

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and

through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another

God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

10:2-16

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.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

6th / 7th October, 2018

ST VINCENT de PAUL OBSERVANCE

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY

*Creator God,
in Christ You call man and woman
to the fullness of glory
for which You created them in Your image.
Heal our hardened hearts,
renew our obedience to Your spoken will,
and conform our lives to Your gracious design.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*What therefore
God has joined
let no man
SEPARATE*

FOCUS ON THE READINGS

The focus of our readings today is the sacredness of marriage. This focus is extended to the sacredness of the family in the Gospel passage with the blessing of the children.

The description of the creation of woman focuses on the common humanity of man and woman. They are made of the same bone and flesh, and they complement each other. The account tells us that for this reason men and women leave their parents and share a life together; they belong to one another. This theology was accompanied by a prohibition of divorce. It is this point that links the first reading with the Gospel. The creation stories focus on the sacredness of marriage, and Jesus, refusing to be trapped by legalism, responds to the question of divorce by reaffirming this sacredness. Children are the natural fruit of this sacred union, and Jesus here affirms their sanctity as well.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

15th Oct: St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

16th Oct: St Hedwig, religious & St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

17th Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

18th Oct: St Luke, evangelist

19th Oct: St John de Brebeuf and St Jogues, priests and companions, martyrs

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7.00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS:
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

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YEAR OF YOUTH
ST VINCENT de PAUL OBSERVANCE
LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:
Vincenzo Sasso and James (Jim) Healey



Those who we remember at this time:
John Brotto (one month), Angelina Furno, Rosario Tudisca, Martin O'Toole, Ted Judit, Michael Elder, David DeBereeli, Bernadette Hopkins, Nicola Mazzei, Albert & Sophie Roleff, Heinz Roleff, Albert Roleff and Ina Scerri.

The sick:, Giuseppina Zarro, Oscar Price, Tom McMahon, Brigida Mazzone, Wilhelmina Weerden, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: 1st Saturday of each month, at 10.30am.
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10am to 1pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet **every Tuesday at 10am** in the Parish Hall. Join us for a cuppa prior to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.15am, followed by inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986 or Andrew: 9755 2443.

MOTHERS' PRAYER will resume on Tuesday 8th October from **9am–10am**. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

THE 2019 COLUMBAN CALENDAR is now available in the Piety Stall. Cost \$8 per copy.

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY 7TH



OCTOBER: Printed resources highlighting the role of both a mother and a father in family life have been produced and are available in the church foyer.

The accompanying video can be viewed online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily



FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING:

Reflection on **"The Rosary"** by Carolyn, is on the trollies for you to take home.

LESS THAN 3 WEEKS TO GO.....

FETE Saturday 27th October 2018 – 11am to 4pm

Get your **Early Bird Ride Tickets now!** On offer, the UFO, 4 way Bungee, Chair O Swing, Surf shack slide, Mega-fun Castle, and Animal farm Book online at: www.trybooking.com/YHBX. **Early bird ticket prices end Wednesday 24th October.** There are 2 packages on offer – Pre-schooler and Super-pass. Check for Age and Height restrictions to be sure of the best pass for you! Tickets will be available to collect at 10.30am on the day from the Ticket booth. Please bring your receipt!

Devonshire Tea will again be held in the Parish Hall. Anyone able to assist on the day by providing scones, jam, cream, small cakes or slices, or helping serve, would be much appreciated. Please contact Sue on 9762 8640 to let us know how you can assist.

Please note that the Fete raffle tickets will be sold in church after weekend Masses on 6th/7th, 13th/14th, and 20th/21st October.

AN INVITATION FROM KNOX DEANERY PARISHES TO A WORKSHOP to explore and gain an understanding of the Plenary Council which will look at the future of the Catholic Church of Australia. Held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 25 Orange Grove, Bayswater on Wednesday 17th October from 6.30 pm till 8.30 pm. Presenter: Jacqui Giulano, Co-ordinator of Parish Leadership Formation for the Archbishop's Office for Evangelization. Cuppa & sandwiches provided on arrival. RSVP to the parish office by 10th October.

FUNERAL MASS Funeral Mass for the late Vincenzo Sasso will be celebrated here at St John's Church on Friday 12th October - Rosary 10.30am prior to the 11.00am Funeral Mass

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a non-confronting environment. RCIA is for those who may be searching for God, for those not baptised, for those baptised in another Christian tradition, for those baptised but who have not received first Eucharist and / or Confirmation.. If you would like to find out more at a relaxed meeting, without commitment, please phone the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCE WEEKEND FOR ST VINCENT de PAUL 2018

SVDP Ferntree Gully will be using this weekend to express our sincere thanks to each of our parishioners for the many ways in which you have supported our care for the disadvantaged in our community. This is NOT AN APPEAL. We wish to THANK YOU for your ongoing financial and material donations during the year. Your donations have enabled us to serve those who are: abused; addicted; disabled; homeless; lonely; unemployed. We make up to 10 visits each week spending \$3700 each month

We would also like to encourage you to JOIN US in this outreach work to our neighbour. One of our conference members will be available at the end of each of our weekend masses to answer your questions and provide more information.

SVDP- FERNTREE GULLY CONFERENCE

WORLD ROSARY DAY ON SUNDAY 7TH OCT

Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Australian intentions are family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection.

We will be praying the Rosary on Sunday 7th October at 3 pm in our Church carpark, or if it rains, in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to come and pray the Rosary. Any queries, please call Gordon on 0412 225 355 or Lia on 9758 9094

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT

©Come and join the fun. Don't need to be an expert. ©

Date: Saturday 27th October, 2018

Venue: School Hall starting at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Cost: \$10 per adult. BYO drinks and nibbles.

Make up a table or come and join one.

Tickets on sale after all w/e masses from the 6th October or contact Patrick 0434072831 (call or text) or psawyer@bigpond.net.au. Proceeds in aid of "Opening the Doors Foundation" (Aboriginal students support), Thornbury and the "Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation" (via Columban Fathers) in the Philippines. Donations welcome.

ROSTERS: Mon 8th Oct to Sun 14th Oct.	
Flowers	Lia U, Carole D
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas D
Linen	Anne J O
Welcomers	6pm: Jayne P, Myra N 9am: Adrian Marg D, Anastasia A 11am: Patrick S, Coral M
Lectors	6pm: Evangeline L 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Peter J
Counters	Bryon M, Ruby S
Gardening	OCT: Barry B