



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



Readings for next week:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

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The Living Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 15 October 2023

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.

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!

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 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.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22. R. v.6
(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

- 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.)*
- 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.)*
- 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.)*
- 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:

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sick List: Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Irene Murphy, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Kim Smyth for pending surgery, Noela McIntyre, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh and Josie Anderson, Brian Carey, Des Sleeth, Robbie Hufer

Recently Deceased: Jane Sullivan, Alfred Seiter

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS Oct 14th Liz Donnelly Oct 21st not required

BINGO 21st October Bev Ryan, Graeme Quinlan, Emma Difede, Maria Tripoli, Kylie Glover

14th Oct & 15th Oct	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Michelle Hicks	Chris Hogarty	Miriam Hogarty	Checca Richards
10.00 am	Brenda Pye	Liz Turk	Marg Lee	Brenda & Leo Pye
21st Oct & 22nd October				
6:30 pm	Cecily Dumaresq	Cathie McMaster	Inez Raleigh	Josie Buttegeig
10.00 am	Maree Williams	Mavis Murphy	Angela Iacono	Carrafa Family

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"Reaching out to each other
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St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 16/10	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 17/10	Holy Hour Exposition	5.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Wed 18/10	NO MASS	
Thur 19/10	Mass	6:00pm
Frid 20/10	Mass	10.00am

St Mary's Monthly Devotions

First Friday Adoration

(1st Fri of every month) following the 10am Mass.
Concluding with Benediction at 6:45pm.
At 12noon, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm the Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited.



First Saturday Adoration

Adoration 9am to 10am
Mass 10am to 10:30am
followed by Reconciliation as per normal 10:30am to 11am

PARISH NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 14th Oct: Sarah Richards
Sun 15th Oct: Liz Donnelly
Sat 21st Oct: Carmel Fasano
Sun 22nd Oct: Valoia Family

PARISH MEETINGS

PPC Lunch & Forum - Sunday 22 Oct after Mass

Community of the Sons and Daughters of God

Saturday October 14

11:30am Mass - Celebrated by Fr Jackson

St Mary's, Mooroopna

Adoration 3.00 - 4.00pm - ALL WELCOME

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst Liturgical Ministry Seminar

Wednesday 18th October 2023

5.30pm - 8.30pm

St Brendan's Parish

121 Knight St, Shepparton

WORKSHOP 1. FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD

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WORKSHOP 3. FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

St. Brendan's
Catholic Church

The RCIA process has begun and we have held 2 enquiry nights. We had many questions of what it could mean to your life to join the Catholic faith.

The meetings are held in the Parish centre behind St Brendan's Church at 7.30pm.

Our last inquiry night is **Thursday, October 19.**

If this is something which interests you or someone you know, please come along and join us.

For any questions regarding the RCIA process, please call Anthony on 5821 2633 on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or e-mail anthony.pastoral@bigpond.com

To Know Him is To Love Him CATECHESIS FOR TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Tuesday 31 October

7pm for 7:30pm start

At University of Melbourne—Shepparton Campus

Lecture Theatre (Graham St, Shepparton)

Talk: "Life of a Priest"

Speaker—Mons Peter Jeffrey

On the recommendation of the College of Consultors, Bishop Shane is pleased to announce the following clergy appointments:



Kennington

Parish Priest: Fr Jake Mudge, from 20 Jan 2024.
It is planned to make a further appointment to Kennington in due course, to support Fr Jake in continuing his appointment as a lecturer for 2 days/week at Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne.

Rushworth

Supervising Priest: A new appointment will be made to this position before Fr Andrew Fewings concludes his appointment as Parish Priest of Kennington.

Rutherglen and Chiltern

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Taylor, from 4 November 2023

Shepparton South and Nagambie (previously announced)

Parish Priest: Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ, from 4 November 2023
Assistant Priest: Fr Ruel Desamparado RCJ

Tatura and Kyabram

Parish Priest: Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS, from 13 Jan 2024

Wodonga, Tallangatta and Corryong

Fr Andrew Fewings will lead the establishment of a Ministry Team in these parishes towards mid-2024, after undertaking a sabbatical in the first months of the year.
Team Moderator, and Pastoral Leader of Wodonga: Fr Andrew Fewings
Pastoral Leader of Tallangatta and Corryong: Fr John Paul Pasala, from 13 January 2024
Team member: Fr Adi Indra from 27 December 2023, until Fr Andrew's return from sabbatical, Fr Adi Indra will be Administrator of the parishes

Yarrawonga and Cobram

Parish Priest: Fr Junjun Amaya, from 27 December 2023

Bishop Shane is grateful to all those who have generously offered themselves for these appointments, and ask that you hold them in prayer, along with these various communities, as they prepare for these significant transitions.

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BYO any other meats
to cook, a salad or
sweets to share and
your own drinks
(no alcohol)

Some tables &
seating will be
set up.
BYO picnic rug
if preferred.

SEE YOU THERE!

Our Parish Pastoral Council

Are hosting

St Mary's Shared Lunch & Forum Sunday 22nd of October After 10am Mass

All parishioners are invited to attend this opportunity to listen to brief reports from our parish groups, and afterwards there will be a chance to ask questions and provide suggestions that will help us move forward with hope, love and strength into the future. We would appreciate if you could put your name on the sheets at the church doors for catering purposes. Lunch served at 12:30pm. Children welcome.

Please speak to one of the following PPC members if you have any questions:

Mason Crosier, Maree Williams, Kate Carrafa,
Daniel Carrafa or Marie O'Meara.

Catholic Women's League

are hosting a Day Retreat at
St Mary's Church, Mooroopna on

Wednesday 18th October

commencing with Mass at 10 am and
concluding at approx. 3 pm.

The Retreat will be conducted by the Diocesan Spiritual Director Fr Peter Ferwerda and all ladies are invited (you don't need to be a member). BYO lunch please.