

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sunday 11 Oct 2020
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.
On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.
The Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6
R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading

Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.
I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.
The Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

See Eph 1:17-18
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected to-

gether everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil. What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion. That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven. We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.
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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 13 5.30 Mass
Wed 14 9am Mass
Thurs 15 9am Mass
Fri 16 9.15am Mass
Sat 17 9am Rosary /Mass
9.30am Recon
6pm Mass
Sun 18 9am Mass
5pm Mass

ROSTERS 10/11 OCTOBER

Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (12-16)
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am L Page
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm P Billington
9am C Lowe
5pm S Ebejer
Readers
6pm M Bridges
9am M Lowe
5pm M O'Neill
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm Sr Marie
9am C Schor
5pm Volunteer
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm J O'Sullivan
REGISTRARS

6pm G & M Weatherall
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm M deSmet

ROSTERS 17/18 OCTOBER

Church Cleaning
B Favetta/J O'Neill(19-23)
Welcomers
6pm Sr Marie McAlister
9am J McClelland
5pm L Favetta
Commentator
6pm M Bridges
9am B Basevi
5pm J O'Sullivan
Readers
6pm J Quigley
9am A Skinner
5pm M Devine
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm J Wain
9am C Connell,
5pm L Favetta
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
5pm M O'Neill
REGISTRARS
6pm S & M Beashel
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm D & N Gorzalka

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A

The Royal Banquet

Weddings are occasions of joy, merry making, celebration, union, and commitment. It brings people together, families, friends, the rich and the poor. Invitations are essential for catering purposes and the dress code adds glamour to the event. If this is true for all weddings, it is true for a royal wedding as seen in the 2018 wedding of the Duke of Sussex and the gospel parable this weekend, as presented by Jesus.



In the parable of the royal banquet, Jesus represented the image of God the Father in the king who organises a banquet for his son, implying Jesus himself in a wedding context that indicates his incarnation, uniting him to humanity. The primary guests were the Jews who rejected the royal invitation, and the messengers implied the many historical and ancient prophets. The new set of messengers reflects the apostles sent to call everyone from the crossroads, the gentiles to ensure that the banquet hall was full. The parable concluded with an allusion to a guest without a wedding garment, indicating not only a lack of compliance to the dress code, but the absence of the right attitude and quality of presence expected of all guests in honour of the king. This is not without consequences as seen in the narrative.

By telling this allegoric parable in the Temple of Jerusalem a few days before his arrest, Jesus accuses the Jewish religious and civil leaders of rejecting God's invitation through the prophetic figures including John the Baptist. They rejected the invitation by not listening to Jesus, the good news personified and predicted the invitation of the gentiles to the banquet and indeed to the kingdom.

Significantly, invitation and rejection through excuses are two major elements in the parable. The king's invitation and the rejection by the invited guests. God's invitation and human rejection. How often do we reject invitation to have a drink with friends, to coffee, to barbeques, to birthday celebrations, to wedding anniversaries, to retirement and family dinners and to fellowship with others? Being too busy with work, the running of the home and business is a common excuse for the moderns. This is now complemented by the major events of this year, adding to the reasons why invitations are easily turned down.

Additionally, the king was generous and inclusive in his open and standing invitation to all in the streets and byways, the good and the bad alike, to the wedding banquet. However, attending with the right outfit, 'the wedding garment' is important. This garment may be symbolic of our baptismal dignity through the sanctifying grace obtained through the font and signified in the garment which must be won and kept clean.

Also, the royal banquet prefigures the Eucharistic banquet to which we are daily called to encounter Christ in the Eucharist, with proper preparation and disposition by repenting of our sins and by active participation in the prayers and the liturgy of the word. Our participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and greatest source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet.

May the Holy Spirit so dispose our hearts to willingly and daily respond to God's invitation.

Fr Martins

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

OCTOBER

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community,

beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wrap With Love
Tues 13th—10 am
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30am
Craft Group—Thursday 10am—12pm
Men Alive—1st & 3rd Wed 8 am



Adoration—Friday 5.30 pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30am

E-Activity Singalong Mon 1pm

ST TERESA OF AVILA—Feast Day 15th October



St. Teresa of Ávila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus, was born March 28, 1515 in Avila, Spain. She was canonized in 1662. A Spanish nun, St Teresa was one of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and author of spiritual classics.

She was the originator of the Carmelite Reform, which restored and emphasised the austerity and contemplative character of primitive Carmelite life. St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.

In 1558 Teresa began to consider the restoration of Carmelite life to its original observance of austerity, which had relaxed in the 14th and 15th centuries. Her reform required utter withdrawal so that the nuns could meditate on divine law and, through a prayerful life of penance, exercise what she termed “our vocation of reparation” for the sins of humankind. Despite frail health and great difficulties, Teresa established and nurtured 16 more convents throughout Spain. In journeys that covered hundreds of miles, she made exhausting missions and was fatally stricken en route to Ávila from Burgos.

Teresa's ascetic doctrine has been accepted as the classical exposition of the contemplative life, with her spiritual writings being among the most widely read.

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 12-18 October

Pope Francis: *Catholics cannot ignore the poverty caused by the pandemic*

The Pope recognised that the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic has left many people feeling “poorer and less self-sufficient.”

“The present experience has challenged many of our assumptions,” he said. “The loss of employment, and of opportunities to be close to our loved ones and our regular acquaintances, suddenly opened our eyes to horizons that we had long since taken for granted. Our spiritual and material resources were called into question and we found ourselves experiencing fear.”

Quoting Sirach chapter two, the Pope said: “Do not be alarmed when disaster comes. Cling to Him and do not leave Him, so that you may be honored at the end of your days. Whatever happens to you, accept it, and in the uncertainties of your humble state, be patient, since gold is tested in the fire, and chosen men in the furnace of humiliation. Trust him and he will uphold you, follow a straight path and hope in him. You who fear the Lord, wait for his mercy; do not turn aside in case you fall.”

This year in Australia the focus is on affordable housing for all, in partnership with the Everybody's Home campaign.

There is also continued support for ACOSS with the Raise the Rate campaign as many vulnerable people including our First Nations people rely on government payments to survive.
<https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

CROATIAN MASS SCHEDULED OCTOBER 10 HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND WILL NOW BE HELD ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST AT 11 AM

OCTOBER ROSARY Everyone is invited to join in praying the Rosary before daily masses or in private at home during the month of October.



MORNING REFLECTION & PRAYER

Celebrating with Mary MacKillop
“Take Fresh Courage” 10th Year of Canonisation

DATE: Saturday Oct 17th

VENUE: St Joseph's Convent Chapel

TIME: 9.45 registration 10 am—12.30 pm

Facilitators: Sr Marie McAlister rsj & Marie Weatherall
Morning Tea provided

Please bring a plate to share for Pot Luck lunch

RSVP by October 10th to Sr Marie on 0429 383 333

Take a moment—light a candle. You are invited to respond to St Mary MacKillop's call on 16th October @ 8 pm, wherever you are. For further information go to sosj.org.au

2020 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 18TH

PPC RENEWAL PROCESS

We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Pastoral Plan. The following parishioners have been invited to participate in the discernment process leading to the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council. These will collaborate with the incumbent Pastoral Councillors in developing a new Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021-2023. Please keep this process in your payers.
Mick Lowe, Nola Beatty, Miranda Vidovic, Tony DCosta, Judith Baroman, Pat Jobes, Peter O'Kelly, Maria Devine, Saskia Ebejer, Jenny Rzepa

Feasts of the Week

Sunday 11th—St John XXIII

Monday 12th—Our Lady of the Pillar

Wednesday 14th—St Callistus

Thursday 15th—St Teresa of Avila

Friday 16th—San Gerardo Mayela, St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Saturday 17th—St Ignatius of Antioch



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786

Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

Adrian Ebejer, Terence O'Mahony, Domenico Cristallo, Olga Drinan, Kevin Rourke, Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Norma Phillips, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:
Peter Varkulevicius, Ian McAdam, Pio Liberale, Amelia Davis, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey, Jan Schor, Dennis Mayer, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Evert Ordelman, Mato Katic, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Tony Craddy, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson, Anacrita Villanueva Senci, Hilda Muldoon, Philip Lewis

Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass.

VENUE: Corrigans Cove

Eurobodalla Tea & Talk

Sessions 11am—2 pm

All residents are invited to come down for a chat and say hello to your neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee.

Access to bushfire support services will be available with representatives from the Red Cross, Service NSW and the DPI Rural Recovery Team.

Locations:

*Mogo Mall Tues 20th

October

*Nelligen Foreshore

Reserve Tues 27th October

Are you a Carer needing a break?

OPAL Age Care, Denhams Beach offers one day Respite Care for your loved one allowing you time out for yourself. Other options of Respite Care are also available. If you are Interested, call into the Parish Office for information brochures Tues-Fri 10am - 1 pm.

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