

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 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.

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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.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 OCTOBER 2017

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.

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.

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!



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Baptism Welcoming
This weekend, we welcome:
Sebastian Lizzi
Antonio Saltalamacchia
Please pray for these children and their families.

Special Collection - Next Weekend

Catholic Mission collection will be held next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

All Saints on Wed 1 Nov - There will be Masses at 9.15am & 7.00pm.

All Souls on Thurs 2nd Nov - Mass will be held at 9.15am.

Sacramental Program

We ask you to consider being a catechist for 2018. Enrolments for 2018 have begun. Forms can be downloaded from the parish website. Payment must be made at the enrolment.

Important Notice

Please do not post anything on the notice board without clearance from the Parish Office. Thank You

Plenty Still:

2018 Columban Art Calendars are now available. Melbourne Catholic: Please buy a copy for yourself or as a gift for someone \$4.

Star Steel Posts

Manningham Inter-Church Council wishes to borrow 50 new or used star steel posts, 5ft 6 in or 6 ft, for deployment in erecting 30 nativity placards across the City of Manningham covering the period from November this year until the end of the first week in January. Also needed is one or more tubular steel double handled post rammers. All goods borrowed will be returned in sound condition. Alternatively are you able to suggest a low cost farm supplier of such items. If you can assist please contact the Secretary, Frank Johnston 9842 2225.



MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS
Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)
Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)
Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.
Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Suffer, Giovina Francavilla, Elio Bandiera (Italy)
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

Sun 15th Oct @ 10am - Mario & Angela's Café after 9am Mass.
Tue 17th Oct @ 7pm - Child Safety Meeting in the Parish Office.
Sun 22nd Oct @ 12.30pm - Baptisms

Mental Health Week, 8 October-15 October

Around one in 35 young Australians aged 4-17 experience a depressive disorder.

Breakdown: 2.8% of Australians aged 4-17 have experienced an affective disorder.* This is equivalent to 112,000 young people.
One in seven young Australians experience a mental health condition.

Breakdown: 13.9% children and adolescents aged 4-17 years experienced a mental disorder between 2013-14, which is equivalent to an estimated 560,000 Australian children and adolescents.²

One in fourteen young Australians (6.9%) aged 4-17 experienced an anxiety disorder in 2015. This is equivalent to approximately 278,000 young people.

Breakdown: 6.9% of Australians aged 4-17 experienced an anxiety** disorder in 2015.³ This is equivalent to 278,000 young people.

The number of deaths by suicide in young Australians is the highest it has been in 10 years

Breakdown: In 2015, 391 (12.5 per 100,000) young Australians aged 15-24 died by suicide compared with 290 (10.4 per 100,000) young Australians in 2005.⁴

Suicide is the biggest killer of young Australians and accounts for the deaths of more young people than car accidents

Breakdown: 324 Australians (10.5 per 100,000) aged 15-24 dying by suicide in 2012. This compares to 198 (6.4 per 100,000) who died in car accidents (the second highest killer).⁵

Evidence suggests three in four adult mental health conditions emerge by age 24 and half by age 14

Breakdown: Half of all lifetime cases of mental health disorders start by age 14 years and three fourths by age 24 years.⁶

People experiencing mental health conditions generally report more experiences of being treated positively than of being avoided or discriminated against, particularly from friends, loved ones and family members.

Racism has can have really negative effects on young people's health, education and social life and these effects can be carried for many years into adulthood.⁸

Around one in three young Australian adults aged 18-24 years report experiencing racial discrimination because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion.⁹

Around one in four Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 15-24 years report experiencing discrimination because they were of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.¹⁰

Approximately one in four people with type 2 diabetes experience depression and one in six with type 2 diabetes experience anxiety.¹¹

Approximately one in four young people aged 13-19 years with Type 1 Diabetes experience moderate to severe symptoms of depression and anxiety.¹²

Questions for reflection: What are the links between poverty and mental health? How does care of the earth as Pope Francis is concerned with connected to poverty, migration, mental health and the unequal distribution of the worlds resources?

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
Actual - 2,132
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
Actual - 1,246
Many thanks & every Blessing!

A Prayer for Economic Justice

God of justice and compassion,
whose light shines into our hearts and into our nation's halls of power,
strengthen our faith as we acknowledge the enormity of our task:
to include all in the prosperity of this land.
We pray for your spirit of generosity in challenging greed and neglect.

Give us your grace to reach out to the lowest paid workers,
families subsisting on meagre incomes, people who are homeless,
the dispossessed First Peoples of this land,
so that we may achieve change, inspired by the Gospel,
that leads to human flourishing.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is an ongoing spiritual formation for those wishing to know more about the Catholic faith with the intention of being fully initiated as Catholics. It is also a good opportunity for all who wish to further deepen and strengthen their understanding of the Catholic faith. Meetings are held fortnightly in the Parish office. Dates on the banner in the foyer.

Contact: Martin Teh mcytehg@gmail.com (RCIA Leader)
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Rosters for Readers and Eucharist Ministers—Please collect your copy from the Foyer. Thanks

Liturgy Roster

14/15 October	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR	Jacinta De La Cruz	Rocco Gagliardi
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Mark Gregor
	Special Ministers	Eloy De Witt	Grace Cnatelli
		Enza Wilcox	Gabriell Grande
		Warwick Wright	Eleanora Mascitt
		John Bruce	Sylvia Mascitt
			David Mitchell
			Pam Mitchell
			Maria Papalia
21/22 October	Sacristan	Eloy De Witt	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR	Rene De La Cruz	Mark Gregor
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Christine Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Cecilia Lam	Maria Papalia
		Reg Lecordier	Elsa Waters
		Marea Marsi	Chris Zordan
			Trish Atherton
			Grace Cnatelli
			Anne Fusca
			Rita Gagliardi