

Mass Intentions from October 2-8, 2021

Sat. Oct 2/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Oct 3/11:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
	Choi Gabriel	- Thomas Lee family
	Ethel Cooper	- Gretta Francesco
	Giovanni Bellini	- Anna Bellini & family
	Eileen Shanahan	- Shanahan & Scott family
	Giuseppe, Anna & Carla Fiori	- Nick Cicchino
Wed. Oct 6/10:00 a.m.	Francesco Nardi & Francesco Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi	
	Memorial : Our Lady of The Rosary	
Thu. Oct 7/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Fri. Oct 8/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family - Teresa Baird	

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)

“The two become one body.”

First Reading (Genesis 2:18-24)

Loneliness of the first human is the first thing which God judges to be not good. God therefore creates male and female humans to share the stewardship of creation.

Second Reading (Hebrews 2:9-11)

Jesus became fully human so that in dying and rising again he might free all his human brothers and sisters from sin and take them with him to glory.

Gospel (Mark 10:2-16)

Jesus sees the will of God in the unselfish and complete union of man and woman in marriage. He also sees the kingdom of God in the openness and eagerness of the child.

Reflection:

Being in relationship is what our faith is all about.

Today's readings describe different types of relationship, all flowing from God. They also provide us with an opportunity to reflect on whether we are prepared to take risks in our relationships with others, or whether we seek self-preservation at all cost. They also challenge us to look at our relationship with God and assess how much we are prepared to love God, as opposed to simply believing in God or asking God for what we need. In the First Reading we hear how God created humans, taking the woman from the man and allowing the two of them to become one flesh.

The Responsorial speaks of the blessings of a relationship with God, with a spouse, with children, and with others.

The Second reading describes the relationship that Jesus established with humanity by His incarnation and His death.

In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims the sanctity of God's joining a wife and a husband together in a marriage relationship. As we reflect on today's readings and think about our journey of faith, we realize that one of the greatest of God's gifts to each of us is the gift of relationship.

May the Lord Jesus continue to draw you into deeper relationships with God, with others, and with yourself and may you be renewed by those relationships.

ANNUAL BBQ

Due to last minute COVID-19 governance indicating risks involved, unfortunately, the outdoor BBQ, cannot be held as planned.

However, in order not to waste the food, we have already purchased, all are welcome to collect a lunch bag as you leave after mass.

If you wish a refund, please contact the person, who sold you the ticket.

Thanks for your understanding!

REMINDER

Our ongoing Friday Evening Socials are free. Meal service is available. For meal tickets please see Phil Forlini or Paolo Biasini.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Memory of Victor Chartier.

By: - Doreen Chartier and family.

MASS TIMINGS

**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
Rosary begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by mass at 10:00 a.m.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday Evening from 5 to 6 p.m.
(Silent meditation followed by the
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy)**

Saturday Mass: 4:30 p.m. (St. Patrick's Sq)

Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m. (St. Richard's Parish)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation can be heard every Sunday
15 minutes before and after mass.**

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TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED
HELP AND SUPPORT!**

Statement of Apology by the Catholic Bishops of Canada to the Indigenous Peoples of This Land

We, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, take this opportunity to affirm to you, the Indigenous Peoples of this land, that we acknowledge the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. We also sorrowfully acknowledge the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies¹, we, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, express our profound remorse and apologize unequivocally.

We are fully committed to the process of healing and reconciliation. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, and as a further tangible expression of this ongoing commitment, we are pledging to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, we invite the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us in each of our dioceses across the country to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. We commit ourselves to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

Having heard the requests to engage Pope Francis in this reconciliation process, a delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in Rome in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous participants, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. We pledge to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We commit ourselves to continue accompanying you, the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. Standing in respect of your resiliency, strength and wisdom, we look forward to listening to and learning from you as we walk in solidarity.

24 September 2021

1. *Indian Residential Schools and TRC - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (ccc.ca)*
2. *The CCCB website has a link to several apologies previously offered by Catholic bishops, including those offered by bishops at national TRC events*