

Hello All

Context is everything. The context in which the incident took place which we hear of in this week's gospel is one of inequality. In Jewish law, husband and wife were not equals. The husband could divorce his wife and send her away simply by writing out a document and presenting her with it. The wife could not do the same to her husband.

In this context Jesus speaks both of the permanence of marriage—it is not to be ended on a whim or a letter. He also speaks of equality between husband and wife. This was God's vision for humanity from the beginning and still is. In the context of Jewish law, it may be that the thing which struck his hearers was not the life long nature of marriage—they already knew that—it may well have been his statements about the equality between husband and wife. He says one thing about the wife then the exact same thing about the husband. The inequality of Jewish practise is rejected.

When we hear of the life long nature of marriage and we all know of marriages which have come to an end, we are reminded that the church is both teacher and mother.

As teacher she sets before us the ideals of how to live as God wishes. Marriage is for life.

As mother she stays with us when we fall short of the ideals and helps us start again. This includes the Church helping rather than condemning those whose family lives don't align precisely with the ideal.

The two roles of teacher and mother are complimentary. The church does not compromise on her ideals but she always deals with people as they are.

In the words of pope Francis, the church is a "field hospital" not being judgemental about how things came to be as they are but giving everyone the help they need.

When she does this she is being faithful to her master who said "I did not come into the world to condemn the world, but to redeem it."

Petroc



Catholic Parish of the Holy Trinity Plymouth



3 October 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year B: year of Mark)

annual mass count this weekend

Saturday	Mass (of Sunday)	5.30pm at St Paul's Int: Fr Bernard rip
Sunday	Mass (of Sunday)	9am at Holy Family Int: Robin Bird RIP
	Mass (of Sunday)	10.30am at Holy Redeemer Int: Frederick, Desmond & Eileen Harris RIP

Collection for CAFOD after each mass this weekend

Monday	(S Francis)	Mass	Int: Pope Francis
Tuesday	(Weekday)	Mass	10am at St Paul's with school Int: James McGilligan RIP
Wednesday	(Weekday)	Mass	10am at Holy Redeemer with school Int: George & Teresa Williams intentions
Thursday	(Our Lady of the Rosary)		
Friday	(Weekday)	Exposition	9.30am at Holy Family
		Mass	10am at Holy Family Int: Eileen Kingwell RIP
Saturday	Saint Paul		9.30am at Holy Family Presbytery
	post restrictions meeting		

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Foundation Governors Needed

In recent documents and talks from bishop Mark and pope Francis they have both stressed that in order to adapt to the new apostolic age which we are entering, and age of new beginnings, new mission, and new starts, just as in the age of the Apostles; one of the things we must put our recourses into is the partnership between parishes and schools.

One fundamental element in this partnership is the role of Foundation Governors. These are practising Catholics who help guide the direction and ethos of the school by taking in part in school governors meetings.

Keyham Barton school is particularly in need of new foundation governors at the moment. The commitment would be to support the school and attend six evening meetings a year.

Parishioners at Holy redeemer are encouraged to think if they would be able to serve the mission of the church in this very concrete way.

The head teacher Miss Riley has said that she is very happy to meet with anyone who wants to find out more.

Please contact the school or Fr Petroc if you want to explore this service.

Priests leave

Fr Petroc will be on leave for a fortnight from Wednesday 13 October. Mgr Bartholomew Nannery will come to celebrate the three masses on the two weekends when Fr Petroc will be away. Further details of weekday masses will follow.

Synodal Process Facilitators Needed

Please see the letter sent out from Fr John Deeny which is sent with this newsletter. He is asking for people from each parish to lead the process of thinking about the future during Advent this year. If you are interested or would like to learn more about the role please let Fr Petroc know.

Thoughts from Pope Francis Continued

Pope Francis has celebrated Mass with the Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe and has encouraged bishops to reflect on three words as they celebrate their golden jubilee: reflect, rebuild and see.

In his homily at Mass with the Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe on Thursday 23 September, Pope Francis reflected on "three words that challenge us as Christians and Bishops in Europe: reflect, rebuild and see."

Reflect

God, speaking through the Old Testament prophet Haggai, invites us to reflect on how we live our lives, said the Pope: Twice the prophet says to the people: "Reflect on your ways!" (Hag 1:5.7).

The Pope noted that those words, 'Reflect on your ways!', are challenging because in Europe today, "we Christians can be tempted to remain comfortably ensconced in our structures, our homes and our churches, in the security provided by our traditions, content with a certain degree of consensus, while all around us churches are emptying and Jesus is increasingly forgotten".

He asked the bishops and all those present to consider "how many people no longer hunger and thirst for God."

This is not because they are evil, he continued, but because there is "no one to awaken in them a hunger for faith and to satisfy that thirst in the human heart". Certainly, we are "preoccupied" by this, but are we really "occupied" with responding to it? asked the Pope.

There is no sense in judging those who do not believe, said the Pope. "Do we feel concern and compassion for those who have not had the joy of encountering Jesus or who have lost that joy?"

Through the prophet Haggai, the Lord asks his people to reflect on another thing, said the Pope, and this is charity. "Lack of charity causes unhappiness, because love alone satisfies the human heart," said the Pope. "The solution to problems and self-absorption is always that of gratuitous gift. There is no other. This is something to reflect on."

Rebuilding

“Build my house”, God says through the prophet (Hag 1:8), and the people rebuild the Temple, said the Pope, introducing the second word: rebuilding.

In order to build the European common house, we must “leave behind short-term expedience and return to the farsighted vision of the founding fathers, a prophetic vision of the whole”, he said.

We must begin from the foundations, because that is where rebuilding starts: from the Church’s living tradition, which is based on “what is essential, the Good News, closeness and witness. We need to rebuild from her foundations the Church of every time and place, from worship of God and love of neighbour, and not from our own tastes.”

“All rebuilding takes place together, in unity, with others,” said the Pope. Rebuilding means becoming artisans of communion, weavers of unity at every level.

See

“If we rebuild in this way, we will enable our brothers and sisters to see,” said the Pope. This is the third word: See.

“So many people in Europe see the faith as déjà vu, a relic of the past,” said the Pope. This is because they have not seen Jesus at work in their own lives, he explained. Often this is because we, by our lives, have not sufficiently shown Him to them.

“They will not recognize the One who loves each of His sheep, calls them by name, and bears them on His shoulders. They will not see the One whose incredible passion we preach: for it is a consuming passion, a passion for mankind,” said the Pope.

This divine, merciful and overpowering love, concluded the Pope “is itself the perennial newness of the Gospel and it demands of us, dear brothers, wise and bold decisions, made in the name of the mad love with which Christ has saved us.”

VACANCY Management Accountant – 1 Part Time Post

Location: St. Boniface House near Ashburton, Devon Hours: 4 days per week (28 hours)

The Diocese of Plymouth is seeking to recruit a Financial Management Accountant to work as part of the Finance Team in the Central Office at St Boniface House in Ashburton. Reporting to the Central Team Leader, this role entails being specifically involved in the creation of management accounts and supporting the payroll operation in order to support the mission and goals of the Diocesan Trust.

Candidates must have at least part qualifications ACA, CIMA or ICAEW or equivalent (relevant experience will be considered). Some experience of working as an accountant and excellent IT skills, particularly Excel, are essential. Also, candidates should possess a professional and flexible attitude to work, and the empathy to work in a faith environment.

For a copy of the job description please contact the HR Department on 01364 645383 or email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk. Applications are by application form and covering letter. The closing date for applications is Monday 11 October 2021. Interviews will be held during week commencing 18 October 2021.

VACANCY – Parish Bookkeeper

Parish Bookkeeper – 1 Part Time Post

Location: Homebased Plymouth area with extensive travel in the Plymouth area, Devon

Hours: 3 days per week (21 hours) worked during normal office hours

Salary: £26,000 per annum FTE pro rata'd (Actual salary £15,600 per annum)

The Diocese of Plymouth is seeking to recruit a Parish Bookkeeper to work as part of the Parish Finance Team. Reporting to the Parish Finance Team Leader, this role is responsible for maintaining the parish accounts on our online parish accounts system, keeping entries up to date and reconciled, including bank accounts and donations (restricted and non-restricted). The Parish Bookkeeper is also responsible for preparing the year end entries, Gift Aid returns and monitoring the restricted income and expenditure.

Candidates must be AAT qualified or part qualified CCAB i.e. ACCA, ICAEW, CIMA or CIPFA. Experience of preparing accounts using computerised accounting system is essential, and also the use of Microsoft Office applications, in particular Excel. Candidates should possess a professional and flexible attitude to work, and the empathy to work in a faith environment.

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VACANCY – Facilities Assistants

Role: Facilities Assistants – St. Boniface House & Curial Properties - 2 posts

Reporting to: The Head of Property Services

Location: St Boniface House Ashburton, TQ13 7JL

Hours: 21 hours per week (which can be split over 3, 4 or 5 days) usually starting at 8.00am

Salary: £11.39 per hour (Actual Salary £12,438.00 per annum) FTE for 35 hours would be £20,730.00

The Diocese of Plymouth has its administration office at St. Boniface House near Ashburton. The offices are housed in beautifully renovated farm buildings, one of which is thatched, it has its own gardens, orchard and car parking. These offices are the base of the Curia of the Diocese of Plymouth. In addition, the Curia supports a number of other properties around the Diocese which serve as accommodation or offices for parishes.

As part of the Property Department, the Facilities Assistants will be responsible for the day to day running and maintenance of both the buildings and grounds at St. Boniface House and also other Curial properties around the Diocese. The roles require a proactive and reactive approach to general routine repairs, good customer skills to support clergy and employees and a pride in the properties and their purpose.

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Sunday Mass 26th Week of Ordinary Time

First Reading Genesis 2
Men and women are created equal and complimentary

Psalm response
May the Lord bless us all the days of our life

Second reading Hebrews 2
Christ had to suffer but is now in glory

Gospel Mark 10
Jesus speaks about the gift of marriage from God

Preparation of the altar

**All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.**

**All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts
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Final Hymn

**All who own the faith of Jesus,
sing the wonders that were done
when the love of God the Father
o'er our sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**May the Mother's intercessions
on our homes a blessing win,
that the children all be prospered,
strong and fair and pure within,
following our Lord's own footsteps,
firm in faith and free from sin.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**For the sick and the aged,
for our dear ones far away,
for the hearts that mourn in secret,
all who need our prayers today,
for the faithful gone before us,
may the holy Virgin pray.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**