



SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2026 **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A** **Reflection on the Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14)**

The increasing wealth of the few and the growing divide between rich and poor, particularly in the developing world, are challenging us all to consider our attitudes to the planet's resources and to the economic system that maintains that imbalance. The economic divide is highlighted by the vulnerability of those rendered poor or even homeless in our world.

Today's Gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to ensure that all God's creatures might share in the fruits of the earth. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all.

Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. Its focus is on the human community. Privileged humans are the first to be invited: the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally. Rather, it invites the reader to critique interpretations that see the king's behaviour as a reflection of how God deals with God's creation.

So, what might this story be telling us? If we look again at the despotic aspects of the king's character, we might find there a reflection of our own capacity to look after ourselves at the expense of the vulnerable people in our world and of the other-than-human.

We might find an image of our nation's long-term redirecting of the foreign aid budget towards keeping migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees from settling in our land. On the other hand, if we put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet.

If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a "right" disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company and the riches to be shared, we might be drawn to handle Earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good of all the inhabitants of our planet. Our Gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will be realised only when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who died recently
and for all whose anniversaries
occur at this time.
May they rest in peace.



SYNODALITY AND HOPE

A synodal Church believes that renewal is possible, even in difficult times. Hope is not naïve optimism—it is trust in God's faithfulness.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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. (R.) 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 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. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 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: Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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
fatted 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.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven, *(All bow)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who
seek the Lord lack no blessing.

KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE 2026

Synodality; Global and Local

By Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD, Archbishop
of Adelaide, in conversation with Bishop Martin
Ashe and Ms Cathy Jenkins at **Knox Room, Catholic
Theological College**, 278 Victoria Parade East
Melbourne on **Thursday 22 October 2026: 7.00pm**
RSVP by Thursday 15 October. +613 9412 3333
ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/knox-public-lecture/

PALMS INFORMATION SESSION

Monday 19 October 2026: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Palms is holding a special online webinar for
parishioners to discern assisting our global family
through mission. This session highlights especially
those volunteers who have taken up the mission during
"retirement" or later in life. While all ages are called,
we often find those with long experience are best
placed to impart their skills in the field. Meet past
volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their
adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste.

palms@palms.org.au

02 9560 5333. See palms.org.au/events to register

HELDER CAMARA LECTURE

Join us for an evening with Kim Daniels as she speaks
on the topic "**AI, Pope Leo and the future of human
dignity**" 5.00pm – 6.30pm **Thursday 15 October 2026**,
at Newman College 887 Swanston St Parkville. A lawyer
by training, Ms Daniels served for 10 years as a member
of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication until 2026,
and during the Synod on Synodality from 2021-2024
was an expert participant and coordinator of the study
group that focused on the Church's mission in the
digital age. **Registrations are essential.**

HOSPITALITY

All parishioners are invited to stay awhile after the
5pm and 9.30am Masses next weekend.
Stay to enjoy a Cuppa, catch up with friends,
get to know and welcome more parishioners,
offer to help serve tea/coffee, clear up.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH ONLINE SERIES

**Session 7: John 2:1-12. The Wedding of Cana:
Jesus' Identity and a Mother's Insight.**

Presented by Br. Dr. Paul Creevey FMS

Thursday 22 October 2026, 7.00pm–8.30pm

After Jesus chose his first disciples, he and they
were invited to a wedding in Cana in Galilee. John
the Evangelist now presents the reader with the
'first' of Jesus' seven signs: the turning of water
into wine following his mother's intervention. This
session explores this first sign in its context and
offers insights into the role of Mary in John's
Gospel.

Session 8: Eucharist and Work:

Fruit of the Earth, Work of our Hands

Monday 26 October 2026, 7.00pm–8.30pm

Presented by Very Rev. Dr. Kevin Lenehan

In the wake of Leo XIII's social teaching, the 1917
essay *Eucharistie und Arbeit* (Eucharist and Work)
by the Polish–German Jesuit philosopher and
theologian, Erich Przywara, reflects on the
dynamic relation between the 'work' of the Mass
and the work of human labour in the Christian life.
When engaged with a eucharistic attitude, human
labour can be a pathway to holiness and a means
for the transformation of the world in Christ. The
recent teaching of Leo XIV reflects on new
challenges confronting human work in the age of
artificial intelligence. What can we learn from the
Eucharist to safeguard the dignity of 'the work of
human hands'?

**Registrations (essential) close at 5pm
two business days before each session.**

Cost: \$25 per session.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER AT 7PM

In this session, participants meet course advisors
and learn about study options including a wide
range online and face-to-face. Register via Google
Forms. Registration essential.

2026 MASS FOR ALL NATIONS

**Sunday 18 October 2026 2.00pm – 4.00pm
at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.**

The theme for the annual Mass for all nations is,
Migrant Communities in a Synodal Church. This
year's celebrations include a Marian procession and
Rosary led by different language groups at 2pm and
Mass at 3pm to be celebrated by Archbishop Peter
A Comensoli.

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LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

St Augustine's....6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi.....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation.....8.00 am

St Augustine's....9.30 am

Corpus Christi..11.00 am

St Augustine's..11.30 am

(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's...4.15pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

November 6-8th, 2026 at St Paul's

Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Information: 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au

ST. JAMES HOPPERS CROSSING NORTH

Annual Parish Fete 10-4pm Saturday

17/10/26 on the church grounds. Hot

food, rides, entertainment, stalls and

bargains. A great day for the family.

All welcome.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Ordinations 10.00am – 1.00pm

Saturday 14th November 2026

Deacons **Dominic Lawes** and **Rhys**

Lowther will be ordained to the

priesthood. This Mass will be broadcast

live on YouTube channel and Community

Channel C31 (channel 44 on TV)

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

- **Wednesday 14 October** -
St. Callistus 1, Pope
- **Thursday 15 October**
St. Teresa of Jesus
- **Friday 16 October** –
St. Hedwig
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
- **Saturday 17 October**
St. Ignatius of Antioch

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to parishioners at Annunciation, Corpus Christi and St. Augustine's for your regular donation of food items placed in the churches each week.

In addition to **non-perishable food**, (cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, spaghetti, tins of tuna, tinned fruit, rice, jam, biscuits), items such as **shampoo, soap, deodorant, washing powder/liquid, toothpaste and brushes** are also needed.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK

10th & 11th October 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Greg Buhagiar

9.30am Pat McLaughlin

Sam Polzella

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Mary Vella

9.30am..... Phillip Marques

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Hong Nguyen

COUNTING: Val Taylor

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

17th & 18th October 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Kath Baker

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam Polzella

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Joseph De Bono

9.30am..... Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Julianna Barr

COUNTING: Kryss Biront

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.