

# Sunday Message

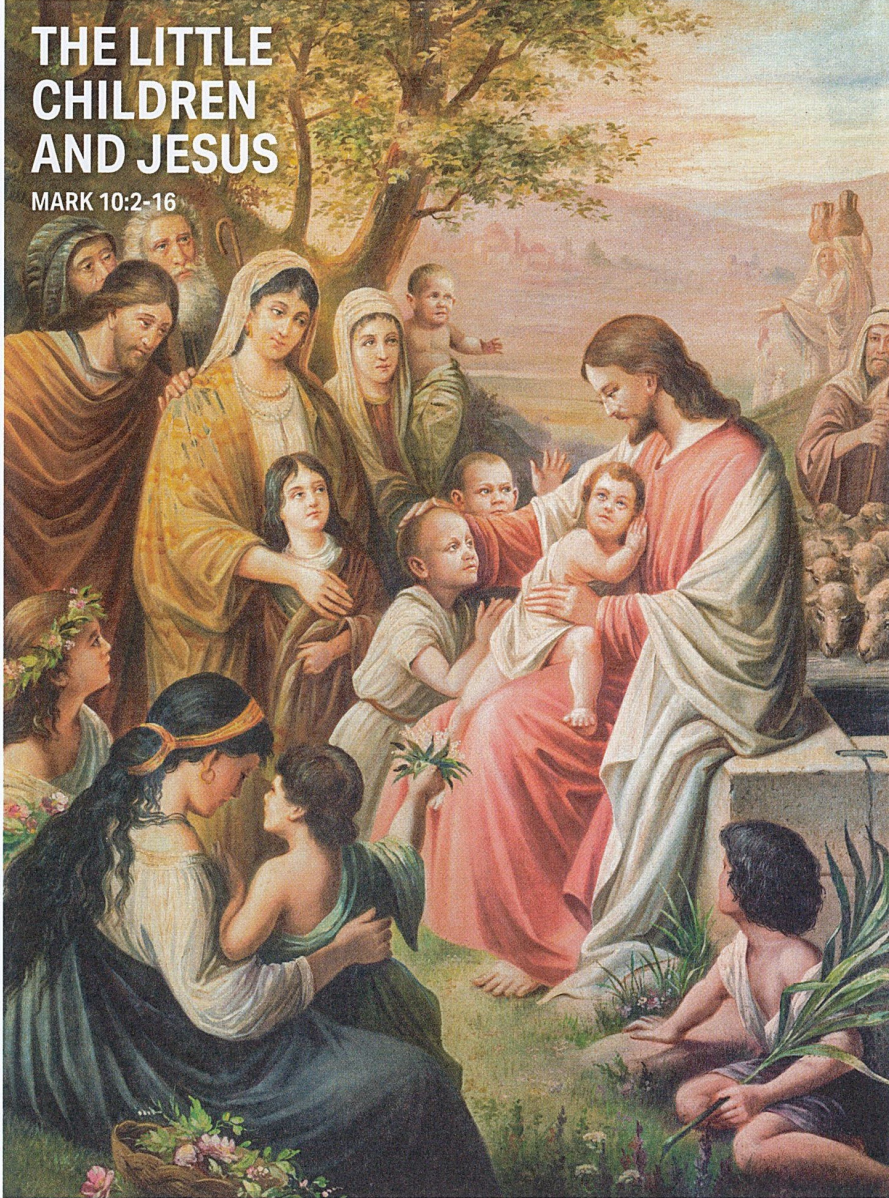
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 6 October 2024 • Psalter Week 3

## THE LITTLE CHILDREN AND JESUS

MARK 10:2-16



The painting Jesus among the children in the church Santa Margherita by Börrther (1922)

This is not the first time Mark's Gospel introduces little children into a scene involving Jesus and his disciples. We cast our minds back to a couple of week's ago and the argument that took place amongst the followers of Jesus as to who is the greatest amongst them and who should hold the greatest power or authority.

Jesus in turn places the child before them and says, when they welcome the most vulnerable and weakest of our world, they welcome Jesus. Their minds should not be focused on such trivial things as power. You would think they have learnt their lesson and yet when the little children come forward today to be close to Jesus, or as the Gospel says, "for Jesus to place his hands on them," look at what happens. The disciples rebuke them! If ever there was a clear example of tensions that arose between Jesus and his disciples, then this is it. Have they not learnt anything? The kindness they are to show to these little ones is the gateway into the kingdom of God. "Do not hinder these children, for the Kingdom belongs to such as these." ■

### REFLECT

Within the Jewish tradition, a high rate of divorce existed despite the place marriage held in society. Marriage was the ideal, and therefore, during many discussions between rabbis, the hot topic of divorce usually came to the fore. It's indeed a topic of discussion for our own times, with various statistics from the United States and UK and Ireland indicating that the rate of divorce remains high. And the reasons for divorce are varied and it's impossible to pinpoint one single reason why so many marriages end, sometimes after a short time, sometimes after a couple have spent nearly a lifetime together. It's interesting to note in today's Gospel, that very little has changed. It is often said that all divorce from other people, particularly in marriage, is sad. But constancy is difficult, and not all interpersonal relationships are able to fully reflect the ideal. Jesus is quick to point to the Jewish law on divorce and remarriage. And most of us are familiar with the Church rules on such matters. We continue to place the ideal of marriage at the heart of our Church and our society. From a faith perspective, Jesus' vision of marriage is made in heaven where marriage is a sign of his union with the Church. We give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church, and we pray for all couples preparing for their wedding day at this time. ■

### DO

Make an attempt in the coming week to articulate what the Eucharist means to you. What happens during your short time at Mass that brings you back again?

### SAY

Lord Jesus Christ, nourish me with your body and blood so that I may become what I receive in showing your loving presence to the world.

### LEARN

Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.  
St. Teresa of Calcutta



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# Parish Bulletin

## Thank you note from Fr Rajesh

'I want to say thank you so much for all your good wishes, cards and gifts on my move to Tadworth. I am genuinely grateful for your kindness and support over the last two years. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, I hope you can take this thank you note as an expression of my appreciation. I would love to see you in Tadworth if you're able to visit me. I ask for your prayers as I do for you. May God bless you and your families, Fr Rajesh'.

## Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary. This year might be a good one to arrange to pray it each day of this month for peace in the world.

## St Anselm

We would like to welcome you all for drinks and nibbles after the 6pm Mass at St Anselm this **Saturday 5th October**. St Anselm plan to hold a Foodbank Donation Saturday on the First Saturday of every month.

## Christmas Fair

Would you like to have a Christmas Fair this year? Anyone interested in helping in any way from all our churches please come to a short meeting in the Parish Hall today **6th October** after 11am Mass. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to volunteer please ring Sam Dudley on 07926 176 896.

## Family Fast Day Appeal

Your donations this year will help fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. For example, Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of Congo, now has a better future for his family using carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Thank you for your donations; please hand in your envelopes in the baskets after Mass or use the contactless devices at church or donate at: <https://cafod.org.uk>

## St Teresa's Invitations

We Parishioners at St Teresa's will be celebrating our Patronal Feast on **Sunday, 13th October**. We invite you to join us for Mass at 9 o'clock then to stay for celebratory drinks and cake afterwards!

At 6.30pm that same evening, we will be hosting an Ecumenical Service of Prayer for the Healing and Wholeness of our world and those we love. We invite you to come and participate. There will be refreshments there, too!

## Finance Committee

Is there anyone out there from any of our churches who would be interested in becoming part of the Finance Committee? Please either speak to Fr Jonathan or email the [Parish Office](#)

## Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles – Games Night with a Difference! **Saturday 5 October** 7.30 to 11pm in Crawley. The Diocese is hosting a singles event for young adults (20-40 somethings) where you can meet like-minded people, chat and mingle over food, and play some giant games as a way to break the ice!. E:

[lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more details. Please see the attached poster.

## ADoRE

ADoRE online mini-retreat 26 October 10am-1pm, 'Heal the sick – ministering in the charisms of the Holy Spirit', with guest speaker Joe Livingston. More info: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

## Altar Servers' Mass

Altar Servers' Mass at Arundel Cathedral, Saturday **26 October** at 12 noon. Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites all diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral led by Bishop Richard. The occasion will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities. Refreshments will be available but please bring a packed lunch.

Contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers; E: [aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk)

## Baby Loss Awareness Week

Baby Loss Awareness Week is **9 to 15 October** and is a time to remember babies and pregnancies that have been lost, through still birth, miscarriage, abortion or other circumstances, and to raise awareness and support for those who have been affected. There will be a Baby Loss Prayer corner in the Lady Chapel at St Edmund's church during the week, offering a quiet space to pray and write a message or prayer request in the memorial book. The church is open daily, 10am-5pm. For info or support: <https://lifecharity.org.uk> 0808 8025433.

## Man for All Seasons

Robert Bolt's inspiring portrayal of St Thomas More is on at the Yvonne Arnaud in Guildford in the spring. We have made a group booking for **25th February 2025**. Tickets are £44 (or £42 if we are a larger group) If you're interested in coming with us please let us know by 25th September using this link or by email:

<https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/events/6klsyqtj>

## Grandparents Formation Day

Grandparents' Formation Day 6 November, 11am, at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. With Becky Sedgewick, inspiring author of 'Grand-parenting for Faith'. Bring a packed lunch. To book: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/fl3nva0p>

## First Holy Communion 2024/25

First Holy Communion 2024/25 (School Year 3 and above) Applications are now open. Further details and application forms can be obtained from the parish office.

## Confirmation 2024/25.

Registration is now open for Confirmation Preparation for the coming year, and candidates should be registered by the start of half term, 27th October 2024. Details and links to register can be found [here](#). Please note that it is expected that those preparing for confirmation will be at Mass regularly. This will work best if they are able to come with their parents, who are important examples in their lives. Please note that this programme will take place at St Edmund church, Godalming.

## Youth Discipleship Group

As mentioned earlier this new group is being formed for young people in sixth form and year 11. It will meet fortnightly on a Friday evening and include pizza and fun, real conversations, and moments of prayer and quiet reflection. You can find out more about it [here](#). Please do pray for its success and for those who might take part.

## How can we help you?

"I'm all ears" is a non judgemental and confidential service providing support and understanding through challenging times, offering free counselling and listening services in the local area both face to face and remotely. For more info: [www.imallears.community](http://www.imallears.community) or email: [hello@imallears.community](mailto:hello@imallears.community)

## Haslemere Foodbank

If you need a referral for Haslemere Foodbank please contact the Parish Office which is open Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday 9am to 12.30pm. Please put any donations for the Food-

bank in the box in Our Lady of Lourdes church porch.

## Wintershall Nativity

Book your tickets for the Wintershall Nativity! Performances are on 12-16 December, 2pm/5pm. It's a great Christmas experience for the family. <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-journey-2024>

## Internet & Computer Help

Do you need help getting online, using the Internet or using your computer? One of our parishioners (Tony Ballardie) is volunteering to help. Please contact the office (01428 643877 or e-mail [haslemere@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:haslemere@abdiocese.org.uk)) or see Tony after Sunday mass at OLL in the hall.

## Evacuation routes

Parishioners are reminded to familiarise themselves with the fire no-

tices and evacuation routes to be used in case of emergency (in porch of church and hall). All are reminded to help those with particular needs

## October Jubilarians

Elizabeth Beale, David Caush, Clare Chance, Mark Cosgrove, Carmel Crabtree, Naimh Dodd, Tom Dunwoodie, Maureen Gaul, Silvia Gilli, Melanie Harris, Edmund Healy, Ashly John, Monica King, Stanslaw Klepacki, Tony Lyons, Bilvy Mariya, Elizabeth Goodman, Geethumol Mathew, Neethumol Mathew, Shinu Mathew, Olivia Millier, Peter Morton, Rosie Nathan, Price Pappachan, Anne-Marie Thompson, Anne Twomew and Katarina Vukusic.

## Parish Bulletin

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## Next Weekend

We will welcome Fr Jonathan How next weekend as he celebrates our Masses in the Parish.

## Coffee after 11am Mass

Coffee is served after 11am Mass every Sunday. Please do come and join us and meet fellow parishioners and also take a look at our Parish Repository for your cards & gifts.

## Live Simply Tips

CAFOD family fast day - make a donation and help those less fortunate around the world.

### Second Collections

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day  
5/6 October

Prisons Sunday (PACT)  
12/13 October

### Please Pray For

**The sick:** Kevin Kerrigan, Patricia Ives, Simon Fraser, Martin Parker, Henrietta Lenahan (Holt), Veronica Slocock, Arul Salathian, Diana Molyneux, Louise Milford, Hazel O'Flynn, Abigail Stafford Johnson, Livy Miller, Louise Reeve, Patricia Reidy, Jo Allen, Jane Adolph, Carmel & Roland Murray, Teresa Marshall, Alberto Costantini, Sebastian Codlin, and Betty Harding.

**The Deceased:** John Bayley, Sr Joseph Cosgrove, Frederick O'Neil, Liz Jupp, Rosina Gibbins and Charles Barnewall.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 6 Oct — TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

|           |     |                  |
|-----------|-----|------------------|
| 6pm (Sat) | SA  | All Parishioners |
| 9.00am    | ST  |                  |
| 9.30am    | HX  |                  |
| 11.00am   | OLL |                  |

### Monday 7 Oct — Our Lady of the Rosary

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| 11.30am | HX | NO MASS |
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### Tuesday 8 Oct — Feria in Ordinary Time. Week 27

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| 10am  | SA | NO MASS |
| 11.30 | HX | NO MASS |

### Wednesday 9 Oct — St John Henry Newman

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| 9.30am | HX | NO MASS |
| 10am   | ST | NO MASS |

### Thursday 10 Oct — Feria in Ordinary Time. Week 27

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| 9.30am | HX | NO MASS |
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### Friday 11 Oct — Feria in Ordinary Time. Week 27

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| 10am | OLL |  |
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### Saturday 12 Oct — St Wilfrid

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### Sunday 13 Oct — TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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|-----------|-----|----------------------|
| 6pm (Sat) | SA  | All Parishioners     |
| 9.00am    | ST  | St Teresa of Avila   |
| 9.30am    | HX  |                      |
| 11.00am   | OLL | Richard Assender RIP |

Confession on Saturdays by appointment tel.: 01428 643877

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those  
who entreat you,  
pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate." So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

"This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man."

This is why a man leaves his father and mother  
and joins himself to his wife, and they become  
one body.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 127

Response:

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

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mark 10:2-16

[Shorter form read between >> (Mk 10:2-12)]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

>Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" "Moses allowed us" they said, "to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce." Then Jesus said to them, "It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide." Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, "The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too."<

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter

it." Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father;

through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(all bow during the next three lines)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the sacrifices instituted by your commands  
and, through the sacred mysteries,  
which we celebrate with dutiful service,  
graciously complete the sanctifying work  
by which you are pleased to redeem us.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant us, almighty God,  
that we may be refreshed and nourished  
by the Sacrament which we have received,  
so as to be transformed into what we consume.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.