



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 Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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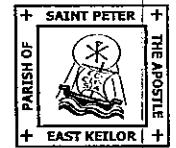
PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

15 October 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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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!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Teresa Paradowski

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Carmelo Piccolo, Guglielmo Parisi, Josephine & Henry Mizzi, Anne Commadeur, Thomas Curtain

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday, 17th October at 7.30pm in the St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room. Enquiries: Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

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ALPHA AT ST PETER'S PARISH

We are running the Alpha Program here at St Peter's on Wednesdays from 7.00pm-9.15pm until 6th December. Venue: St Peter's Parish Centre (enter via Bellarine Avenue). Everyone is welcome to share a meal and a discussion each week. For more information or to register, please call Paul Whiting (0488 455 008); or Peter Boudville (0419 381 079).

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues 17 Oct St Ignatius of Antioch
Wed 18 Oct St Luke

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Are now available for purchase - \$10 each. Please see Ken, Cathey, Adele or after Mass.

MONTH OF OCTOBER – ROSARY

We continue praying the Rosary on weekdays (Tuesday-Friday) and on Saturday mornings commencing at 9.00am, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass.

PARISH NEWS

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

All Saints – Wednesday 1st November

Mass at 9.15am (with the school in attendance)

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) – Thursday 2nd November

Mass at 8.00am

Mass at 9.15am

Mass at 7.00pm

On this day there will be a board at the side of the Altar where you can pin a flower with the name of your loved ones attached.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be open only on Tuesdays for the next 2 weeks from 9.00am-3.00pm. Please call or email or call the parish office at other times and your request will be answered as soon as possible. Please advise any Death Anniversaries by Tuesday of the week prior to publication in the Parish Bulletin.

CATHOLIC MISSION 2023 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL

Next weekend at all Masses. Please come prepared.

'BREAK OPEN THE WORD' OR 'DAILY MASS BOOK' - ANNUALS FOR 2024

These 2 resources can be ordered through the Parish Office - \$30 each. 'Break Open the Word' is particularly helpful for Readers of God's Word. Please call the Parish Office or email your order by **Tuesday, 24th October.**

NACF AUSTRALIA – NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES

'Family Day' We invite you and your families to join us for the first Melbourne NACF Family Day for 2023. Date: Sunday 22nd October 2023.

Location: St Peter's Parish Centre, Keilor East (entry via Bellarine Ave, gate, next to the tennis courts). 12pm-1.30pm – Lunch (please bring a plate to share), 1.30pm Rosary, 2.15pm – Talk, 3.00pm-4.00pm Afternoon tea & Socialising. Please see posters in the narthex. Enquiries: Marc Florio: 0412 252 077 or Arlene Smith: 0422 794 182

MINISTERS' ROSTERS FOR 1/11/23-29/2/24 are available for collection in the narthex. Please mark your dates in your diary.

"SPECIAL INVITATION"

You are all warmly invited to Fr Sebastian's Thanksgiving Mass and farewell celebration. Join us to celebrate and honour our Parish Priest, Fr Sebastian. It will be a great opportunity to wish him the very best at his new Parish and for all he has done for St Peter's Parish during his almost 8 years with us.

The **Thanksgiving Mass** will commence at **10.30am, Sunday 5th November**, followed by a **farewell BBQ** from **11.45am** opposite the Church at the gazebos, weather permitting. If inclement weather, we will move into the Parish Centre. If you attend a different Mass usually, just come along at 11.45am but please be careful when driving in, as there may be some parishioners and cars departing from after the 10.30am Mass.

Everyone staying for the BBQ is asked to add their name to the clipboard in the narthex, and if you will be bringing a salad or sweet to share. The Parish will provide the meat and soft drinks, tea & coffee.

If you wish to contribute to a gift for Fr Sebastian, on weekend **28/29 October at all Masses**, we will have a **Special Collection**. There will be envelopes available also in the narthex from this weekend.

If you know anyone who no longer resides in Keilor East but may like to attend, please let them know too.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 22nd October 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne at 11am. Couples and their families are invited as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass. Flyer in narthex. Register by Sunday, 15/10: trybooking.com/CLKRB Enquiries: please contact: 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 3 STUDENTS, 1ST RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, 24th October

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.