Thoughts on the Gospel:
How did the Christian community come to recognise that easy divorce was not in accordance with the original plan of God? Mark tells us that Jesus cited Genesis to provide the basis of his teaching about human sexuality. This is an important point as it is an example of one of the many times Jesus showed both his disciples and his critics that it was dangerous to build a case based on one passage from Scripture. By referring to Genesis he pointed them gently in a new direction.

If marriage is the formation of “one body,” then the body created by God, cannot be destroyed by humans. As Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom as a new way of living, God therefore directs his followers to strive to carry out the dream of God in its fullest expression. What we have here is the grey area between ideal and real. We also have to consider the belief that the Church has about the coming of Jesus and the fulfilment would be short.

Today Christians have to wrestle with these questions. In the area of marriage how do we balance the ideal and reality? Is marriage a sacrament or a civil contract?

The origins of the sacramental nature of marriage lie in the imagery of Scripture where the marriage union was used as a symbol of the unity between God and humanity. The church believes that, the union of man and woman, a relationship committed to total sharing with each other, which seeks to promote each other’s growth in holiness and that of their children, shows the presence of the kingdom among them.

From a reflection on the Gospel by Patricia Stevenson rjn

CAR RAFFLE

The Geraldton Diocese is raising funds for the restoration and conservation of the heritage listed Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral. They are running a Monster raffle, tickets $100 (only 1000 tickets will be sold).

First Prize: Toyota Rav 4 valued at $35,000.
Send Prize: $1,500 Caltex Fuel Voucher
Third Prize: 5 draws of $100 each.
Raffle will be drawn on 17 October.

If you wish to support this wonderful cause please phone Ben Bianchini on 93679204.

Mass Times
Reconciliation
Sat. 5.00-5.30pm and on request
Baptism
By appointment one month notice
Weddings
By appointment, with min 6 month notice
Youth Ministry
Coordinators: Jermaine Beins & Ylan Pham

Mass Rosters 10 – 11 October 2015

The Rosary is prayed in our parish every Wednesday evening at 7pm.

October
3 George Marish, So Chang Wong, Barry Smith
4 Glen Clohesy
5 Joseph Hotherrald, Donald McNichol, John Breganaza
6 Luciano Bidut, Kathryn Davids
8 Thomas Stewart
9 Theresa Cocks, George Galbraith, Arthur Ferron, Edward Tracy
8 Fr John O'Regan OM, Maria D Figueiredo
19 Antonio Sinatra

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who are unwell: Vinco Ellul, Geoffrey Burns, Athea Graham, Nhung Vu, Bernice Naylor, Mr Pace, John Hynes, Audrey Jackson, Win Dyson, Teal Lake, Anne Gisborne, Carmel Brennan, Steven Mutsaers, Bonnie Roach, Frankie Stone, Mary Jane, June Irving, Tim Monaghan, Rita Game, Greg Kelly, Kaarina Nattinen, Liam Collins, Emerson Dehn, Karlene Mossman, Rob Mssoman, Sean Hopkins, Jenny Waters, Moyna Frins, Sylvia Dodds, Antionette Wernick, Roger, Lucy Stefanuk, Mr Case, Anna Giuffre, Jenny Newman, Ronald Graham, Wanti Suko, Peter Pedretti, Amanda Foster, Patrick Liu, Dorothy Pooley, Kath Hawkins, Tony Hawes, Kelelone, Lee, Karla and Cecily Bocassin.

Planned Giving Program
Parishioners are encouraged to join the parish’s Planned Giving program, the 2015-16 program will commence on Sunday, 1 November 2015. New members, please complete a yellow card, available from the information tables at all Church entrances. Cards may be given to Father or handed in at the second collection. A meeting may be directed to Paul Buszczak 9271 7952 or to George Key.

Current members are advised that a new set of envelopes will be issued this month.

Next Sunday 11th October - Breakfast
In the Parish Hall, after the 7:30am Mass.

October Baptisms
Through the Waters of Baptism we welcome into our Church Family
Zoe Hope Schupp
Sarah Regan McBride
Katie Elizabeth McBride
Kelvin Buu Khang Quach
William Philip Eate
Madeleine Papainue

Mass will be celebrated at Tranby Aged Care Facility on Tuesday 6 October at 11am.

October
Monday
9pm
Tuesday
9:30 am
Wednesday
9:30 am
Thursday
9:30 am
Friday
9:30 am
Saturday
9:30 am

Next Sunday 11th October - Breakfast
In the Parish Hall, after the 7:30am Mass.

St Colbas Over 50's Group
Sausage Sizzle Brunch at Riverside Gardens (left of Mill St). (In case of rain, the venue will be: The Parish Hall)
Tuesday 13 October 10.30am
Cost: $5.00
BYO Folding Chair
Please add your name to the “booking sheet” at the Piey Stall after Mass.

THE RECORD CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe’s Vision and Priorities for the Archdiocese of Perth.
Archbishop Costelloe recently launched the consultation phase of a plan for the Archdiocese. This plan is titled “The Way Forward” and is an attempt to consult as widely as possible with the Catholic community about the future direction of the Archdiocese. It is important that your voice is heard and clearly represented in the consultation process. You are invited to participate in one of the following ways:
1. Complete the online questionnaire.
2. Request a printed version of this questionnaire to be sent to you. Phone 9422 7986.
3. By calling a dedicated support number where a ‘Way Forward Consultant’ will assist you to complete the questionnaire. Phone 9422 7986.

The survey is open until 16 October at www.perthcatholic.org.au

Marty Haugen International presenter, performer, recording artist, author and composer will present:

Master Class in Liturgical Music
Friday 9 October | 7pm-9pm
Tickets $15
The University of Notre Dame, Holy Spirit Chapel. Tickets $20

Liturgical Music Today
Friday 9 October | 7pm-9pm
Tickets $15
The University of Notre Dame, Tannock Hall (ND4/101).
Light refreshments provided.

For ticket details to book the event please go to: www.trybooking.com/ODV

Liturgical Music Workshop
Saturday 10 October | 9:30am-1pm
Infant Jesus Parish Centre, 47 Wellington Road, Morley

Tickets $15 | To book any of the events please go to: www.perthcatholic.org.au

For further information, please contact Stace O’Neill on stace.onell@rd.edu.au or 9433 0581.

Faith Enrichment Opportunities:
We grow and mature in many areas of our lives, but is our understanding of our faith left behind? The Centre for Faith Enrichment (formerly Maranatha) is the adult faith education agency of the Archdiocese of Perth. The CFE offers courses at locations throughout Perth and even online. Upcoming course topics include the preparation of an introduction to the Old Testament, the Trinity, Church history and much more! Best of all, there are no exams or assignments.

For more information, visit www.cfe.org.au or call 9241 5221 for a brochure.

Trash & Treasure Saturday 17 October (9 am - 12 noon)
City of Bayswater Hostel 21 Embleton Av Embleton
Trash & Treasure, Cake stall and Sausage Sizzle.