

INTRODUCTION

Good evening/morning and welcome to St Joseph's Church on the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. As always we extend a special welcome to all visitors to our church today, *(10.30am Mass only) especially those delegates attending the Augustinian Laity Congress.*

We deeply respect this land and its traditional custodians, the Wurundjeri and Bunurung people of the Kulin Nation and we re-commit ourselves to the ongoing safeguarding of the young and vulnerable in our community.

(Vigil Sat 6pm) This evening we welcome participants at the Augustinian Laity Congress who have joined us for this Mass. May their congress and discussions encourage them and deepen all our commitment inspired by the spirituality of St Augustine.

(10.30 Mass) The Gospel reading today invites us to the wedding banquet of our Lord. Will the way we live with one another in the coming week reflect the fact that we have welcomed God into our lives?

Our celebrant today is *(Vigil – Fr David Austin)*

Please stand for our entrance hymn:

No..... Title.....

FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

In the first reading the prophet Isaiah speaks of a future Messianic banquet, which the Lord will prepare for all the nations.

(Commentator pause after the reading is finished)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

On the Bulletin if not sung

(Commentator pause after the psalm is finished)

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12–14, 19-20

In this reading, Paul shows gratitude to the Philippians who have supported him during his financial hardships. Paul's hardships have taught him to trust in God always and have faith that things will get better.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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CELEBRANT: Confident in God's providential care, let us bring to him the needs of the Church and the world, and our own needs:

1. For the Church – that we develop and express deep gratitude for all that has life, and work to protect it when it is threatened or vulnerable.
Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For all who suffer because of war – that the elderly, the disabled, women, children, refugees, and all innocent victims of violence may be protected and comforted. May God move hearts to value every human life and work tirelessly for reconciliation and peace.
Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For all religious leaders, and for leaders of government throughout the world, that, always, they humbly seek ways of righteousness, justice and mercy, considering the needs of all the people in their care:
Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For the participants in the Augustinian Laity Congress being held in our parish this weekend, may they feel welcome, and be inspired by the spirituality of St Augustine.
Let us pray to the Lord.
5. For the sick in the Alfred Hospital, in aged care facilities and for the housebound, for those whose names are on our prayer list, that they may experience the healing care of God:
Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those who have died recently: _____, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: _____. May they be raised to new life in the risen Christ:
Let us pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Almighty Father, as many in our world walk through a valley of darkness because of war, violence, poverty and hunger, give them hope and let your goodness and kindness be with them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen