
The Bulletin

MASS IN ENGLISH HELD IN THE CHAPEL OF THE LOURDES HOME IN
THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LORETO, GHAJNSIELEM

SATURDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00PM (NOV – MARCH) OR 7:00PM (APRIL– OCTOBER)

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)

6 October 2018

Theme: Unshakable fidelity

Jesus was challenged by the Pharisees. Their question about divorce was clearly hostile. They hoped that his answer would cause Herod to seize him as he had John the Baptist. Jews in Jesus' day believed divorce was lawful; they only debated what was the proper grounds for it. Jesus explained that Moses allowed divorce (*Deuteronomy 24:1*) because the hardness of human hearts. It was a concession to the human condition but contrary to God's plan for us. It was used to bring order to a society which had disregarded God's will. Jesus explains that at creation God instituted marriage as a great unifying blessing. God's 'no' to divorce safeguards against human selfishness. Only the husband could initiate divorce and many were doing so on a whim. This could not release them from the law of marriage and its moral obligations. Marriage is God's gift and it is a vocation. It can be difficult but marital love reflects something of God's irrevocable love. *Bible Alive*

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Gospel acclamation: (*say together*)
Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. *Alleluia!*

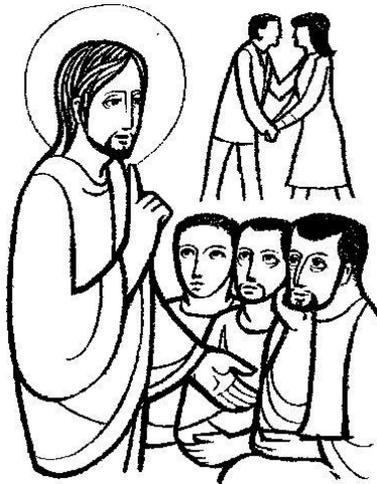
Prayer of the faithful:

Lector: Unchanging Lord:

Response: fix our hearts on your goodness.

Mass intention for today:

For the repose of the souls of George and Mary Christensen and Karolyn Arend.



Confession is available in the sacristy before Mass.

There is a calendar available for Mass intentions. Please place your offering of €10.00 - €15.00 into the collection basket.

The English-speaking **Legion of Mary** meets on Tuesdays at 9:30am at the Parish Centre, Ghajnsielem. New members are welcome.

There are several **Masses in English** on Gozo. Please see the poster at the door for the days, times and places. There is now a **Mass in Italian** on Sunday at 11am at Lourdes Church, Mgarr.

The English-speaking Catholic Community at the Seminary has a website: www.esccgozo.org.

Lessons in **Maltese conversation** held at the Parish Centre of Good Shepherd Church, Victoria will resume on Monday, 1 October.

More information is available on flyers at the door. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested.

Submit any news to be included to Mary Mizzi at 2155 9754 by Wednesday of each week.

NEWS:

The Pope's prayer intention for October is:

That consecrated men and women may bestir themselves and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Tomorrow is the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary** and October is the month of the rosary. Let us try to say at least one rosary every day of this month.

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- **God is not a God we're unable to find.** That is what is most amazing. God became man and walked along human highways in order to encounter people. In Christ we find God's justification. Christ is the God who pardons, the God who justifies. Christ is the God who has come not to condemn but to forgive (John 3:17). Christ is the shepherd who goes out in search of the lost sheep so that they come and join in the joy of his flock of the justified, from which no one is excluded. With what longing he said, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold, and they must be brought in" (John 10:16). *Oscar Romero Source: The Scandal of Redemption*

- **Christ said,** "Go and give all you have to the poor and become the servant of all," for if you do that, you'll become a thousand times richer because your happiness won't be made just of good food, rich clothes, satisfied vanity, and appeased envy. Instead it will be built on love, love multiplied by love without end. And then you will gain not just riches, but the whole world! *Fyodor Dostoyevsky Source: The Adolescent*