

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

11 OCTOBER 2026

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

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!



28th Sunday of the Year 11th October 2026
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the **AUGUSTINIANS**

- Fr Luca Park OSA (Parish Priest)
- Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- Fr Brian Buckley OSA (Prior)
- Fr Barry Clifford OSA (Retired)

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and the vulnerable is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ► Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ► Sarah Thyssen (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Thurs)
- Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month.
 (except school holidays and long weekends)
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

ANOIDING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 11th October 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 10th October	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 11th October 28th Sunday of the Year	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 12th October Bl Maria Terese Fasce		
Tuesday 13th October Deceased Benefactors of OSA	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 14th October Bl Gonzalo of Lagos	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 15th October St Teresa of Jesus	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 16th October 28 th Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	NO Mass
Saturday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	

The **Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod** will comprise approximately 180 members. Approximately 60 members will comprise priests (in addition to those who attend ex-officio), representatives of ministries and pastoral bodies, and members freely nominated by the Archbishop. In addition, 60 lay members, comprising 15 representatives from each region of the Archdiocese, will be selected through a nomination process to participate in the synod.



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Meditation:** Fridays 10.45am
- **Save the Date:** Parish BBQ Sun 22 Nov
- **Parish Council Meeting:** Wed 14 Oct 7pm
- **RCIA:** Thursdays 7pm

Pope Leo – On Artificial Intelligence



"At the heart of everything is the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. The

flesh of the Son, poor and vulnerable, evokes the flesh of so many brothers and sisters stripped of their dignity and reduced to silence. Through the Lord's closeness, the gift of peace enters into the world in a paradoxical way. It does so through the power to become children of God and is awakened when we allow ourselves to be moved by the tears of the little ones, the fragility of the elderly, the silence of victims and the struggle of those who fight against the evil they do not wish to commit. In this wounded yet beloved flesh, the Father shows us the true humanity of a life fulfilled through openness and communion, which leads us to desire that his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (*Magnifica Humanitas*. #231)

NO MASS AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS ON FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

There will be no mass at St Thomas Aquinas on Friday this week. Mass as usual at St Joseph's 10am. Sorry for the inconvenience.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek, Maurice White

AUGUSTINIAN NATIONAL LAY CONGRESS 9-11 Oct.

Welcome to Augustinian priests Frs. Tony Banks, Abel van der Veer, Michael Sullivan, Paul Maloney, Dave Austin, Saldie Resolado, Francis Belcina & lay participants from interstate who will be visiting for the congress this weekend and celebrating the 6pm Mass at St Joseph's church. Thank you to Judith, Mary and all who have contributed to the success of the congress.

MASS COLLECTION 4/10/2026

Clergy (Augustinian Community)
 1st Collection, CDF & bank deposits... \$ 924.90
Church (Parish Ministries)
 2nd Collection \$ 567.25
 Envelopes..... \$ 981.00
 Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$ 930.00
 Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 685.00
Thank you for your generosity

BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN



If you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or if you have questions about taking the next step, the

Parish of South Yarra is here to accompany you. Please contact the Parish office for more details. 98269677

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Are available for purchase from the parish office. \$10 each. Be sure to receive your copy by contacting us.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased



Anniversaries

- ✱ Patricia Breen ✱ John Meagher
- ✱ Joan Heyhoe ✱ Peter Wong
- ✱ Raymonde Wroblewski
- ✱ Dawn Lucas ✱ Marlene Martin
- ✱ Ross Brownbill ✱ Martin Gormley