

**Gospel Mt 22:1-14**

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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**11 October 2020****First Reading Is 25:6-10**

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.

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. (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

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.

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!

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

HOLINESS IS A CHALLENGE for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners – and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Emanuel Said

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 15 Oct St Theresa of Jesus

Saturday 17 Oct St Ignatius of Antioch

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.

All staff and volunteers in our parish must have a current Working with Children Check.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

We are now permitted to have outdoor religious services for 5 people, plus the faith leader. On Sundays 11th and 18th October, and Tuesday 13th October-Friday 16th October, we will have a Mass at 9.30am and another 10.15am, outdoors. *Please read the letter from Fr Sebastian, which accompanies this Bulletin and has the full details.*

If anyone who would like to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, please be in touch with Fr Sebastian or the Parish Office. As you are aware, the Parish Office is required to remain closed, however please do not hesitate to call or email if you need anything and we will respond as soon as possible.

If you have envelopes for the weekend collections, please contact me if they need to be collected, or keep them with you until we are able to open again. May God bless you all.

Fr Arockia Sebastian

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

If you have internet access, some useful links are provided below (many thanks to Carmel Egan for sharing these with parishioners):-

Daily recital of Rosary:

Look up 'Spirit Juice Rosary' ... you will find all the rosaries.

JOYFUL – Monday & Saturday

<https://youtu.be/uy2aUocZ08g>

SORROWFUL - Tuesday & Friday

<https://youtu.be/dsqbpbpQRv0>

GLORIOUS - Wednesday & Sunday

<https://youtu.be/wjn8UZVFvBU>

LUMINOUS - Thursday

<https://youtu.be/r8TePYRBvMk>

Three Hail Mary's:

<https://youtu.be/JqWGICoigS8>

If you are unable to pray the full rosary - A daily 3-Hail Mary's Devotion is encouraged.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD OR DAILY MASS BOOKS FOR 2021

Last chance to order these resources - \$22 each. Please call the Parish Office or email your order no later than Tuesday, 13th October.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

As you may be aware, Parishes within the Archdiocese of Melbourne are required to adhere to a set of principles, which have as their aim to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. These principles ensure compliance with:

- Child Safe Standards (Victoria)
- National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
- National Principles of Child Safe Organisations.

Within that framework, each Parish is required to establish its own Safeguarding Committee. St Peter's Parish Child Safety Safeguarding Committee met for the first time on 6th October via Zoom. The Committee will be working on a Policy document and a Code of Conduct that will help all of us ensure that St Peter's is a safe place for us all. Parishioners will be regularly updated on progress. A list of Committee members will be published in coming weeks. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions.

God of all life...

May your love and light shine in and through me today
in a way that no mask can hide.
May my eyes dance with the laughter and joy
replacing my hidden smile.
May my actions of care and concern
speak louder than my muffled voice
ever could.
And may the generosity of my heart
radiate out through who I am and
how I respond to the world around
me
so that others may not see my mask
but your image shining out
moving in and through me today.

Amen

Br Michael Herry fms

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Prayer for the Safety of Returning to School in a Pandemic

Father please hear us when we tell You of our concerns of sending our children and educators back to school.

Know that we are striving to make all of the right decisions and need Your love and power to help us overcome any difficulties.

Please watch over everyone as times and routines are about to change once again.

We know that we can do anything through You, so please help us ensure health and semi-normalcy in the coming months.

We give our hearts to You, now and forever.

Amen

~Author Unknown