. It is a public witness of faith, a show of love for Our Lady and our Catholic religion. It is a response to Our Lady of Fatima's appeal for prayer.

Every year, on the nearest Saturday to 13 October (anniversary of the final apparition at Fatima) our members go into the streets, the squares, shopping centres, and other public places all over Australia, and pray a Rosary together. At a time when religion is being marginalised in society witnessing to the Faith in public is vital. Our prayers, hymns, our polite demeanour and good example uplifts passers-by. It is a great opportunity to evangelise and to console the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year on October 10, 2015, our target is to get 200 Rosary groups around Australia to pray the rosary for God's merciful blessing and protection for all our families, friends, relatives and our Church.



Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass 5.30 PM RCIA	9.00 AM Mass 7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 7.00 PM Bible Study in the Jubilee Hall	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass 2.15 - 3.00 PM Altar Servers Training	9.00 - 10.00 AM Playgroup in Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass 8.30 AM "Public Square Rosary" outside Church 9.00 - 10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

General: Our Lady & St Anthony

Deceased: Santina Baudille, Colin Baudille, Rosa Manganaro, Maria Yianni, Aphrodite Yianni, Stipe Lisica

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Family

Other Notices

Br Colin Smith Choir Festival - A Celebration of Colin Declan Smith's contribution to the liturgical life of Australia. Ten years after Colin's death, the John Paul Singers invite you to experience the enduring spirit and prayerfulness of music from the composer of the Mass Shalom. Sunday 18 October 2pm-4.30pm, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Cnr Victoria Rd and Westminster Ave, Gladesville. Entry by donation. Bookings recommended: email eccoad@gmail.com

Heart Women's Conference A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men – What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2015? 16-17 October 2015 Fairfield RSL Register: TheCatholicGuy.tv/heart Email: heart@thecatholicguy.com



XIV Ordinary Synod of Bishops, Rome – 'Vocation & Mission of the Family in the Church & the Contemporary World'. This is the second of two synods on the family called by Pope Francis and it starts on Sunday, 04 October. He is relying on our prayers. Let's pray for this important gathering at Mass and over the next three weeks.

Labour Day Mass—8 October 2015. All are warmly invited to Mass with Bishop Terry Brady to celebrate Labour Day and to pray for workers and their families. Thursday, 08 October 2015 at 6.30pm - St Peter Julian's (641 George Street Sydney).

Alcohol and Drug Information Service: (Confidential) (02) 9361 8000

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo T/F: (02) 4236 0533 E: cottageretreats@bigpond.com
Carmelites Varroville E: retreats@carmelite.com;

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby E: clary.antaog@gmail.com

Sara's place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit www.sarasplace.org.au Ph: 96998190

Feasts of the Week.

7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century.

It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.



Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all..

Responsorial Psalm:

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.**

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Communion Antiphon:

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

Today's Readings

Gen 2:18-24

Heb 2:9-11

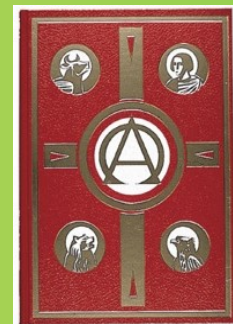
Mk 10:2-16

Next Sunday's Readings

Wis 7:7-11

Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-30



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week

11 OCTOBER 2015		28 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Roland JAVIER
ORGAN	Kate PARISH		Elmer
CANTOR	Joji SALAR		Elmer
LECTOR/S	John DONNELLAN	Ingrid SCHARENGUIVEL	Lawrence LOPEZ
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maris MARSH	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Katrina YIP	Karim KASSIS	Margarette NGUYEN
GIFTS	Anita YIP Family		Roland JAVIER Family
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS		Margaret THAM
SP. MINISTER	Joy SKERRITT		Jenny MICHAEL
SP. MINISTER	Sam DUCH		Hilary NGUYEN
HOSPITAL : Joyce MacDonald & Anna Manganaro		ALTAR : Group 5 M Heys; C Mabon; M Wood	
SPC CLEANERS : Roland & Ada Javier		COUNTERS : Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley	
SJW CLEANERS : Maris & John Marsh & Joe Moses.		CHILDREN'S LITURGY : Pam Snell & M Jurcic	
HOSPITALITY SPC : Vinita Nazareth		FLOWERS : Josie Pangilinan	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Williams home,
15 London Rd, Berala . Please join any evening at 7.30pm for the Rosary
To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker

To host the Rosary Statue from St Joseph the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45AM & Wednesday to Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday :8.00AM, 9.00AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass**: Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.

Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tues 9.00AM (During school term only) **Lord's Day Mass**: Sunday 8.00 AM

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.

Planned Giving Program Request Form

Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name:

Telephone NoEmail

☐ Yes, please organise a set of envelopes. YES/NO Tax deduction (*please circle*)

☐ Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions. (*An authority form will be sent for completion*)