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Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

11th October 2020 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Ray Baker, Barbara McNamara, Ern Press, Apollonius Nolan, Edna Guiney, Thora Sutton, Pamela Howard, Aileen McNamara, Elsie Perry, Patsy O'Donnell, Ivy Crossman, Frank Scanlon, Bill Murphy, Fred Taylor, Cherie McLamara, Tom Conroy, Hilton Baker, May Raymond, Gregory Guiney, Ineen Sippel, Neida Curran, Josephine Perkins, Robert Baldwin, Joyce Doodan, Frank Moore, Cecily Howard.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill:

Ray Lamb of Gunnedah, Les Ward, David Selier, Rita Looney, Bobbie Falon, Fr John Willis, Fr John McHugh, Clare Crane, Bill Gleeson, Billy Godden, Ros Turton, Gavin Sewell, Ian Gallagher, Fiona Nolan, Gail Martin, Wendy Brown, Sue Thomson, Lucy Gight, Father Pat O'Neill, Tom Sanderson, Colleen Hyatt, Michael McCormick, Dan O'Donnell, Marie Dalton, Jack Dunn, Colin Gallagher, Andrew McManus, Ivy Taylor, Joan Greenlee, Rosalynn Chan, and all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster

17/10/2020R: H Passfield

EM: G:

18/10/2020R: D Keriklaan

EM: G: K Sweep & J Daniels
C:

Coming Events

- Carer's Week Sunday 11-17 October 2020
- 10th Anniversary of Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, followed by Morning Tea at Sugar Plum
- World Mission Sunday 18 October 2020
- First Confession Lessons commence on Wednesday 14 October 2020 at 3.50pm in the Father Stan Campbell Hall.
- Clergy Retreat 8 November to 13 November 2020. No Mass in the Parish this week.

The Sacred Liturgy

Quirindi: Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Werris Creek: Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm

Willow Tree: Mass at Willow Tree 8.00am

Confessions:

Saturday 4.15pm to 4.45pm and after each Mass except Saturday night

Weekday Mass Times:

St Brigid's: Mass Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at 9.30am.

Werris Creek: Mass Wednesday, Thursday at 9.30am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

Baptisms by arrangement with Parish Priest - any Sunday at 11.30am

Rosary is said prior to Mass only when there is no Benediction

No Anointing on the 3rd Sunday of the Month during Mass

Coronavirus

The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. Please sign-in on the log-sheets every time you enter the church.
2. Sanitise your hands, observe physical distancing and sit on allocated seats
3. No congregational singing, only Father to sing; no Sign of Peace.
4. Printed bulletins are for single use only and must not be reused by other people
5. One single line during Holy Communion.

Daily Mass Book - The books will be \$20.00 each and will be ordered soon. They go from Advent to Advent. If you wish to purchase a Daily Mass Book please write your name on the sheet at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

Memorate

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember also the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your Son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in heaven. Amen.

Our Lady of La Salette reconifer of Sinners
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee.

Saints to Remember

St Callistus I - Memorial - 14th
St Teresa of Jesus - Memorial - 15th
St Hedwig - Memorial - 16th
St Margaret Mary Alacoque - Memorial - 16th
St Ignatius of Antioch - Memorial - 17th

Please note change of date: We celebrate the 10th Anniversary of St Mary Mackillop's Canonisation on Saturday 17th October. Mass at 9.30 followed by morning tea at the "Sugar Plum" Cafe. (More space is available there for Covid 19 Rules) Reservation for tables for 10 people will be made as we receive your reply. RSVP - call 0467 891170 (Pat Perkins) to assist with the table seating. Many thanks.

Catholic Mission 2020 COVID-19 Appeal

With every country around the world affected in some way by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that now, more than ever, we stand together in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and support them in any way we can. There are thousands of mission programs that provide both practical support and pastoral and faith-formation to children and communities around the world that need our help right now. We are still here for them, and we want to offer your parish the opportunity to get involved and offer their support. This year the appeal focuses on the work of the Church in Cambodia, supporting people who have been affected by disability and giving them home to live a fulfilling life. We share the story of Chen, a landmine survivor who lost both his legs when he was sixteen years old. Chen has been given care and the opportunity to turn this tragic event into a positive outcome through the help of the Arrupe Centre in the Apostolic Prefecture of Batambang in north-western Cambodia. If you wish to donate, there are envelopes at the back of the church and you can return them directly to Catholic Mission in Sydney or to donate electronically to Catholic Mission BSB 062 784 Account Number 0071565500 Ref 220114 Quirindi Parish. Once again thank you for your support.

Planned Giving \$319.00 + \$50.00 = \$369.00

First Collection \$329.70



Carer's Week Sunday 11-17 October

Carer's Week in Australia will be celebrated on Sunday 11 to Saturday 17 October, in recognition of the many carers in our parishes, the Bishops' Commission for Social Justice invite you to celebrate and acknowledge carers.

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 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 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.**

Shorter form, Mt 22: 1-10

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

11 OCTOBER 2020

INVITED TO THE BANQUET OF LIFE

The parable of the Wedding Banquet symbolises the story of salvation. The banquet represents God's intent for human beings, which is simply to have us as honoured guests at the banquet of life. The bridegroom is Jesus. The servants sent out to issue the invitations are, first, the Old Testament prophets and then Christian missionaries. The response of the king to those who rejected the invitations reflects early Christian belief that the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE was retribution for failure to accept Jesus as Messiah. The new invitees from the highways and byways are Gentiles (non-Jews) who have joined the Church in large numbers.

We should not too readily identify the king in the parable with God. Jesus takes illustrations from life as it is, using aspects of the way people, including kings, behave to illustrate what he wants to convey.

The parable thus serves as an *explanation* of otherwise disturbing developments. Israel's *No* to the Gospel and the fact that the Church includes bad members as well as good has all been foreseen by the Lord.

What about the poor wretch caught out for not wearing a wedding garment? The wedding garment symbolises transformation of life. You don't have to be good to *get into* the community of the Kingdom: the invitation to the banquet is a great net of grace enclosing all, good and bad alike. But, *once within*, we must allow the grace we have received to transform us and make us worthy of final salvation, God's invitation to the banquet of life.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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 enveloping 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.**

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

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!