

GOSPEL

Mt 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 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



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 OCTOBER 2023

CALLED TO HOPE

The readings for today are both comforting and unsettling. Isaiah's vision of the whole human family gathered in peace on the mountain of the Lord is one that all people of goodwill hope will one day come to pass. The Gospel, on the other hand, introduces a discordant and unsettling note as Jesus continues to confront his opponents with the disturbing parable of the wedding feast. It seems hardly fair that a poor man dragged off the street to make up the numbers at a wedding feast should then be cast out because he was improperly dressed. If Matthew is compared with Luke 14:15-24 it quickly becomes apparent that Matthew has combined two parables of Jesus regarding weddings. One spoke of guests who were invited but refused, the other spoke of someone who came to a wedding improperly dressed. Since Matthew's community comprised both Jewish and Gentile Christians it seems his aim was to make sure both groups avoided complacency and taking God's gracious invitation for granted.

As Paul reflects on his experience as an apostle, one thing he learned was that there was no room for complacency. The ministry he had received to preach the gospel was one which entailed many risks, poverty and plenty, acceptance and rejection. In order to preach the gospel, he worked to support himself but was often assisted by communities that he had established. As he nears the conclusion of the letter to the community in Philippi, he thanks them for their generosity and support.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 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.

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!



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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 12noon (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A

15 Oct 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently Deceased: Pamela Mavis Porteous

Death Anniversary: Fr John Haseler, Maureen Hendry, Catherine Ho, Thelma Coe, Bessy Landon

Deceased: Agnes Kim, Jermelyn Go, Selwyn Jackson, Don Raffin, Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Francis Murray, Marie Cummins; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff and Patricia Clarke; Ron & Jan Brayen

Sick: Sheriden Nemecek, Paul Celler, Dave Isaacs, Terence Cahill, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES AND MEMORIALS:

Saint Ignatius of Antioch Oct 17, Saint Luke the Evangelist Oct 18

Nov 1—All Saints Day, Mass Times: 7:30am, 9:30am (St Kevin's School Mass), 6:30pm

Nov 2—All Souls Day, Mass Times: 7:30am and 6:30pm

PARISH NEWS:

• **Our deepest condolences to the family of the late Pamela Porteous**, mother of Most Rev Julian Porteous, Archbishop of Hobart. Mrs Porteous was an active parishioner at St Kevin's during her time in Eastwood. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. We also thank the parish volunteers who were involved in the Requiem Mass last Friday, 13th Oct, and to the FOSK team who helped serve refreshments in the hall.

• **Congratulations to Gwen & Tom Hammond on their 60th Wedding Anniversary!** May God continue to bless you and your family on this momentous occasion!

• **Liturgical Rosters are now available for collection from the table at the back of the church.** Please use your contact list to arrange someone to replace you if you cannot make your rostered time. Thank you.

• **We welcome our RCIA candidates this Vigil Mass for the Rite of Acceptance.** Please include Mandy, Maryam, Richard, Jack and Suki in your prayers as they begin their



commitment to grow their Catholic faith and be part of our parish community.

• **October is the Month of the Holy Rosary:** Parishioners are invited to join the St Kevin's school community to pray the Rosary every Tues at 2:20pm in the church. This would be a wonderful time to learn how to pray the rosary and be guided along. We also have a parish group that prays the Rosary after the weekday morning Masses at 7:30am. All welcome.

• **This Sunday, at the 9:30am Family Mass, we welcome back our First Holy Communion children to celebrate their completion of the program with the parish community.** We also welcome our school and parish families joining us for this Eucharistic celebration. Morning tea and celebration cake will be served after the Mass. Thank you.

• **All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed.** November Mass envelopes are now available. Names of your departed loved ones will be displayed in front of the altar & prayed for, during November Masses.

• **SAVE THE DATE: Parish Christmas Dinner on Sat, 2nd December! Details to follow.**

• **50th FESTIVAL of ST CECILIA at ST KEVINS** - will be celebrated in the church on Nov 26. Extra rehearsals available for extra voices to sing Mozart Coronation Mass. Contact Suzanne Maslen on 9874 2809 if you: a) would like to join a group, b) know a group who would like to be part of the programme, c) would like to suggest an innovation for this year's Festival. More info - facebook.com/kevinwoodeastwood or at www.kevinwoodorchestra.org

ARE YOU KEEN TO EXPLORE MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH, THE SCRIPTURES AND THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH? Join us for the **Didaskō Adult Faith Formation** courses organised by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Parish Renewal Team, together with the University of Notre Dame Australia. **Our parish has registered for these online courses and we encourage parishioners and young adults (18yo and up) to join us in the parish hall for an in-person gathering. Cost: FREE! Coffee, tea & biscuits provided. TO REGISTER, Ph: 9874 2533 or email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au .**

* **2023 THU OCT 5, 12 & 19, 7:30PM-8:45PM: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY**

* 2023 Thu Nov 2, 9 & 16, 7:30pm-8:45pm: The Scriptures

* 2024 Mon Mar 4, 11 & 18, 7:30pm-8:45pm: Foundations of Theology

* 2024 Mon Apr 15, 22 & 29, 7:30pm-8:45pm: Introduction to Christology

* 2024 Thu May 9, 16 & 23, 7:30pm-8:45pm: Moral Theology

If you wish to take the online course privately, the cost (per short course) will be \$35 pp + booking fee. Register at: <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko/> or see poster for more details.


OTHER NEWS:

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES AT CEMETERIES (see posters in the church foyer for details):


• Sat 28th Oct, 10:30am, Field of Mars Cemetery, Quarry Rd, Ryde

• Sat 4th Nov, 11am, Mausoleum of the Holy Way, Macquarie Park Cemetery & Crematorium

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:

 St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

 Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may speak to your Parish Priest who'll be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.