

# The Living Word

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**11 October 2020**

## **First Reading** Is 25:6-10

*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.

## **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

*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

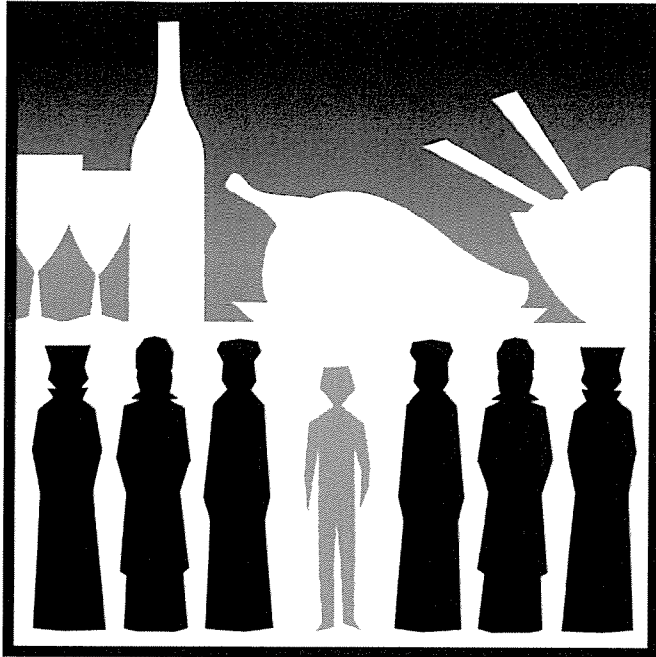
I know how to be poor and I know how to  
be rich too. I have been through my initiation  
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:  
full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or  
plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with  
the help of the One who gives me strength.  
All the same, it was good of 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.

## **Gospel Acclamation** See 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!**



## Gospel Mt 22:1-14

*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 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.'

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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### WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**\*\* ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING \*\***

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



**Recently Deceased:** Arnold 'Arnie' Bench and Hugh Tighe.

### Anniversaries 11<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> October:

Adrian Hurley, Nancy Kennedy, David Guthrie, Fr John Nagle, Romeo Busuttil, Jack Brown, Rod Salter and Nanette Tighe.

### Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Nolty, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Pat Robinson, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter & Maris Williams.

### COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember that face coverings or masks must be worn when out in public. This applies throughout the whole of Victoria.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:  
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:  
<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

### **\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

Our Parish Pastoral Council met this week and agreed that we will move forward to restart public Masses. Current restrictions allow a maximum of 10 people outdoors. All other guidelines remain in place; including wearing masks, sanitising hands, contact tracing and so on. It is very challenging as we try to balance the physical safety of you all with your spiritual needs.

This is our roadmap to celebrating outdoor public Masses:

- **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Our Lady Star of the Sea:** we are celebrating 9am Mass at Ocean Grove. This Mass is fully booked.
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Holy Family:** we hope to restart 6pm Vigil Mass at Barwon Heads. To book for this Mass, please contact Sue Casey on 0418 290 703.
- **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, Holy Trinity:** we hope to restart 11am Mass at Queenscliff.

We will send an additional email alert next week with details of who to contact for bookings.

You will understand that Outdoor Masses are weather dependent and could be cancelled at short notice.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or if you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

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PARISH STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ONLINE (via YouTube):

- Website link: [www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/)
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- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
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- [www.youtube.com/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/archmelb)
- [www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

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**UPDATE on maintenance works at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove:** as we flagged some weeks ago, we are having major maintenance works done on the external wooden arches that support the structure of the Church. We thank the gardening team and all involved in preparations so far. We have been waiting for the warmer weather for the wood to dry out before it is resealed. We are also taking the opportunity to do maintenance in the Sacristy with a stainless steel sink and new vinyl floor covering. We are doing this with the aim of creating the highest possible level of hygiene in this work area.

**Catholic Mission: World Mission Sunday – 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Next weekend, we have World Mission Sunday annual appeal. During these COVID-19 days, we need to also remember that people from developing countries are doing it extra tough. Please donate and support if you are able.

- **Cheques:** addressed Catholic Mission and forwarded to PO Box 194, East Melbourne VIC 8002. Please write Reference: Melb/392517 on the back of the cheque.
- **Online:** <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=wmm20-cambodia-appeal>
- **EFT or over the (bank) counter details:**  
**Account Name:** Catholic Mission Donation Account.  
**BSB:** 062-784. **Account Number:** 007156500.  
**Reference:** Melb/392517. Please ensure you use the reference number when processing the transaction.
- You are welcome to drop off your donation (marked Catholic Mission) to the Parish office during operating hours.

If you require a receipt, please call Catholic Mission on 9412 8412 or email [catholicmission@cam.org.au](mailto:catholicmission@cam.org.au).

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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – St Callistus (Memorial)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – St Teresa of Aliva (Memorial)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Sts Hedwig and Margaret Mary Alacoque (Memorial)

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October – St Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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*Thought for the Week:*

We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us.

- Marcel Proust

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