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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 11 October 2026



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Marriage I

Christ neither established the state of marriage nor provided us with its liturgy. However, Jesus did display a sensitive regard for the joining of husband and wife, spoke several times about that union and elevated this natural relationship to the divine level of a sacrament. His very words as he repudiated divorce recalled the original Genesis ideal of two becoming one and remaining faithful forever. The Catholic belief is that Christ finally lifted the natural union of spouses to the status of a supernatural sacrament. Nevertheless, it took the church many centuries to articulate a somewhat complete understanding of marriage's sacramental nature and an equally long or longer period to develop a standard rite of marriage. (*New Dictionary of Sacrament Worship* pp796ff)

The Rituals were revised in the 1960's. The renewed format follows a set pattern but allows many variants for the rite of Marriage to be celebrated taking account of the couple and their circumstances.

Looking at the Readings

The first reading, responsorial psalm and Gospel all mention a banquet. The earthly banquet and the parable point to a heavenly banquet which the Lord has provided (Ps22). The Gospel parable has atypically allegorical features; each part of the parable alludes to persons or events in life and to the invitation to eternal life. It resembles the parable that preceded it.

The king is God; the wedding feast is the happiness of the messianic age and the king's son the Messiah; those sent with invitations are the prophets and the apostles; the invited who ignore them or do them violence were the first chosen people; those called in from the streets are the sinners and the pagans; the burning of the city is the destruction of Jerusalem. At verse 11 the scene changes to that of the Last Judgement. Matthew, it seems, has combined two parables: one akin to Luke 14:16-24 and another whose concluding verses are found in verses 11ff; these verses explain that the man who accepted the invitation should have been dressed for the occasion and in those times the wedding garment was supplied by the host. In other words, God's grace is a gift to be accepted and a person's good works must go with faith.

Grace before a Wedding Banquet

O God, Creator of our beautiful world, the Lord of life and love,
we give you thanks for all your goodness:

~ for the abundance of food this evening

~ the abundance of family and friends,

~ the abundance of laughter and love.

We pray that this meal might be a time to nourish our bodies and our relationships.

We pray for this bride and groom that the love they share would flourish and grow. May they continue in your joy and strength. May all who participate in this celebration, carry your joy and love with them. For you, O Lord are the Source and Goal of all being. Amen.

Quote of the Week

It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one, than to have an opportunity and not be prepared. *Whitney M. Young*

On the Lighter Side

October 15, 1066 (960 years) Battle of Hastings. William the Conqueror forces defeated the English army

October 3, 1226 (800 Years): St Francis of Assisi died

October 15, 1582: (444 years) Gregorian Calendar introduced

October 14, 1926 (100 Years): A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh

October 4, 1957 (69 Years): Sputnik 1, first satellite launched

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Kaye Hodgson, Michael Ianacone, Barbara Cameron, Shane Boyd, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Noreen Gallardo, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased: Christine McLaughlin

Anniversaries:

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Sunday 18 October 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – A Ryan

Sunday 25 October 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – M Di Petta

Sunday 1 November 8.30am

Commentator – L Sorbello

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – A Brunt

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 980.05

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Grace Maree Shepherd into our faith community. Grace will be baptised in St Augustine's church. Please keep Grace and her parents Cameron Shepherd and Rylie Jade Ivill and her godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

NATIONAL CARERS' WEEK 2026

From Sunday, 11 October to Saturday, 17 October, the national theme will be "Care for a Carer". Focusing on making carers visible and supporting the more than three million Australians who provide unpaid care, and support family members and friends who have a disability, mental health condition, chronic condition, terminal illness, and alcohol or other drug issue, or who are frail aged. According to National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR), figures from 2021 Census showed there were 11,268 Catholics providing unpaid care in our Diocese. Carers need to be supported – their own health, mental health and wellbeing can be seriously affected. Contact <https://www.carergateway.gov.au/> or Carers Victoria to develop carer skills or access support services.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

Priest Retirement Foundation appeal for retired Priests of Sandhurst. We have 15 retired Priests. Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese. A special collection will be taken on the weekend of **10th /11th of October** and is the major fundraiser of the year. Your Donations (tax-deductible) are essential. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication, and to pray for our priests, active and retired. All donations are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts for donations, please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 10th October – No Mass

Sun 11th October - 8.30am Mass – Fr M Grace

Weekly Masses

Tue 13th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 15th October - 11.30am Whole College Mass
Grandparents & special friends – Brigidine Centre

Sun 18th October - 8.30am Mass – Fr M Grace

Weekly Masses

Tue 20th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 22nd October - No Mass

Sat 24th October – No Mass

Sun 25th October - 8.30am Mass – Fr M Morley

Weekly Masses

Tue 27th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 29th October – 9.15am Year 9-11 Community Liturgy

Sun 1st November - 8.30am Mass

FATHER AWAY

Father will be taking leave throughout October. During this time, there will be **no Saturday Masses**. We wish Father all the very best for his travels and pray for his safe journey.

TOWN OF KYABRAM 150 YEAR CELEBRATION

You are warmly invited to attend an ecumenical prayer service hosted by the Minister's Fellowship to celebrate 150 years of the Town of Kyabram on Sunday 25th October 5pm at Uniting Church. This will be followed by a free BBQ tea. Please byo drinks, chairs and picnic rugs. There will also be a historical Churches display in the Uniting Church Hall on Saturday 24th October 11am-3pm and on Sunday 25th 11am-6pm. All welcome. Come along, celebrate our community's history, and share in this special occasion together.

CALENDARS AND GOD'S WORD

2027 **Columban** calendars are now available for \$10 each. And **God's Word 2027** daily reflections books for \$25 at the Piety Store.

ST AUGUSTINE'S GRANDPARENTS MASS will be held in the Brigidine Centre on Thursday 15th of October at 11.30am. All welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is on Sunday 18th October. Envelopes will be available to make donations. There will also be a leaving collection. Thank you for your generous support.

DEANERY FORUM- ROUND 3

You are invited to join Bishop René for Deanery Forum 3 as it explores the work of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council through the lens of draft Diocesan Provisional Statutes for each. This is especially important for Priests, and PPC/PFC members. Parish staff, ministry coordinators and engaged parishioners will also find this focus very relevant. 10am-3pm. 20 October - Goulburn Valley Deanery - MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution), Kialla.

After you register using details below, you will receive the Forum papers via email.

Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNH>



MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Tuesday - Men's Group 6pm - Presbytery
- 1st Thursday - Anointing Mass 10am
- 1st Saturday - Monthly working bee 9.30am (church cleaning)
- 2nd Wednesday - Ladies Cuppa and Chat 2pm - Fauna Park Cafe
- 2nd Saturday - Adoration 5pm
- 3rd Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 5.30pm - Presbytery

Please note these dates and times are subject to change, please check bulletin for updates, times and venues.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annete Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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"Do not let a day pass without doing some good in it." – St. Philip Neri

Breaking Open the Word

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, 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, mistreated 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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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.**

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!