

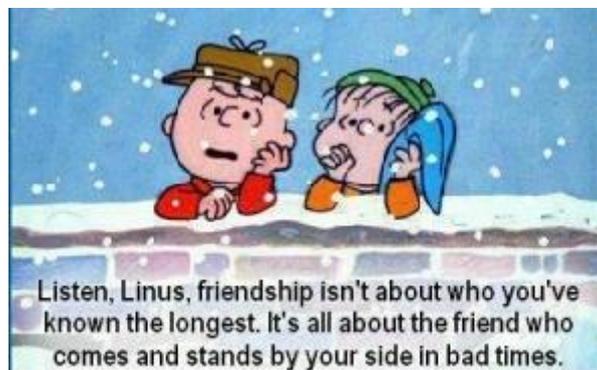
Our readings this Sunday speak to us of love and the family of God.

There are many kinds of family. Some are created by marriage or partnership; some as blood relations; some as a result of friendships; some because of our faith in God. Whatever the circumstances of our own human family, we are called by Jesus to be part of the family of God; to be sisters and brothers to one another and to live a life of love.

Love Goes On Bernadette Farrell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNdEoUsfiPE>

The first reading comes from the second creation story in the book of Genesis. This is not meant to be taken literally, but to reinforce to us that human beings are created by God to be in relationship with one another.



The second reading reminds us that we are called to be daughters and sons of God and that Jesus is our brother. This makes us the family of the Church.

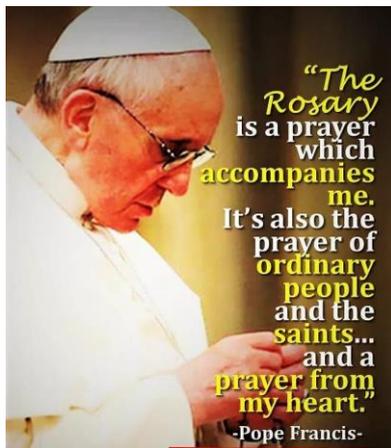


The Gospel for today seems a little harsh to many of us reading it in today's society. What we have to realise is that the Pharisees were trying to trick Jesus into saying something that they could use against him. Jesus, once more, puts the ideal before us, when he says that those that God has united, we should not divide. Of course there are situations in which people find themselves in relationships that are no longer loving and life-giving. Jesus would never condemn someone from walking away from an abusive relationship, because Jesus' message is always one of love and love shouldn't hurt another person.



This is also Rosary Sunday. We honour Mary in October by spending time at home praying the rosary. Pope Francis recommends this to all Catholics across the world. Our world needs the intercession of Our Lady at this time in a very special way. Let us ask her to join her prayers with ours that we may never take for granted the love we experience in our friendships, our relationships and in our family and that we will show care and kindness to the marginalised and the sick in our world.

Queen of the Holy Rosary, bless us as we pray.



REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.