

GOSPEL

Mt 22:1-14
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whosoever 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, and 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 despatched 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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Breaking Open the Word

COME TO THE WEDDING!

For the third Sunday, Jesus addresses religious leaders. Again, as last Sunday, it concerns their refusal to accept God's invitation to join the feast of the Kingdom. Jesus describes the Kingdom as a wedding feast hosted by a king for his son.

Those invited fail to turn up for this sumptuous feast. 'Come to the wedding' is the invitation, but, according to Matthew's story, they are 'not interested'. They have different distractions and interests. Joining the king's feast is not on their agenda. The invitation is in fact such an annoyance or distraction that the invitees maltreat and even kill the messengers. The king responds punishing them. Clearly, the king's response is not meant to represent God. It would be unfortunate to make this identification and reinforce the image of a punishing God!

The point of the story is about the attitude of those invited to join the heavenly banquet, an image of the eucharistic celebration, and those who will eventually join the feast. These guests are identified in the Gospel's last verses: people from the 'roads', symbolic of all people on the path of life and the synodal journey. Everyone, 'bad and good alike', fill the wedding hall. The Eucharist is not a reward for the perfect but sustenance for the weak – for us. As Pope Francis writes, 'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (*The Joy of the Gospel*, n 47).

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

11 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Isa 25:6-10

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.

Ps 22. R. v. 6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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!



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28



Adorers are needed for these

hours:

Sunday: 1pm; 2pm

Monday: 2am; 11am; 1pm, 5pm

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 2pm

contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

October. Month of Rosary.
The Catholic church dedicates the Month of October to the Holy Rosary. Praying the Rosary as a family deepens our faith, strengthen family bonds and intercede for peace in the world. "The family that prays together, stays together" May your family's prayers bring peace, love and unity to our world.

Parish Renewal Program. Biblical Walk through the Mass. Last session for the year is on Sunday, 18 October, 3pm-5pm.

Topics are:
-The Liturgy of the Eucharist:
-Preparation of Gifts & Eucharistic Prayer
-Communion Rite & the Concluding Rite

**Next Week: 18 October 2026
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary
Time - A**

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Roco & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stojnik, Joseph Cini, Paul Azzopardi, John Victor Burton, Jordan Vella, John Gauci, Dominador Tagala Sr, Laurance Maria & Philip Bittigieg, Peter Chanel Son, serina, Bernabe cabatas, Joe Vella, Sam Mazzarella, Anthony, Anna, Souls of the deceased relatives of Tuvan Phani, Consolacion Samson, Joey Debrincat, Eugene, Sheela, Anthony & Heather, Sibil Perera, Angelo Debrincat, Vincent Paul Onuoha, John Xerri, Roseann Agius, Dimecu Kelina, Anthony, Anna, Mary Borg, Peta O'Sullivan, Nicolas Caruana, Mary Camilleri, Andrew Nguyen Van Be, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Carmen Spiteri, Tim

SPECIAL INTENTION: Aquilina family, Peter & Mary, Tuyen Phan, Estee Laundry Uy Herber, Michael Falsinger & family, Kevin & Jeremy Lawang, Emil Milan and friends

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Agatha Saliba, Maria & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci & McKenzie family, Filipina Rouris, Mary Lacustaves, Ernesto Junior Lacustaves, Audrey Gambian, Maribeth Apas, Maryanne Cachia, Edgardo, Glydel & Janelle Lawang, Ramon Milan Sr

THANKSGIVING: Rosanna Burton, Joel Eldho, Tessie Attard, Ava Dangan, Mark Daniel dela Cruz, Isalah Jacen Soriano, Anujan, Roseann McGregor, Irma Lavides, Nobin Joe Joel, Esther, Diya Eldho

THIS WEEK: 11 October 2026 - Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Carina F Grace S L Aaron A	Richelle C Susan C James J	Mario N Dulce T Rukmal M	Roger S J Rency C Anna C	Vernon A Diana T Maria Sulfaro	Annikka D Zaylee D Cyril V
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	George E Antonietta C Della J Ernesto Co	Kurt C Stefan P	Loirenz N Wynna D Roland D Ronald D	Cathryn D Mariou S J Don C Eva O	Emman C Kirk D G R Jacqueline R Tonlette S	Jesile M George E Joe C Michael D
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Arliele Mary Ann	Jherzielle
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	Holy Redeemer	MWF with LHM Sisters	Greg Gustilo and Friends	CFCA

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grace S L Nick S L Roland D Alister R	Jesile M Aaron A	Shirley T Thi Pham Teo C Virgie G	Joe M Maria Mizzi Julie Ann M Floian M	Tami M Gloria T Oliver T Vernon A	Joe C Ric M Michel D
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Come and Join. SPC Bible Study
SPC Evangelisation Team would like to invite you to an online Bible study. Every Wednesday, 7:30pm
Contact Hilda 0450 006 316

SPC Sunday School every Sunday 11am-12pm, Marian House.
Contact: Sr Catherine, LIHM 0425157651

SPC "ANIMO" Youth Meeting every Tuesday, 6:30pm, SPC Hall.
Contact: Sr Pierre, LIHM 0415306389

Work With Children Check. Attention all new volunteers (over 18 years old) to please apply for WWCC immediately. And for those whose WWCC have expired, please renew your WWCC. Thank you.

Parish Carpark . A friendly reminder to all Parishioners. Kindly park your car outside if you are staying after the 8:30am mass. School gates will be closed at 9:30 AM. Thank you

Mass Intention Envelopes. Please use Mass Intention envelopes for Mass intentions only. Please do not use them for drawing, colouring or scribbling. Thank you for treating them with care and respect.

A VOCATION VIEW

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.