

PIUS VOICE

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UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE OBLATES

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Mass Times

Tuesday , Wednesday &

Friday 9.15 am

Thursday 9.30 am

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

Daily Morning Prayer

Tues, Wed, Fri 8.40 am

Thurs 8.55 am

Rosary: Tues, Wed,

Fri 8.55 am & Thurs 9.10 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 11.30—12.00 noon

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Pope Francis, Marriage and the Plebiscite

Woman and Man

Pope Francis grounds his teaching on marriage and the family in “the Book of Genesis, when God completes his work of creation and makes his masterpiece; the masterpiece is man and woman.”¹ God’s masterpiece has a special quality because “it is not man alone who is the image of God or woman alone who is the image of God, but man and woman as a couple who are the image of God. The difference between man and woman is not meant to stand in opposition, or to subordinate, but is for the sake of communion and generation, always in the image and likeness of God.”²

A unique union of man and woman

Pope Francis views “marriage as a unique, natural, fundamental and beautiful good for people, families, communities and societies.”³ He also sees that “as a social institution, marriage protects and shapes a shared commitment to deeper growth in love and commitment to one another, for the good of society as a whole. That is why marriage is more than a fleeting fashion; it is of enduring importance.”⁴

Motherhood and fatherhood

Pope Francis has taught that “every child has a right to receive love from a mother and a father; both are necessary for a child’s integral and harmonious development.”⁵ Furthermore this right is not just concerned with “the love of father and mother as individuals, but also of their mutual love, perceived as the source of one’s life and the solid foundation of the family.”⁶ Consequently “only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary [comprehensive, complete or full] role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life.”⁷

Respect for every person

Pope Francis has highlighted that “every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while every sign of unjust discrimination is to be carefully avoided.”⁸ However, he has also pointed out that “there are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God’s plan for marriage and family.”⁹

Advocate for Marriage

Pope Francis has stated that “as Christians, we can hardly stop advocating marriage simply to avoid countering contemporary sensibilities, or out of A desire to be fashionable.”¹⁰ These thoughts from

Pope Francis should give us a reason to pray and reflect on what is at stake in the postal plebiscite in terms of the consequences of redefining marriage for our community

Limiting freedom of speech

Anti-discrimination laws will be used to further limit what can be said on marriage. Hobart Archbishop Julian Porteous was brought before the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commission for distributing a letter about Catholic teaching on marriage.

Limiting freedom in the workplace

The drive for genderless marriage is associated with intolerance to opposition. For example, a Melbourne IT specialist was sacked after he told his colleagues that he did not want his children exposed to the Safe Schools program, which teaches gender fluidity. His employer accused him of “creating an unsafe work environment.”¹¹

Limiting freedom of conscience

In countries where marriage has been redefined, examples abound of wedding service providers who have been sued or fined for declining to participate in same-sex wedding ceremonies.

Mandatory “Safe Schools” sex education

Radical sex education programs have been imposed on faith based schools in Canada since marriage was redefined in 2005.¹² Parents have been prevented from removing children from these programs.¹³

Erasing the legal significance of biological sex

‘Same-sex marriage’ came into effect in the United Kingdom in 2014. This year, the UK Government Equalities Office streamlined the process for a person to legally change their gender by removing the need for a medical certificate.¹⁴

Removal of mothers and fathers

In Ontario, Canada, the All Families Are Equal Act 2016 has replaced all references to “mother” or “father” in the law to “parent,” and birth certificates now allow up to four “parents”.¹⁵

Closing of “non-compliant” schools

In the UK, Vishnitz Girls School, is facing closure for refusing to teach primary school girls about sexual orientation and gender reassignment. ¹⁶ To date there are no adequate assurances that similar consequences will not also follow a redefinition of marriage in Australia.

1. Pope Francis, General Audience, 29 /4/15. 2. Pope Francis, General Audience, 15/4/15. 3. Pope Francis, Address to the International Colloquium on the Complementarity between Man and Woman, 7/11/14. 4. *Amoris Laetitia* 131. 5. *Amoris Laetitia* 172. 6. *Amoris Laetitia* 172. 7. *Amoris Laetitia* 52. 8. *Amoris Laetitia* 250. 9. *Amoris Laetitia* 251. 10. *Amoris Laetitia* 35. 11. *Christians under siege, religious freedom inquiry hears*, The Australian, Rebecca Urban, 6/5/17. 12. <http://nationalpost.com/news/canada/ontario-liberals-to-introduce-updated-version-of-sex-education-curriculum-pulled-in-2010-over-religious-objections>. 13. *Same-sex education ruling an ‘attack on parents’ rights’*, The Australian, Joe Kelly, 30/11/16. 14. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/newaction-to-promote-lgbt-equality>. 15. http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/11/30/all-families-are-equal-act-bill-28-wynne_n_13326140.html. 16. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/private-jewish-school-lgbt-issues-fail-ofsted-inspectionvishnitz->



Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Oblate Melbourne Cup Luncheon to raise money for the Missions—Fr George Thorley hall. Tues Nov 7th 12.30pm – 2 course meal \$25 per ticket, BYO drinks, sweep tickets on sale from 11.30 am. To Book contact Carmel on **0421 270 164 (please note Carmel’s old no is no longer connected)**

Musical Evening

The Modbury SVD conference is hosting a musical evening by the South Australian Police Band at 7pm on Friday 20th October at St John XXIII Centre, Reservoir Road, Modbury. Cost \$8

KNIGHTS of the SOUTHERN CROSS DERNANCOURT BRANCH

On Saturday 18th NOVEMBER 2017 the Knights at Dernancourt will celebrate 30 years since the Branch was inaugurated with the assistance of the late PP Fr Paul Siebert OMI. We will hold a celebration Dinner in the Church Hall after the 6.30pm Mass and all Parishioners are welcome. The cost is \$30 per person with a 2 course meal; b.y.o drinks. To book a table contact either Rod Hern: 0400 196 779 or Peter Roberts: 8396 0554.

St.Pius X School, Windsor Gardens

Interviews for families seeking enrolment for the 2019 school year will be held during Term 4 this year. Please contact the school on 8266 9400 for information on enrolling, to register for the Principal’s Tour to be held on 16th November, or to request a Prospectus.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alison Hellams, Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, Frank, Fr Pat Moroney OMI, Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Baughn, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Simmons, Pam Tully, Roger Price, Tony Petrie and Vic.

Recently Deceased: Esme McGovern , Antonio Franchitto

Parish Prayer Network:

Prayers for any need. All you need to do is call one of the following: Marie 8264 9569, Maureen 8261 6906 or Beth 8396 2079

Adoration

Adoration is held 10am-12pm and 6pm-9pm every Friday of term time. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for their needs and the needs of the world.

No Friday Exposition during school holidays.

Mass Intentions this week

Esme McGovern, recently deceased

This Week's Saints

9th St Denis & Companions, 11th St John XXIII,

Next Week's Readings 28th Sunday of Year A:

Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Vinnies Food Bank

This week— WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, Cans of Tomatoes, Milo, Vegemite. Items for baby layettes: cotton vests, socks or booties, nappies, nappy pins, disposable nappies, cotton blankets, cotton sheets, towels, soap, wipes, wash cloths, baby shampoo, bibs, onesies, wool.

Diary Dates for October 2017

Sat 14th October— Centenary of the Fatima Apparitions , Mass in the church at 9.30am and at 2pm Rosary will be recited in the Park at Balmoral Reserve—Balmoral Road , Dernancourt. Come, let us glorify God through our Blessed Mother.

Weekday Ministry Rosters

If you would like to read at weekday Masses please place your name on the clipboard and the day of the week you would like to read in the main foyer. Also one Extraordinary Minister is required for each week day Mass. If you have completed the recent training you are eligible to be rostered. Place your name on the clipboard. Thanks

Saint of the Week—St John XXIII

The son of a large Italian farming family, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected to the see of Peter in 1958 at the age of seventy-six. He set his sights on Christian unity and "Peace on Earth", the title of his second encyclical. In 1962, "Good Pope John" offered the Second Vatican Council as the "balm of mercy" to the world. "The great desire...of the Catholic Church in raising aloft at the Council the torch of truth, is to show herself to the world as the loving mother of all mankind; gentle, patient and full of tenderness and sympathy for her separated children." St John died in 1963.

Ministry Roster 14/15 October

6.30pm C Patricia Beaven, R1 Anna Szczepanik, R2 Sr Pat Keane, E1 Bill Edmonds, E2 Estelle Curtale, E3 Terence Cheah, E4 Jean Canil, M James Lloyd.

9.30am C Dorothy Nappa, R1 Jos Hensing, R2 Margaret Duggan, E1 Charlie Baldacchino, E2 Tommy Morrison E3 Doris Taylor, E4 Annette Stone, M Peter Roberts

5.30pm C Philip Matthews, R1 Heather Hier, R2 Kathy Nicholls, E1 Sanjay Mohanaraj, E2 Maira Cid, E3 Esma Gagliardi, E4 , M Sonia Mohanaraj & Group

Church Cleaners: Team G: Cid/J Phillips & G Dorall

Altar Linen: Lucy

First Reading Is 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20.

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'