

October 7th – 27th Sunday of the Year

“Whoever divorces his wife is guilty.....” (Mk.10:2)

This encounter with the Pharisees proved to be the bedrock of Christian marriage teaching.

It was to be a life-long commitment.

This teaching pre-supposes that all things being equal, marriage was for life and divorce and separation impossible.

But as Pope Francis says, all things and aspects of marriage are not always equal, or life-giving, and the Church realises that separation is possible. The question of nullity, re-marriage and Communion for re-married spouses is under review in the Catholic Church.

What Jesus sets out was the Ideal for which all couples should aspire to—we lean on his grace when things go wrong.