



## Sunday Reflection

Divorce is an issue that's naturally one of great sensitivity. Many families are intimately affected by it, either directly through the pain of separation, family dislocation, and the subsequent care of children, or indirectly as children lose regular contact with members of their extended family. The fallout from divorce is often particularly felt by grandparents. Some lose regular contact with their beloved grandchildren, while others effectively become their day-to-day carers

Our so-called no-fault divorce laws were formulated to remove the conflict that used to exist in this process. But many who have been through the family law court system might sometimes wonder how successful this approach has been.

We should not use this gospel passage to become too moralistic and judgemental. While we should certainly celebrate the ideal espoused by Jesus, we must also be aware that that ideal might not be attainable for some. If we look at the larger picture given to us by all the Gospels, we see Jesus' mercy and forgiveness constantly on display in human relationships. Recall the tender story of forgiveness, reconciliation, and evangelisation in the beautiful multi-layered story of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well in John's Gospel (Jn 4:1-42).

There's no doubt that Jesus recognised the reality of divorce in his society. But that didn't stop him from espousing his Heavenly Father's intention for the relationship between man and woman, as we hear in the second creation story in Genesis (Gen 2:4-25). He did this because he recognised that males and females were always meant to complement each other.

He knew something that we all still recognise. This being the traditional family is remarkable in what it brings together: physical desire, friendship, companionship, emotional kinship and love, the begetting of children and their protection and care, their early education and induction into an identity and a history. Seldom has any institution woven together so many different drives and desires, roles and responsibilities. It made sense of the world and gave it a human face, the face of love.

The traditional family is not one lifestyle choice among many. It is the best means we have yet discovered for nurturing future generations and enabling children to grow in a matrix of stability and love. It's where we first take the risk of giving and receiving love. It's where one generation passes on its values to the next, ensuring the continuity of civilisation.

In divorce, these wonderful attributes are diminished or lost. In the midst of this moral teaching, it's easy to miss something theologically profound. Three Sundays ago, we heard Peter's proclamation, "You are the Christ". But Jesus' teaching today demonstrates that his identity is even more remarkable. The Pharisees, in their attempt to trick Jesus, quote Moses, the putative author of Deuteronomy 24:1, saying: *Moses allowed us...to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.*

## Sunday Reflection (continued)

The fact that Jesus felt it possible to contradict Moses demonstrates his divinity, his equality with the original divine law-maker. For the Jews, only God could alter the divinely inspired stipulation of the law. So, we find Jesus referring to God's original intention for the relationship between man and woman, as seen in our first reading. By implication, Jesus, as the Word of God, was present at the time when God made this stipulation. Therefore, Jesus' doubling down on God's original intention is consistent with his divine nature.

Therefore, as a Church, we should be a witness to God's intention for us as human beings and celebrate the beauty of a life lived in selfless love of another in a lifelong marriage relationship. At the same time, we need to be pastorally sensitive to those who struggle with that commitment, especially those escaping abusive relationships.

It's a teaching that consistently presents many challenges but remains as valid today as ever.

## St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hymn Sheets for Weekend Masses are now online!



Hymn Sheets for all weekend masses at the Cathedral namely Vigil, 9am, 11am and 6pm are now available on the Parish website and can also be accessed by scanning the QR code which is available at the entrance of the Cathedral and also at the Eastern door. Alternatively they are also available on the physical hymn sheets so just

scan the QR code on the physical sheet of a person sitting next to you and you are good to go! Please join in the community singing each week!

**QR code for Vigil, 9am, 11am and 6pm Masses.** You can also visit the following link on our website: <https://www.adelcathparish.org/music-in-the-cathedral/hymn-sheet>

## 6 Oct: Monday is a Public Holiday

Kindly note that Monday is a Public Holiday for Labour Day. There will be only one mass at 8am in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. There will be no confessions in the Cathedral on the day nor masses in any other churches of our Parish.

## October Edition of the Southern Cross

The October edition of the Southern Cross is now available for \$2 in the foyer of all churches in our Parish. This issue features the Pope's visit to Asia and Oceania and the upcoming Synod in Rome as well as lots of stories on local events and people. Please take home a copy.

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**Regular Mass Timings**  
REFER TO PARISH WEBSITE FOR DETAILED SCHEDULE OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA FOR OUR REGULAR TIMINGS

**St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide**  
**Sunday Masses**  
Sat : 6pm(Vigil)  
Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am,  
2.30pm (African), 6pm

**Weekday Masses**  
Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm  
Sat: 8am, 11.30am

**Confessions**  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm  
Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

**Holy Hour**  
Tues: 6.30pm, Fri: 11am

**Public Holidays**  
8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral  
Except 01 January—Mass at 10am at the Cathedral  
26 January—Mass at 9am at the Cathedral

**St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide**  
Tues and Fri: 8am      Sun: 9.30am

**Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton**  
Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm  
Sun: 9.30am

**St John Vianney, Burnside**  
Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions: 9.30am  
Sun: 9am

**St Peter Claver, Dulwich**  
Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am  
Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | Vigil: 6pm  
Sun: 11am

**Holy Name, Stepney**  
Sun: 11am

**St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide**  
Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)  
4.00pm (Portuguese) - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays ONLY

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island**  
Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

**Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.**

## WORSHIP

**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.

**Responsorial Psalm:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love, Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-12.

**Universal Prayer Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

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

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**Next week: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13.

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-27.

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## Liturgies & Activities (30th Sep-6th Oct)

**Mon** Our Lady of the Rosary.

**Wed** St. Denis & Companions and St. John Leonardi.

**Thu** St. Francis Borgia.

**Fri** Pope St. John XXIII.

**Sun** Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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## Prayer Requests for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** Vincenzo Donato, Adele Chiuchiolo Nevenka Varenina and Hayley Quino Bosworth.

**Deceased Anniversaries:**

**Cathedral:** Josephine David, Leonor & Emilio Solorzano, Vincente Bassano, Jenny Yap, Christian Collantes, Dumon family, Mr. Obisasulu and Norma Jean Baker.

**Queen of Angels:** Ross Mittiga, Santina Lentini, Anna Marafioti, Orsola Marafioti and Vincent Ellul.

**St. Mary's/Holy Name:** Basilio De Angelis, Doris McGrath and Raymond Axon.

**St. Peter Claver/St. John Vianney:** Maria Matto, Seru Veretani & family, Gladys Tanner, Val Hardy, Irene Kennedy, Zelma Huppatz, Patricia Olifent, Patricia Foote, Catherine Michelmore and Helen James.

## Prayers Requests for the Sick

Steve Gleeson, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Emily Swan, Angelina Musico, Charles Dias, Vilma D'Cruz, Joshua Jose, Madison Musico, Peter Slobodian, Joshua Antony, Denis Cranswick, Maresa, Allan Mason, Fidel Ruivivar, Araceli Suzara and Beverly Garton.

## Oct: Dulwich and Burnside Community Holy Rosary Devotion



For nearly 50 years, the Dulwich-Burnside community has had a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This community has been blessed with many priestly vocations. During the month of October, the Rosary will be prayed at 7:00pm from Monday to Friday in our homes. We invite you once again to join us in this special devotion and strongly

encourage you to host a rosary evening by inviting our Blessed Mother into your home. Please contact Jean Lucas at 0421280100 or Deacon Remo at 0414189268 for more information. The host locations, are as below:

### Details of Week 2: October 2024

| Date: | Name:                     | Location:                                |
|-------|---------------------------|--|
| 7th   | Cenecal Group             | St. John Vianney Church, Burnside.       |
| 8th   | Jean Lucas                | 160 Waterfall Gully Rd, Waterfall Gully. |
| 9th   | Divya Prakash<br>(at 2pm) | 34 Crompton Drive, Wattle Park.          |
| 10th  | Veronica &<br>Chris Boast | 15 Ilfracombe Drive Wattle Park.         |
| 11th  | Helen & Alan<br>Tyson     | St. Peter Claver Church Dulwich.         |

### 12 Oct: Charis SA Retreat Exploring the Holy Spirit in Scripture

Charis SA presents a spiritual retreat "Exploring the Holy Spirit in Scripture" with Mass, adoration and confession on 12 October from 10am-3pm at St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich. Fr. Dean Marin, Vicar-General, Archdiocese of Adelaide is the key-note speaker and celebrant. For more information call 0407060715 or visit: [www.charis-sa.org](http://www.charis-sa.org)

### 13 Oct: Feast of St. Daniel Comboni of Sudan/South Sudan

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of **St. Daniel Comboni of Sudan/South Sudan** in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sunday, 13 October at 2.30pm. All are welcome to this cultural celebration of a saint who stood up for injustice and promoted care for the marginalised. Please check the Cathedral Notice Board for more details or please contact the Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on E: [jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

### Planned Giving Envelopes for 2025

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2025 will be ordered soon and delivered to your Mass location.

**If you need to make any changes to your details (address, contact details, Mass location, etc), cancel your envelope/planning giving or you are new to the Parish and wish to register for Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office on 82108155 or [acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au)**

**Important to note:** Please refrain from using old envelopes from previous years as they cannot be processed in our system due to a recent upgrade.

## Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group Workshops in October 2024

The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group invite the Youth of our Parish to join them for two workshops on 13th and 27th October in the Cathedral Hall at 7pm-8.30pm. The details are as follows:

**13 Oct: "Catholic Apologetic Bible & Tradition" - A discussion by Fr. Matthew Newman.** Join us for a heartfelt evening of learning in-depth on this topic.

**27 Oct: "How to suffer well" - A discussion by Fr. Tony Telford-Sharp.** The topic answers the question about why God brings challenges into our lives and the wisdom of the Church in facing those challenges with grace.

The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group invite the Youth of our Parish to join them each week in their Ministry of fellowship. If you are interested to know more about the group and their activities, please contact Ngoc Nguyen on 0424643310 after the Sunday 6pm Mass at the Cathedral. **Please note that the Youth Group is open ONLY for people aged 18-35 years. Please check the notice board for regular updates and events being hosted by the Young Adults Group.**

### 2nd Nov: All Souls Day Mass Offerings

All Souls Day Mass Offering envelopes are now available at the entrance of all Churches in our Parish. Kindly take home an envelope to request for prayers for your deceased loved ones on All Souls Day. Kindly submit your envelopes to the Parish Office directly or deposit them into the Sunday Collection each week. The names of your deceased loved ones will be featured in the newsletters dated 3rd November and the following Sundays of the month. The timetable for All Souls Day masses is on the Notice Board.

### 2nd Nov: Christmas pageant St. Francis Xavier Cathedral closure

Due to the National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant, Wakefield St. will be closed on Saturday, 2nd November from 7am till 1pm. **Keeping in mind safety, security and traffic related issues, we have decided to cancel all masses and confessions in the morning at the Cathedral.** All Souls Day masses will be celebrated in other churches of our Parish. Please refer to the Mass timings below or check the Parish website/noticeboard for more details. Confessions and the Vigil Mass will take place as usual on 2nd November Saturday evening.

### 2nd Nov: All souls day Masses timings

| Church                          | Time      |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| St. Francis Xavier Cathedral    | VIGIL 6pm |
| St. Patrick's Church, Grote St. | 8am       |
| Smyth Chapel, West Terrace      | 10am      |
| St. John Vianney, Burnside      | 9am       |
| St. Peter Claver, Dulwich       | 11am      |

### 17 Nov: Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish 70th Anniversary Celebration

The Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary on Sunday, 17th November at 9.30am in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Kingscote. This will be followed by lunch at RAOB Lions Hall at 12pm. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD will be the main celebrant. Please email Helen Mumford [kimumford@bigpond.com](mailto:kimumford@bigpond.com) or call her on 0408367009 to advise if you can attend or if you have any questions.

## Latin Mass Community

The altar servers will meet for their monthly meeting today 11am-12:30pm. They will also have a cycling activity day on Sat. 12th Oct. (Feast of Bl. Carlo Acutis) beginning with 8:30am Mass and ending at 4pm. All altar servers welcome.

Monday Scripture class is in recess until the end of October.

There is no Mon. Servers' practice, or Fri. children's catechism / youth group during the school holidays.

The Young Dads' Group meets at 8pm this Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. at Ern Malley. All welcome. Please contact Nick Augimeri for details.

Thurs. evening's *Introduction to the Bible* class continues at 7:40pm. All welcome.

The Siena Women's Group (35+) will meet this Sat. (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month) for prayer, a spiritual talk (Fr McGuckin), reflection and fellowship. It begins with Adoration at 9:30am and concludes around midday. Please contact Narelle Price (0413 208 341) for more details.

The Young Mothers' Reading Group will also meet this Sat. (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month) at 10am at Ern Malley. Please contact Madeline Gallasch (0411 144 114) for more details.

There will be a second-hand religious themed bookstall next Sun. 13th Oct after the 8am and 9:15am Masses to raise money for the Youth Group.

Registrations for this year's *Christus Rex* Pilgrimage are now open. Please see flyers or visit [www.christusrexpilgrimage.com](http://www.christusrexpilgrimage.com) for details.

Save the Date: Our Annual All Saints' Community Picnic is on Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov after the 9:15am Mass. You are invited dress up as your favourite Saint – prizes for best children and adults. All welcome.

We still have a few places available for our men's silent retreat (2-6 Jan. 2025), led by the Fr Adrian Wee FSSP. Please feel free to pass on a flyer to a friend, or see Marco Barsotti outside the tea room after the 9:15am Mass if you are interested. All welcome.

Please do not place any material (advertising or otherwise) in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. McCaffrey, Fr. McGuckin or Fr Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9:15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Simon Fiedler (Nathan's Father), Margaret Easlea, Hannah McCaffrey, Stephen Lawler (Kathleen's father), Terry Muscat (Chris Forrester's mother), Constantine Day, Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafiotte, Tony Caruso and Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother). Please also remember the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## 2024 Catholic Mission Appeal



Catholic Mission is the Pope's international Mission agency in Australia. An international organisation that partners with communities, helping them to flourish by supporting grassroots projects, including healthcare, education, and spiritual care. Our network of religious and lay missionaries operates in Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, the Americas.

The focus project this year is Mongolia, House of Mercy, with the Pope opening the centre in 2023. On a quiet night, Chuluunbaatar stands guard at a warehouse. It's early in winter, but the chill at night creeps in gently. The shift was routine until he learned that a car had crashed and fallen into freezing waters. His instinct was to help, but as he went to reach for a towrope, his life changed forever. *"I was trying to get the tow rope from the top of a two-storey container. But one of the tow ropes pulled me down, and one of the five teeth of the other towrope fell into my leg."*

Chuluunbaatar's right leg was broken, and after the incident, he would face over a year in hospital. The severity of the injury has left him with ongoing pain. Unable to work to support himself Chuluunbaatar's future crumbled. **In his time of need, Chuluunbaatar turned to the House of Mercy, located in Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar. The House of Mercy provides a sanctuary for people with a variety of needs; people without a place to call home, people fleeing domestic violence, people in need of a warm meal or a bed. Chuluunbaatar is one of the many who rely on the services provided.**

Today, the House of Mercy needs material support in order to continue supporting the patrons who use its service. With limited social services available elsewhere, this House provides not just shelter and food, but access to basic medical care, showers and laundry, and counselling. Your gift today can help ensure the House of Mercy can provide practical support for people like Chuluunbaatar.

Catholic Mission continues to support current projects 41 countries and 14 parishes here in Australia. **Please take home an envelope from the entrance of the church or visit Catholic Mission website to donate:** [www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/mercy](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/mercy)

## Second Assembly of the Synod on Synodality in October 2024

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and John Lochowiak are participating in the Synod on Synodality being held in Rome in October. We ask that our communities pray for both of them and the process of the Synod. We pray that as a Church we will all better understand that we are invited to walk together and to listen to each other prayerfully. Information around the synod can be found here: [www.synod.va/en.html](http://www.synod.va/en.html)

## Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member when walking through the underground carpark, attending Church Services or attending activities in the Hall.