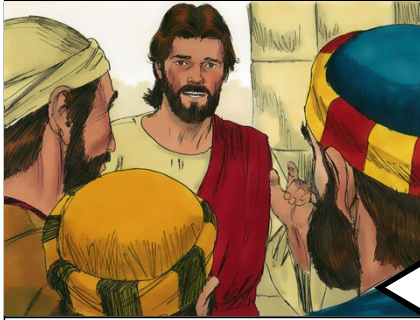


**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**



**MARRIAGE IS A SACRED BOND OF UNITY**

In marriage, a husband and wife form a unity, according to God's plan from the very beginning. A Christian marriage can be a witness to the world of the self-giving love of Christ.

What God has united, man must not divide.

**We Welcome Fr John Mudereri, Fr Desmond Doherty and on Wednesday Fr Regis is back ☺**

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 02	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	<b>Robert, Klaus &amp; Zacharia Poppe RIP</b>
Sun 03	<b>✠ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>
09.30	<b>Wellbeing for Elizabetta De Masi</b>
11.00	<b>Doffou Nobert Ede RIP</b>
Mon 04	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi</i>
09.30	<b>Holy Souls Rosary</b>
Tue 05	
09.30	<b>In Honour of the Sacred Heart Rosary</b>
Wed 06	
09.30	<b>Holy Souls Rosary</b>
Thu 07	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
09:30	<b>In Honour of the Sacred Heart Rosary</b>
Fri 08	
09.30	<b>Holy Souls Exposition</b>
Sat 09	<i>Saint John Henry Newman</i>
09.30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
	<b>The deceased of the Ingram family RIP</b>
Sun 10	<b>✠ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>
09.30	<b>N'Douffou Kouadjo Michel RIP</b>
11.00	<b>Wellbeing of Catherine Palmer &amp; Valerie Wilde</b>

**Gospel Reflection**

Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry as he does crowds gathered around him, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus and question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. Regulated by the Law of Moses, it only permits a husband to divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. Jesus then quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was for men and women to become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness. In private, the disciples question him further. Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the Pharisees who permitted remarriage. Jesus also applied his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture did not permit wives to divorce for any reason. The final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the teaching about divorce. However, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. Jesus teaches the value and importance of these "little ones" and yet the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus, who reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

**Mary O'Sullivan RIP**



It is with great sadness we announce Mary's passing on Friday 24th September. Our condolences go to her family.

**Special Prayers for the Souls of the Faithful Departed**

You are invited to bring lists of departed loved ones whom we will remember at Masses throughout November. As from this weekend there will be a yellow box on the table at the back of the Church to receive the names you wish remembered.

**Repository**

Please let us know at the end of Mass or leave a note if anyone wants to order Christmas cards, calendars, diaries etc. The order will go in 12th October and will be the last one until next year.

**CAFOD - Family Fast Day**

Friday was Family Fast Day, and CAFOD's local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. Please either donate online, an envelope, or today's second collection. You can also easily donate via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10\*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70580. Visit: [cafod.org.uk/privacy](http://cafod.org.uk/privacy)

**LAST WEEK**

**Offertory** Gift Aided **£179** • Not Gift Aided **£388**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Pew Kneelers **£238**  
**Mass Count** Sat 18:30 (54) • Sun 09.30 (88), 11.00 (102)  
**THIS WEEK** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **CAFOD - Family Fast Day**  
**NEXT WEEK** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Pew Kneelers**

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within you will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist you 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.

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING – 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.

***Thanks be to God.***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 127

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

## SECOND READING – Hebrew 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.

***Thanks be to God.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL - 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

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.