

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A (Mt 22: 1-14)

10th & 11th of October 2026

Dear friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a massive wedding feast. The King invites everyone—first the VIPs, who choose to ignore him, and then every people from the streets, both good and bad alike. The hall is filled, but then something strange happens. The King notices a guest not wearing a wedding garment. In the ancient world, kings provided beautiful robes for their guests. To refuse to wear it was a sign of disrespect. The King spots a man without a wedding garment and throws him out.

At first, this seems harsh. Why did the clothing matter so much?

Think about a young man named Tom. Tom was invited to his best friend's formal wedding. He was thrilled to go, but on the day of the event, he couldn't be bothered to shower or change. He showed up in the exact clothes he wore to mow the lawn—covered in grass stains and smelling like sweat.

When Tom walked into the beautiful reception hall, everyone stared. It wasn't that Tom wasn't welcome; it was that his appearance showed complete disrespect for his friend's special day. He wanted the free food and the party, but he didn't care enough about the groom to honour the occasion.

God's invitation to us is completely free, but our response cannot be lazy. The "wedding garment" in this parable represents our change of heart—the white robe of grace given

to us at Baptism. To wear this garment means to live out our faith through love, kindness, repentance, and prayer.

We cannot say "yes" to God's invitation on Sunday and then live with hatred, selfishness, or complete indifference during the week. God accepts us exactly as we are when we walk through the door, but He loves us too much to leave us that way. He calls many, but we must choose to be transformed.

Let us check our hearts today. Are we wearing the garment of God's love, or are we just going through the motions?

Let us pray

Lord Jesus, Thank You for inviting me to Your heavenly banquet. Forgive me for the times I have been indifferent to Your love. Clothe my heart today with the garments of grace, humility, and love, so that I may live a life worthy of Your call. Amen.