



Weekly Bulletin

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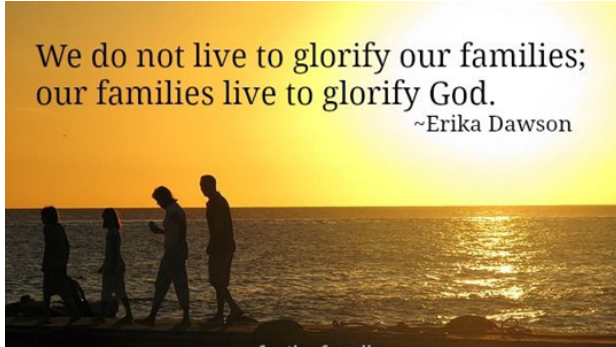
Sunday, 06 October 2024

“THE COMPLEMENTARITY OF MAN AND WOMAN... IS THE ROOT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY.”

POPE FRANCIS

We do not live to glorify our families;
our families live to glorify God.

~Erika Dawson



There was once a story about a teacher in English who asked her sophomore class what's the word denoting a marriage with many wives. A student answered, "Ma'am, polygamy." "Correct," she said. "How about a marriage with two spouses," another student replied, "Ma'am, it is bigamy." "Correct," the teacher said, "And how about a marriage with only one wife?" A student raised his hand and blurted out, "Ma'am, monotony!" Actually, what the student meant was "monogamy," of course. However, unwittingly his answer touched on a problem in marriage, that is, monotony.

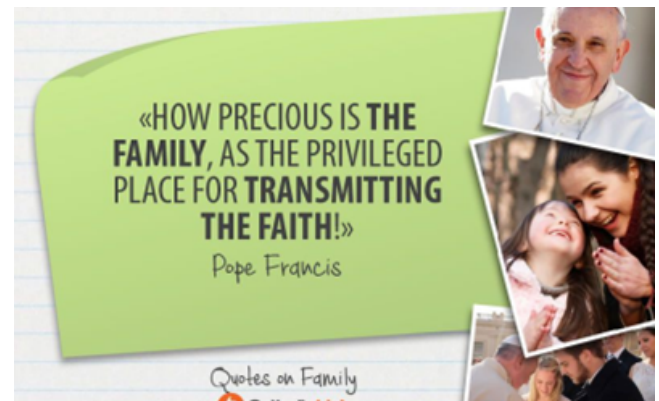
Marriage is facing a variety of novel changes and challenges. Over the past decades, the understanding and definition of Marriage and family has been constantly evolving. With the new waves of thinking, there seems to be a hike in the rate of divorce which is quite alarming today. Divorce, separations have impacted the very fabric of the family and the children are enormously affected. As a result, the children struggle in forming their own adult relationships and they end up with behavioural problems in and out of the family. I need not elaborate the effects of divorce as you are witnessing it or going through it. At the same time, I cannot relegate women and children who suffer abuse and deprivation in the shadows; the children who are buckling under the weight of so many expectations and the fear of disappointing or reflecting badly on parents and mentors. "I hope that we as Church can honour the reality of these experiences and all of the emotions that come with them, without looking away or glossing it all over. I hope we can allow ourselves to transform these recesses and shadows into spaces of resistance and solidarity from which we might emerge sure of our dignity, sure of the Spirit moving through us, and sure of God's love".

Today's readings remind us of the value of marriage, family, and childlike trust in God. They call us to live with unity, respect, and dependence on God. By following these teachings, we can build stronger relationships and grow in our faith.

"A couple's life together -- a life centered in trust, forgiveness and love -- and their generous response to the vocation of parenthood, model the unfathomable and profound love of God: love that lets go rather than clings, love that happily gives rather than takes, love that liberates rather than confines. The sacrament of marriage, as Jesus taught, is a total giving and sharing by each

spouse so that the line between "his" and "hers" disappears into only "us." In the life they create together, life that sometimes means both taking on and letting go for the sake of the beloved, Christ is the ever-present wedding Guest, who makes their simple, everyday life together a miraculous sacrament, in which the love of God is revealed to all of us in this couple's love for one another"-

"They returned home happy but tired after celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary with their children and friends. Before falling into bed, he offered to make a late-night snack for both of them. While she slumped into a stool along the kitchen counter, he collected the ham, cheese and mustard from the refrigerator. Reaching into the breadbox, he took out what turned out to be the last four slices of bread. He carefully made two sandwiches and cut each in four quarters, the way she liked them. He placed one of the sandwiches on a plate and placed it in front of her. "How come you always give me the sandwich with the heel of the bread," she said. "For forty years we've been married and you always give me the heel of the bread. I know I've never said this before, but honey, I really hate the



This Sunday's 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.

First reading: Genesis 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh.

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127

℟: 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. **℟**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **℟**

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! **℟**

Second reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified
have one origin.*

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.

Gospel 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.

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.

Communion Antiphon:

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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Our Family

Is a circle of strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
Kept by God, Together

forever

heel of the bread." Embarrassed, he shrugged his shoulders and said, "I always give you the heel of bread because it's my favourite piece." The story speaks of tender love. It might also show some lack of communication if, after forty years, they didn't know what each liked or disliked. (Connections) Marriage is built on Faith in God and trust in each other, mutual love, open communication, let go attitude and forgiveness. (Sources of these above thoughts are duly acknowledged).

The family is the foundation of co-existence and a remedy against social fragmentation. Children have a right to grow up in a family with a father and a mother capable of creating a suitable environment for the child's development and emotional maturity." Pope Francis

Kindly keep praying for the completion of the intended project with God's grace and guidance.



God's blessings

Fr. Vince



Congratulations

Clara, Diana, Xavier and Zachary whose Baptisms are on this Sunday.

We welcome these children to our Parish family.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 7 - **Our Lady of the Rosary**

Wednesday 9 - **St Denis** bishop, martyr and companions and martyrs

St John Leonardi priest

Friday 11 - **St John XXIII** pope

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw
Louela Davis
Tom Nayler
Robert Power

Brendan Cleary
Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Renato Banaag
Sr Aufrasia Caruana
Fr Michael Maroun Saad & family
Varinie Masilamani & Desmond Masilamani
Katie Saad Jenny Sek

PARISH ROSTERS

12/13 October 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Eric Flores	Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza		Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Geoff & Barbara Rosario Sheila Tapiador	Pierre Salomon	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Barbara Rosario Glenys Oxlee		Helen Wong Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Vincent Austria	Lorna Argal Sam Markarian		Elaine Gade Evelyn Artiaga			

19/20 October 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Mark Salter	Lynette Rodrigues Anne-Marie Hewkins	Harriet S Matilda S	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Geoff & Barbara Rosario Francis Mathew	Thomas & Sophie Russo	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon O.Ham
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Gail Dick Ron Della Vedova	Daniela M Cristian A	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Delilah Rodrigues	Marco Tapiador Astrid Kossim	Joanne J Theo M Chloe & Olivia G	Elaine Gade Sheila Tapiador			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Morning Tea to Celebrate our Parish Youth



Following the **10am Mass** on **Sunday, 10 November**, we will be hosting a morning tea to celebrate the young people in our Parish and to kick start our

Youth Group! While all are welcome, we are working to engage young people aged between **12** and **35** to help form and establish our group.

Come and meet the Youth Group leaders and get to know your fellow parishioners over a bite to eat. Look forward to seeing you all there.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Information Evening for Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

We will be hosting an information session for all those who are interested or know someone interested in joining the Catholic faith on **Tuesday, 22nd October** at **6:30pm** in the church **Meeting Room**.

The session will explain the course contents, RCIA program and general information to assist in better understanding what to expect. We also invite all those who are interested in joining the RCIA team.

For further information, please contact **Nazli Guler** (RCIA Team Leader) on **0426 243 016**.

Diocese of Parramatta

Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday 27 October** at **11am** at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta**. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or phone **0488 000 211** by **20 October**. Family & friends are welcome.

Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch!

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to invite you to our Monthly Parish Lunch! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather once a month on **Sunday after 10am Mass** to enjoy great company and good food.

Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

When: Sunday Oct 20, Nov 17, Sunday Dec 22

Where: The Family Inn

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends! This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.

For more details and/or to RSVP contact **Allison** on **0411 013 032**.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

*Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm*

ROSARY at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan
Parish Secretary
Tue / Wed / Fri
10am to 3pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator
Lectors Coordinator
Senior Server Coordinator
Finance Chairman
St Vincent De Paul President
Rydalmen Coordinator

Diane O'Shea
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