

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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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 despatched 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 on to 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.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

WHO ARE INVITED TO THE KINGDOM?

The parable of the Wedding Feast is best understood in the context of 'ceremonies' among people who stick to social ranks. A king who gives a wedding feast for his son will invite only other members of royalty, those from the elite class, and very important persons. Commoners are not likely to be invited.

For some reason, the guests disapproved the arrangements the king has been making. To save face they offer flimsy reasons for turning down the invitation. Others challenge the king's honour directly by killing his slaves. This insult of the king demands redress, and the king obliges: he kills the murderers and burns the cities.

The king solidifies his honour by avenging himself on those who shame him, but he then does something unexpected: he breaks the rules of honour and shame by inviting the non-elite to the feast. This could prompt the royalty and other elite to cut ties with him.

To make matters worse, even one of the non-elite shames the king by not wearing the proper garment provided by the king. The king had no choice but to shame him and throw him out of the banquet hall.

The parable mirrors the kingdom, but we should not take the comparison too far. God is not like a king who would kill those who insult him. Rather, the parable is directed by Jesus to his 'elite' opponents from Jerusalem. They view the kingdom as something rigid and exclusive, whereas Jesus preaches a kingdom to which everyone is invited.

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COME TO THE BANQUET. Our God invites all people to the banquet of the kingdom, a banquet characterised by joy, integrity, and true peace. Sometimes, however, we decline this invitation preferring the lesser banquets that we know. May God enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good

works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 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.

RESP 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. R.
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. R.
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. R.
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.



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 cf. 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

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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



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THANK YOU to the parishioners who came for our monthly 'cuppa' after the 8am Mass last Sunday. It was wonderful to meet and share our stories. Our next 'get together' is on Sunday 12th November after the 8am Mass.

THANK YOU to the parishioners who volunteered to assist with the 'Christmas Morning Tea' after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 3rd December. If you could assist with: shopping, serving, cleaning up, please record your name, email and phone number on the sheet at the back of the Church.

Let us keep in our prayers over the coming weeks the students from our parishes who are completing their Higher School Certificate. I am offering the 6pm Mass this week for their intentions.

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas will be held on Wednesday 20th December at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

The SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is celebrated on the last Friday of every month after the 9am Mass. The next celebration of the Sacrament will be on Friday 27th October.

The SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM commences on Sunday 22nd October at 5.15pm in the Church, followed by Mass. The second session will be on Sunday 29th October at 5.15pm. Enrolment forms can be located on the parish website. Please ensure the Parish Office has the enrolment sheet prior to the first meeting. First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Sunday 5th November at 5pm.

Let us help each other prepare our special 'wedding garment' in preparation to celebrate the banquet that is prepared for us!!

Fr Chris

Children's Christmas Mass

While Christmas seems a long way off, the parish is already thinking about the Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm. This is truly the children's Mass and we would like to make it an enjoyable and memorable occasion for the children of the parish and their friends to celebrate in the joy of Jesus' birthday. We are planning a small Children's choir to sing for a short period before the Mass, Children's participation in the Entrance procession, reading of Scripture and Prayers of the Faithful. We will be looking for child volunteers to read and one child to light the Advent Candle each week of Advent. More details in weeks to come. Contact Miffy Lau on 0412047033 or miffymlau@gmail.com.



Let Us Pray For...

The Sick: Brian Oong, Dorothy Cambell, Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine O'ong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke, Renata, Richard Hughes.

The Deceased: Joan Day, Jean Luders, Leo Bridle, Trish Mac Farlane, Paddy Nolan, Liam Marsden, Domenico and Elena Malzone, Ernesto Dayrit, Francesca Bellanto, Barbara Hall, Bernie Morgan, Fr Frank Furfaro, John Roarty, Christian Manaco Gonzales, John Johnson, Solomon Aguán, Beryl Yip, Sister Pam Corser, Victor Prineas, Dorothy D'Mestre, Mary Dunne, Joan Quinn, Pamela Shiels, John Fenech, Ethell Purcell, Patricia Scharrer, John Jodeph Cannon.



Weekly Liturgies

Sunday Mass
St Mary Magdalene: 8am, 10am, 6pm
St Therese (Sat night Vigil): 5pm
Weekday Mass
St Mary Magdalene, Rose Bay: Tue-Fri 9am
Confession
Tues-Fri after 9am Mass (or by appointment)
Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30am-9am
Rosary after 9am Mass.

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A Word From Pope Francis



In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus speaks to us about the response given to the invitation from God — who is represented by a king — to participate in a wedding banquet. The invitation has three characteristics: freely offered, breadth and universality. Many people were invited, but something surprising happened: none of the intended guests came to take part in the feast, saying they had other things to do; indeed, some were even indifferent, impertinent, even annoyed. God is good to us, he freely offers us his friendship, he freely offers us his joy, his salvation; but so often we do not accept his gifts, we place our practical concerns, our interests first. And when the Lord is calling to us, it so often seems to annoy us. Some of the intended guests went so far as to

abuse and kill the servants who delivered the invitation.

But despite the lack of response from those called, God's plan is never interrupted. In facing the rejection of the first invitees, he is not discouraged, he does not cancel the feast, but makes another invitation, expanding it beyond all reasonable limits, and sends his servants into the town squares and the byways to gather anyone they find. These, however, are ordinary, poor, neglected and marginalised people, good and bad alike — even bad people are invited — without distinction. And the hall is filled with "the excluded". The gospel, rejected by some, is unexpectedly welcomed in many other hearts.

The goodness of God has no bounds and does not discriminate against anyone. For this reason the banquet of the Lord's gifts is universal, for everyone. Everyone is given the opportunity to respond to the invitation, to his call; no one has the right to feel privileged or to claim an exclusive right.

All of this induces us to break the habit of conveniently placing ourselves at the centre, as did the High Priests and the Pharisees. One must not do this; we must open ourselves to the peripheries, also acknowledging that, at the margins too, even one who is cast aside and scorned by society is the object of God's generosity. We are all called not to reduce the Kingdom of God to the confines of the "little church" — our "tiny little church" — but to enlarge the Church to the dimensions of the Kingdom of God. However, there is one condition: wedding attire must be worn, that is, charity toward God and neighbour must be shown.

Let us entrust the tragedies and the hopes of so many of our excluded, weak, outcast, scorned brothers and sisters, as well as of those who are persecuted for reasons of faith, to the intercession of Most Holy Mary.

St Mary Magdalene Roster - 22nd October

22nd Oct	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Anna Creagh		
Info Desk		Sue Heavener	
1st Reader	Therese O'Brien	Colleen Goodwin	Lindsay Gazal
2nd Reader	Mark O'Brien	Sue Heavener	Kerry Gazal
Eucharistic Minister	Lucie Priestly	Glenys Granger	Ann Kirkjan
	Carmen Kapfenstein	Narelle Hills	
Acolyte/Altar Servers	Paul, John, Saxon/Anthony Williams	Dave Korte/Ella and Abby Adetunji	Andrew Scarf, Edward Scarf, William Scarf

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster—21st October

Commentator— Trish Persson
First Reader— Amelia Scarf
Second Reader— Mary Walsh
Acolyte/Senior Server— Gabrielle Scarf
Communion Ministers: Danny Au-Yeung, Matthew Scarf

Announcements



• Today and throughout this week we pray for the well-being of those experiencing same-sex attraction or gender uncertainty. Heavenly Father, grant true peace and comfort to our family members and friends who experience same sex attraction or gender uncertainty. May we be sensitive and loving especially in times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as we all strive for Christian perfection.

• Let us keep in our prayers the students in our parish who are sitting their Higher School Certificate (HSC), so God may guide and sustain them in this special time.

• The Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be administered by Bishop Terrence Brady at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 29th October 2017 at 10.30am. For any adults wishing to receive this sacrament, please contact the parish office direct.

• Next 'Coffee with Father' - Sunday 12th November, following the 8am Mass. You are all more than welcome join.