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

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 Kin-dom. Jesus describes the Kin-dom 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

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!

11 Oct 2026
28th Sunday Yr A

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKDAY MASSES **Mon:** 9am **Tues:** 9am **Wed:** 12pm **Thurs:** 9am (St Teresa of Jesus) **Fri:** 12pm

CONFESSIONS
*** Sat: 4.30-5.00pm**
Before weekly Mass
*** By appointment**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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

MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON ALL THOSE ASKED TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Maloney .

ANNIVERSARIES: Warren Doherty (6/10) , Bill Teo (29/10).

DECEASED: **We pray for our loved ones now in God's care**: Fr Bernard Frize, Nev Michell, Fr Michael Mullane, William Smith, Jeanette Whale, Jean Wellwood, Julie Michell, Pat Jones, Paul Karam.

SICK: John Bamford, Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Lisa Bond, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Brian Rodway, Yvonne Tarrant, Barry McNamara, Bill Dennis, Carmel Koppman, Eileen Hudson, Julie Moran, Ruby New, Elizabeth Coroneos, Elizabeth William, Michael Jones, Veronica Frost, Mary Gallaher, Beryl Flood, Enid Wright, Doalis Fester, Michelle Asbury, Jacinta Bentley, Maureen Harrison, Joel Porter, Rose Pace and retired Diocesan Clergy.

COMING EVENTS:

11 Oct: Parish Morning Tea
- **After 9am Mass, all welcome!**
16 Oct: Rosary Procession Nazareth Care 7.30pm.
18 Oct: Mission Sunday





Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember, also, the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet, in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in Heaven. Amen

Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners, Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to Thee.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRCKS.

PARISH SAFETY: Please always have your safety and the safety or others in mind in our Church. Particularly our youngest and our elderly as they are more vulnerable to accidental injury. 'Watch and supervise' our children and 'watch out' for our elderly.

ROSARY PROCESSION: Everyone is invited to a Eucharistic Rosary Procession on Fri 16th Oct commencing at 7.30pm in the chapel at Nazareth Care. Please bring a plate to share for supper. Catholic goods available to buy from the Frassati Society (cash & bank transfer only).

MISSION SUNDAY: This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children. Please come prepared if you wish to donate this year. For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice. ut there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

HELP NEEDED: We are needing more readers for the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses. If you can assist at all please see father, the sacristans or contact the office. We are forever grateful to those who already give of their time and commitment to make our Mass celebrations as fulfilling as they can be and we thank you.

CENTACARE CHRISTMAS HAMPER'S: Centacare NENW is collecting non-perishable food items to create Christmas hampers for local families who are experiencing hardship and whom Centacare NENW staff encounter through their work each week. We will have a basket at the back of the Church each weekend from 1 November to 29 November to collect donations. Centacare NENW staff will collect the donations, make up the hampers and distribute them during Advent.

ORDINATIONOF REV DEACON ALLEM JAMES DALISAY ALBA: Deacon Allem has kindly shared his invitation to his Ordination, First Mass, and Thanksgiving Mass, taking place on the 12th, 13th and 15th of December at Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral Armidale, St Nicholas Church and Mary Help of Christians Church Tamworth respectively. A copy will be placed on the Noticeboard. RSVP for either event is required by 23 November 26.

COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082-105 (For electronic bank transfer) [Pious Goods pay to Church Acc)
West Tamworth Presbytery: (To Armidale Diocese - **1st Coll'n**) BSB: 082 105 Acct. 001023642
West Tamworth Catholic Church: (To St Patricks - **2nd Coll'n)** BSB: 082 105 Acct. 0010411

DONATION ENVELOPES: Some envelopes are available at the back of the Church should you wish to utilise them for your donations to St Patricks (Church Account).

ROSTER: 11/10/2026	**** PARISH MORNING TEA*****		
Vigil:	R: C Ledwos, D Bolitho	Gifts:	K. O'Brien, M. Asbury
9am Sun:	R: M Holley, R. Paull	Gifts:	B. Schipp, C. Grima
5.00pm Sun:	R: Volunteer please	Gifts:	-
Counting Team:	P. Shiels, S. Brown	Altar Linen:	H. Reid
Fri Cleaning	No cleaning this week	Morning Tea	K. O'Brien
ROSTER: 18/10/2026			
Vigil:	**R: Volunteer** P. Bamford	Gifts:	A & C Lyons
9am Sun:	**R:** M. Attard, M Donaldson	Gifts:	G & U McKay
5.00pm Sun:	**R:** Volunteer	Gifts:	
Counting Team:	M.Vella, A. Bowden	Altar Linen:	J. Hutt
Fri Cleaning	S. Brown & M. Lysaught		