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Catholic Centre
Broadcast

Good morning to you, from the small 3rd fl. chapel at the Cath. Centre. The Mass for today will be beginning in just a few moments, and we'd like to invite you as you listen to your radio to join in spirit with the people here in this Sunday celebratn. and offering of prayer and worship to God. Especially if you are sick or confined to your home this morning, we hope this broadcast of Mass and the chance it gives you to be in contact with your fellow-Christians, (or at least your fellow men and women,) in their praise and prayer to God our Father / will help you in whatever suffering, sorrow or loneliness you may be feeling this morning; if you are well and happy and feeling joyful, then join in this service of thanksgiving to God for everything He has given us in Christ. Today is the 27th Ordinary Sunday of the Year; and the scripture readings for today are from St Mark's gospel as usual this year; from the NT Letter to the Hebrews; and in parallel with the gospel passage, the OT reading is from the beginning of the Bk of Genesis, about marraige in God's pplan. But before the scriptures, Mass begins with a rite of preparatn, repentance and praise; [an Entry Song is sung as the priest and his assistants come to the altar.]

CHOIR

Intro.: Kyrie: Gloria: ORATIO

The Assembly Prayer ~~for~~ today's celebration.

Priest and people sit down now to listen to the first of the scripture readings, which is followed by a responsory from Ps 127

CREED

After the Gospel, and the homily given by the celebrant of this Mass, Fr Patrick McGovern, the Creed is recited, a profession of faith in God and His revealing of Himself.

OFFERTORY: The prayers of general intercession, the Prayer of the Faithful, conclude the first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. And now the second part, the Liturgy of the Eucharist is beginning, as, at the altar, the priest starts the preparation for the action and prayer of the Eucharist and the Communion which follows it. He takes first the gifts of bread and wine which are presented to him in our names, reciting an old prayer of blessing for them.

CHOIR

PREFACE: The formal Prayer over the Gifts ends the preparatory rite of the Offertory; now begins the central Prayer and action of the Mass, with an invitation first and then the special Preface for Sundays of the year.

PER IPSUM: After the central Prayer of the Eucharist, we now begin the more immediate preparation for Holy Communion, with everyone reciting together the prayer of the Christian family, the Our Ff

COMMUNION. At the altar, the priest now receives in Holy Communion the Body and Blood of Christ, taking first the Host and then drinking from the conssecrated chalice. After a short pause of reverence, he will then begin giving the sacrament of the Eucharist to people from the congregation here who are now filing up to the altar-rail at the front of the chapel. As they go and return to their places, there are some minutes now which the Order of the Mass assigns as a time of personal and private prayer in thanksgiving and praise to God. You may like to make your own prayer at this time, in communion with Christ and with the people here receiving Him now in the sacrament of Holy Communion. And meantime, a hymn for communion time is sung

CHOIR

During the short time that is left now before the giving of Holy Communion to the people here is finished and the priest recites the final Thanksgiving Prayer of the Mass, you may like to join with me in a short reflection on this Eucharist and on the scripture readings we listened to earlier. They, if you remember, focussed on marriage, on the one body that is made by the marriage of a man and a woman according to God's plan and ordering of His creation. Husband and wife belong to each other in the fullest sense; they give themselves so much (or should do) that they become united in a new creation in partnership with God himself, a unity that gives new life to the world, not only in the sense of the birth of children. If that seems a bit unreal and not at all like many ~~existing~~^{ordinary} marriages or even perhaps your own experience, well maybe it's worth recalling that it's also a partnership in creation; it's not something that is done once for all, but goes on being created, and asks for a growing and continuing giving of oneself. For us it is a sacrament; it is now AND pointing forward to the future, to Christ. For in a christian view, Christ is involved; as He is in life itself, which the sacrament of the Eucharist brings to our attention. For in the Eucharist too, there is one Body into which the love of Christ is drawing us and making us one with Himself and with each other, insofar as we give of ourselves and receive His giving of Himself for us and to us. If what is said about the sacrament of the eucharist, as a sign of love, as the unity of the Church, may sometimes seem unreal, it is no more really so than the ideal of marriage which the Word of God has given us. And there are more parallels than that to be found. Maybe it would help our appreciation of the meaning of the

Eucharist if we tried to think of it for a while in terms of marriage; of love, dedication, self-giving, new life. And for the problems and understanding of marriage, to think of it in terms of the Eucharist, where Christ is present, giving us His life to live and share, joining us together with Himself; where we offer our whole lives with His sacrifice of Himself in love and in obedience to His Father and ours. As ~~the~~ sacrament and sign of faith, of love and of hope, the Eucharist we receive is a kind of parable too of the grace of Christian marriage. And it is not without point that the Word of God so often describes the salvation and kingdom brought to us by Christ in terms of a banquet and of a wedding feast.

And now, with the communions over, the priest has returned to the altar and put away the sacred vessels used during the Mass, and is ready to recite the final Thanksgiving Prayer and to give the Blessing.

END

The Blessing and Dismissal bring the Mass to an end. And as the people here begin to disperse, we end also this live broadcast of the Mass for this Sunday which you've been listening to from the chapel at the Catholic Centre in Connaught Rd. Central.

PRIEST : My dear friends, let us ask the Father to guide and bless the families of this parish and deepen their love and unity.

READER : Give holiness to your church that it may love you as Christ's body and with all his members. Lord, hear us.

ALL SING :

Lord of glo-ry, hear our prayer.

Give your blessing to all transport workers who bring distant places near, by roads, air lines and sea ways; and grant that people may come closer to each other in spirit and in truth. Lord, hear us.

Bless those who no longer come to mass; give them your grace and unite them with us again to your praise and worship. Lord, hear us.

Give us repentance when we sin; and help us to be sorry that in us you could not see the church which loves you. Lord, hear us.

PRIEST : Cleanse our hearts and our lips O Lord, that we may worthily proclaim the gospel of your Son, the eternal Word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ALL : Amen. (Sit)

Prayer over the Gifts

P. Father, receive these gifts which our Lord Jesus Christ has asked us to offer in his memory. May our obedient service bring us to the fullness of your redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL : Amen.

Communion Song

READER : Good is the Lord to one who waits for him, to the soul that seeks him.

ALL SING : (Any suitable song)

Prayer After Communion

P. Let us pray.

Almighty God, let the eucharist we share fill us with your life. May the love of Christ which we celebrate here touch our lives and lead us to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ALL : Amen

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Entry Song

READER : All things depend on your will, O Lord, and there is no one who can resist your will. For you have made all things, heaven and earth, and all things that are under the canopy of heaven. You are Lord of all.

ALL SING :

Ant. Up-on my lips, Lord, put words of glo-ry and praise! For your splen-dour I shout with joy; let all the earth re-sound with praise to you, when I sing, Lord, to you!

1. In you, O Lord, I take my refuge; let your goodness shelter me;
2. O Lord, you are my hope and my sal-va-tion, help me in my need;
3. For I shall render thanks up-on my harp, O God of Is-ra-el;

1. De-liv-er me, O hear my prayer and save me, Lord, my God!
2. My lips shall sing forev-er: glo-ry, praise to you, O Lord.
3. To you I shall not cease to pray; to you I sing, O Lord.

Opening Prayer

P. Let us pray.

Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace, and lead us in the way of salvation. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis (2, 18-24)

(Theme: They were two in one flesh)

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. — This is the word of the Lord.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 128)

READER : May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

ALL : May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

READER : Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labour of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

ALL : May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

READER : Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

ALL : May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

READER : Lo, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

ALL : May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

READER : May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

ALL : May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (2, 9-11)

(Theme: He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have one origin)
We see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren.—This is the word of the Lord.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

Proclamation (All stand)

READER SINGS : (Alleluia, Alleluia)

ALL : (repeat the refrain)

READER : If anyone loves me, he will hold to my words, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

ALL : (repeat the refrain)

Gospel

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (10, 2-12)

ALL : Glory to you, Lord.

(Theme: What God has joined together, man must not divide)
Pharisees came up and in order to test Jesus asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one.' So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."—This is the gospel of the Lord.

ALL : Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ. (Sit)