

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 348 New Missal: 472



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

11 October 2026

First Reading Isaiah 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. Thanks be to God.

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 Philippians 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. Thanks be to God.

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!

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Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

The Parish of St Martin de Porres and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. Child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick: Stella Raviola: Angela; George Pinpin; Nancy Green; Kimberly Damanik; Vlad; Mary; Jan, Miecia, Zyguh; Janice Murray; Mellisa; Rossini Burns; Monica Marland; Franca; Zac; Emily & Grace; Mark; Kay; Susie.

Recently Deceased:

Francina Veerasingham; Timothy Gomez; Maria Mai Thi Thay; Anthony Grech; Caterina Spataro (Italy); Angela Gattellari; Josephine Falzon; Frank Tassone; Salvatore De Luca; Frank Maisano; Concetta Cutri; Raymond Barber; Teresa Talia.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Antonio & Carmela Scarciella; Giuseppe Spano; Mario De Sauro; Peter Falzon; Dominic Cumbo; Bernarda & Francis Grima; Teresa, Emmanuel, Tonina, Phillip Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazarena Farrugia; Adam Hood; Rita & Carmelo De Bono; Joseph Consiglia.

Parish Support Programme:

Pays Wages, Electricity, Cleaning, Insurance,
Pledge: \$2,588 Received: 2,101
Loose: \$861

Presbytery: Supports Parish Priest,
Retired Priests & Cathedral. \$1,572

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

The new sets of envelopes, receipt, and letter from Fr Paul are at the back of the church.

Please take yours home today.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Kids Bulletin

A fun way for children to learn about our Catholic faith. Weekly updates, please visit thekidsbulletin.com/



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and pray for:
Joanna Nguyen

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing the New Parishioners Form in Documents and Forms under Recommended Links on our website and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Catholic Family Market

Join Catholic families from around Melbourne for a fun, relaxing day to come together and connect with others in the sun.



The afternoon will include market stalls, food, music, jumping castle, and animal farm for the kids.

Admission is free, and all families are warmly welcome.

Sunday 18 October | 12pm - 3pm

Our Lady of Lourdes,
631 High Street, Prahran

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

Take courage! I have overcome the world.
John 16:33

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is inviting young people in Year 10 (minimum age 15) up to 30 years old to journey to Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027, from 3-8 August 2027. WYD is an opportunity for young people to encounter Christ, experience the joy of the universal Church and return home to continue to grow in their faith. The Archdiocese is offering three pilgrimage options, Direct to Seoul, Via Incheon, Via Japan with formation & preparation leading into the journey.

WYD27 Information Sessions

Friday 9 October 7 - 9pm

St Catherine of Siena, Caroline Springs

Friday 4 November 7 - 9pm

St Christopher's Parish, Syndal

Find out more at QR Code OR

melbournecatholic.org/wyd27



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.



Christian Meditation 2026

Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Monday 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church

Term 4: Oct 26; Nov 9 & 23; Dec 7.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord our God,
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and Father of all peoples,
Who in the cross of Your Son
and through the gift of His own life,
at great cost You wished to destroy
the wall of enmity and hostility
that separates peoples and makes us
enemies:
Send into our hearts
the gift of the Holy Spirit,
that He may purify us from every feeling
of violence, hatred and revenge,
enlighten us to understand
the irrepressible dignity
of every human person,
and inflame us to the point of consumption
for a peaceful and reconciled world
in truth and justice,
in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,
in Your hands are the hopes of men and
women
and the rights of every people:
Assist with Your wisdom those who
govern us,
so that, with Your help,
they will become sensitive to the sufferings
of the poor
and of those who suffer the consequences
of violence and war;
may they promote the common good and
lasting peace
in our region
and throughout the earth.

Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope,
obtain the gift of peace
for the Holy Land that gave birth to you
and for the whole world.

Amen

Cardinal Pizzaballa
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem