

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 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.
1. 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.
2. 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.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
4. 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
Philippians 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 Ephesians 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 *Matthew 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 together 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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TWENTY
EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



Upcoming Events
Choir Practice
1PM Mondays
Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and
1st Saturday of the
month @ 9.30am
ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass
Wrap With Love
WEDNESDAY 25TH
October 1pm CMR
All are welcome
Craft Group Thursdays
10am
ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm
COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome

... 'See this is our God in whom we hoped for Salvation' (Isaiah 25:9) ...

Many years ago, Fr Richard Lennan, a friend who is a priest of the Newcastle-Maitland Diocese and who lectures in Theology at Boston College (USA), taught us that we will gain a deeper understanding of God (Theology) by having the Scriptures in one hand and the Newspaper in the other. I was poignantly reminded of this wisdom during this week when we have all been confronted by the atrocities taking place in the Middle East, the earthquake in Afghanistan, the continuing turmoil across the world and our journey as an Australian community towards the Referendum.

So, when reflecting on the Readings for this weekend, I followed Fr Richard's advice and I found solace in the wisdom of the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah which carries messages of both warning and hope. In his 1980 talks on the prophets, Franciscan priest, Richard Rohr delves into the message of hope found in the book of Isaiah: *When the prophet Isaiah is writing, it's to people who are still in the midst of unbelievable pain and suffering. The ancient Israelites are still exiled and enslaved in Babylon, and they have been for decades. I imagine they would be overwhelmed by hopelessness. Yet in the midst of their exile, Isaiah writes what biblical scholars call the "Book of Consolations." Isaiah says that injustice and evil are not the final reality. Instead, the final reality is the comfort and compassion of God. The prophet stands in that place of trust. Isaiah becomes the prophet of hope because he knows God is not neutral but is involved in history.*

Rohr continues:
Hope is not primarily for the future. It's for now! Hope is a way of seeing time and understanding the present. It's a way of tasting and receiving the moment. It gives us the capacity to enter into the future in a new way. In that sense, we can call hope true realism, because hope takes seriously all the many possibilities that fill the moment. Hope sees all the alternatives; it recognizes and creates an alternative consciousness. That's the hope of the prophet...and that's the power of the prophets—to recognize that there is always another way for the promise to be fulfilled, another way for Divine Love to reach us. (Prophets – Rohr. 1980)

This weekend's Reading from Isaiah is often chosen for funerals and when mourning the passing of a loved one – the reassurance of hope and trust in our God. Let us reflect on these words as we pray for Peace – remembering those who have died and praying for the safety of those in danger – **every human life is precious so let us light a candle in hope for all humanity...**

'...the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food...on this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, the shroud enwrapping all nations, the Lord will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek...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.' (Isaiah 25: 6-9).



Phil Billington



MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 16th October

Sunday 22nd October

Monday 16th: No Mass
Tuesday 17th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm
Wednesday 18th: Mass 9am
Thursday 19th: Mass 9am
Friday 20th: Mass 9.15am
Saturday 21st: Mass 6pm
Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm
Sunday 22nd: Mass 9am

Fr Dominic will celebrate Mass with us on
Saturday 21st October at 6pm and
Sunday 22nd @ 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

14/15 OCTOBER

Cleaning

16-20 D & L May

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: M Devine
Commentator: B Maynard
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
C Brownlie, M Bridges
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator . N Beatty
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers
V & C Burns
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

21/22 OCTOBER

Cleaning

23-28 M deSmet/J Maher

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder
Commentator P O'Kelly
Reader P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain
Computer Screen ,
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran
Commentator M Lowe
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers
C Schor, D Herring
Computer Screen D
May..

MORNING TEA:

M & S Beashel/L Foran

St Vincent de Paul Conference Bateman's Bay
would like to thank Parishioners for their ongoing support of our Conference and their good works. Your assistance has always been very generous and practical.

Our Conference will be hosting the morning tea after the 9am Mass on Sun Oct 15 as a way of saying **THANK YOU**.

Come and speak to us and get an information brochure and enjoy morning tea.

PUBLIC ROSARY: October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Saturday, 14 October there will be a Public Rosary at 11am at the Rotunda, Russmartin Park, Moruya.

Everyone is welcome.
For further details, please call Michael Irwin on 0478 227 979.

FRIENDS OF MARANATHA SPRING SALE

Monday 23rd October

A fundraiser to be held at Maranatha Lodge
10.30am—1pm

Sale of pre-loved clothes for that special occasion.

Morning Tea is provided and there will be a special raffle

MARIAN PROCESSION 2023

Sunday—October 22
Please see poster in church foyer for DETAILS

You are invited to the **DIACONATE ORDINATION**
for **Mr MARK HA**

On FRIDAY 3RD November @5pm, St Christopher's Cathedral
FORREST ACT 2603

RSVP by October 25th:
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If you would like to join the parish
e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details
are as follows:

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Catholic Mission

Next Sunday (22 October 2023) is Mission Sunday when the Church commemorates the work of missionaries around the world.

Catholic Mission will be holding its Annual Parish Appeal to help support its work.

This year there is a particular focus on the work of the Salesian Sisters who operate a health clinic and vocational school in Venilale in Timor-Leste.

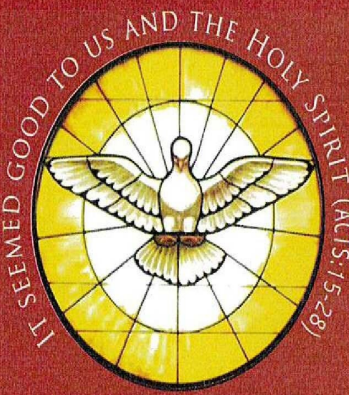
Envelopes will be available for cash or credit card donations

The Parish has purchased an AED - De-fibrillator.

It has been installed in the church just outside the church kitchen. A training session, in the "why, when, and how" to use a defibrillator will be held at 10.00 am, on Saturday 21st October in the church.

All interested, are welcome to attend.

Any questions, contact Bernie on 0428



**YEAR OF THE
Holy Spirit**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

OCTOBER

For the Synod

**We pray for the Church,
that she may adopt
listening and dialogue as a
lifestyle at every level, and
allow herself to be guided
by the Holy Spirit towards
the peripheries of the world.**

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