



**Sacred Heart
Seminary Chapel,
Enrico Mizzi Street,
Victoria**

(car park available on Sundays &
Holy days)

**Wednesdays, Fridays &
Sundays
at 10am**

**The Sacrament of
Confession:**

is heard before Mass on
Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays.
Please allow time before Mass
is due to commence.

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**Learning more about the
Catholic faith**

Do you know a relative or friend wishing to learn more
about Catholic faith and practice? Contact: Father
Loretu Tabone for more information 2156 1824/9900
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FOOTNOTES

No family is perfect. We argue, we
fight. We even stop talking to each
other at times, but in the end, family
is family...the love will always be
there.

Anon.

My wife Mary and I have been
married for forty-seven years and not
once have we had an argument
serious enough to consider divorce;
murder, yes, but divorce, never!
Jack Benny

*Every threat to the family is a threat
to society itself. The future of
humanity, as Saint John Paul II often
said, the future passes through the
family. So protect your families!
Protect your families! See in them
your country's greatest treasure and
nourish them always by prayer and
the grace of the sacraments.*

Pope Francis

If having children is a blessing, a
righteous wife is the mother of all
blessings.

Islamic quote

It is not a lack of love, but a lack of
friendship that makes unhappy
marriages.

Friedrich Nietzsche

My most brilliant achievement was
my ability to be able to persuade my
wife to marry me.

Winston Churchill

God intends each of our marriages to
be a way for us to be totally fulfilled,
but we have to live as an example of
Christ's love for us.

Michael Omartian,

VISITORS

Please sign our Visitors Book at the
entrance to the Chapel.

**The English Speaking Roman
Catholic Community Gozo**

Patron Saint - St. Thomas More

our website: www.escggozo.org

27th Sunday Ord. Time (Year B)

7th October 2018

Celebrated by
Canon Joseph Borg



We celebrate today our 'belonging together as
the family of God. Christ has made us his
brothers and sisters, and children of our
heavenly Father The love and respect we
show for each other in this celebration will be
largely dependant on the love and respect that
exists within our own human families.

Responsorial Psalm

'May the Lord bless us all the days of our
life.

Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia, alleluia

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

Alleluia'

The Acclamation after the Consecration:

'Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you
have set us free.'

Hymns for Today

"To sing is to pray twice!"

Entrance: 478; Offertory: 23;
Recessional: 399

Our Musicians

Today:

Tim Fish and Brendan Daly

Sunday 30th September:

Tim Fish and Brendan Daly

Readers

*Would you like to read? Please see
David Carrington after Mass.*

Today:

1st reader:

David Carrington

2nd reader:

Anne André

Bidding prayers:

Johanna Marks

Sunday, 14th Oct

1st reader:

Johanna Marks

2nd reader:

Mary Newman

Bidding prayers:

Volunteer please

Sunday, 21st Oct

1st reader:

Johanna Marks

2nd reader:

Mary Newman

Bidding prayers:

Volunteer please

Sunday, 28th Oct

1st reader:

Franca Fish

2nd reader:

Audrey Pace

Bidding prayers:

Mary Newman

We Pray For...

...all those in our community who are sick and for those who care for them, particularly
Stephen and Jacque Vassallo, Bill and Jean Kendrew and those mentioned in the Special
Intentions Book at the foot of the altar.

We hold in mind, too, all our relatives and friends who have died, especially **Peter Day**, who
died earlier this week, and those who have anniversaries at this time: **Graham Hodgkinson,**
Marjorie Cooper and **Leli Vella.**

Thank you for keeping silence in the chapel after mass.

R.I.P.

Peter Day passed away on Wednesday. Much loved by many in our Community, may God grant him eternal rest and comfort Barbara in her sorrow.

Diary dates...

We have Mass at the Seminary Chapel **every Wednesday and Friday, besides Sunday**. You may decide to hold over your business in Victoria to **Wednesday or Friday** and, on the same day, join us for Mass at 10.00 a.m.!

Wednesday, 17th October

St Ignatius of Antioch, early Roman era bishop and martyr.

Friday, 19th October

Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions, first North American martyrs.

Sundays, 14th and 28th October

CAR BOOT SALES,, organised by the Friends of the Sick and Elderly on Gozo, will held in the school car park, near to Arkadia.

The NEXT COUNCIL MEETING is this coming Tuesday. Please let any Council Member know of any matter you wish to have discussed.



Happy Birthday!

Oct 4th Paul Brennan

Oct 5th Marcel Grech-Marguerat

Oct 10th Mary Mizzi

Oct 17th Fr Christopher Farrugia OFM

Oct 22nd David Brayshaw

Oct 23rd Mary Grech

Oct 24th Paul Mizzi

Oct 26th Janet Stratton

Oct 28th Mary Gurr

Oct 30th Betty Walker

If there is anything you would like to have mentioned in this Newsletter - dates, commemorations, announcements or anything to do with our Faith - please contact David Carrington: david.carrington@me.com.

“Please take me home with you”. This newsletter is of more use if seen by others...!

If you're a visitor...

Communion



Please note that we will observe the diocesan protocol that communion under both species is by *intinction only* - that is: by dipping the host into the chalice.

Also, please be aware that we start to process to the altar with those seated on the right-hand side of the chapel. Thanks.

You are Welcome!

Refreshments are served every Sunday, after Mass (suggested donation: 20 cents).

Thank you...

...for remembering, when leaving, to close the Seminary's courtyard door to the street.

Please remember...

Confessions

Are heard before Mass commences at 10.00. Please allow sufficient time.

Please switch off mobiles or put them into silent/vibrate mode **BEFORE** the Mass. Thank you for your consideration!



Please help the helpers to clear the chapel after Mass. Particularly, if you are able, chairs need to be returned to the Seminary hall and stacked neatly. Thank you.

For those of us who are ill and would like a visit, or to receive Holy Communion at home, please let Father Tabone know: 2156 1824, 9900 1829 or: tabonel@hotmail.com

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to €148.10. Thank you for your generosity.

Please enter the details of anybody you know who needs our prayers in the Special Intentions Book. Also, please let David Carrington know if you would like their names included in this newsletter: david.carrington@me.com.

Commentaries on today's Readings

Jesus' teaching against divorce will disturb many in our present Western liberal culture; it comes across as quite uncompromising and its link to the first reading from the creation account in Genesis with its mythic quality will strike many as a naïve and unrealistic way of approaching human relationships. It might be worth reminding ourselves that for most of history and for many contemporary cultures the basic understanding of those two readings does not require any reinterpretation. There is always the danger of allowing one's (local) contemporary worldview to dismiss anything that challenges it – and we must remember that the role of Scripture is always to challenge human assumptions – just as Jesus constantly challenged those who were convinced of their own wisdom – as he does in this passage. Many developments in the human sciences have enabled humanity to broaden and deepen its understanding of human relationships, but that doesn't necessarily mean that anything must be rejected if it doesn't fit the current wisdom. It is always the obligation of sound reflection to go deeper and find what values and principles need to be preserved and how to do that when it is deemed right to change the structures that seek to preserve them. The reading from the Letter to the Hebrews can also be seen as a challenge to a simplistic view of the relation of humanity to God. The idea that Jesus 'had' to experience death does insist that we deepen our understanding of God and the ways of God. The happy picture of Jesus blessing the little children is far more comfortable for us to deal with, and is

an important balance to the stark demands of the rest of the readings today – but it should not allow us to gloss over the reality of the demands that the Scriptures always make of us.

Robert Draper

The Pharisees are putting a trick question to Jesus, as is clear in Matthew's fuller account in his gospel. They knew the Law, which permitted divorce, and they will quote this Law to Jesus. The Law allowed divorce for 'indecency', but teachers were divided about what this meant: did it mean adultery or a lesser fault? So their real question is: what does Jesus consider grounds for divorce? As so frequently in his discussions with the legal experts, Jesus' response goes beyond and much deeper than a simple answer to the question: God made man and woman such that they should bond together permanently and become one thinking, living being. The word used for one 'body', or one 'flesh', really means one entity, not a hunk of meat, but a single, vibrant personality. God's intention was not that the two should be separable again. So Jesus does not answer the question about grounds for divorce at all. It is striking that here – and on other occasions too – Jesus' authority is such that he feels able to alter the sacred Law of Moses. For the Jews the Law of Moses was God's own gift, sacred and unalterable by any human authority. By altering it, by annulling the permission for divorce under certain circumstances, Jesus is implicitly claiming divine authority. What does Jesus teach about marriage?

And what does his welcoming of the children have to say about God's kingdom?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB