



### 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 Fr Michael Tate

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

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*St Patrick's, Mackay  
St Francis Xavier, West Mackay  
St Mary's, South Mackay,  
St Michael's, Sarina  
Dying Peacefully—No Euthanasia Sunday*

**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 enveloping 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!*

### Parish Contact Details

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**Assisting Priest:** Fr Pat Mooney

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#### WEEKDAY MASS:

**\*\*Please note - Listed below are the only Masses for next week as all Priests are gathering in Rockhampton.**

**Friday 16th Oct:** 12.10pm St Patrick's

**Sat 17th Oct:** 7.00am St Patrick's

#### DEVOTIONS:

**Tues 13th Oct:**

7.00pm Novena St Patrick's (Lay led)

**Fri 16th Oct:** 11.00am Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by the Angelus at Noon - St Patrick's (Lay led)

#### SUNDAY MASS:

**Sat 17th & 18th Oct: MISSION SUNDAY**

*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A*

**Saturday 17th Oct:**

6.00pm St Mary's, South Mackay

6.00pm St Francis Xavier, West Mackay

**Sunday 18th Oct:**

7.00am St Patrick's, Mackay

9.00am St Francis Xavier, West Mackay

9.00am St Michael's, Sarina

11.00am St Patrick's, Mackay

6.00pm St Patrick's, Mackay

(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

by appointment only. Please phone Cluster Office during office hours on 4957 4807.

#### Please register for Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass

**Online:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BKAC>. If you require assistance to book online, you may like to ask a friend or family member to assist you.

Online bookings commence **7.00pm Sun 10th Oct** for Masses on the **17th & 18th Oct**.

Bookings for these Masses will close midday **Fri 16th Oct**.

**Phone:** If you are not online, you can call the numbers listed below.

**Please note, this service is only for those who are not online.**

**For St Patrick's, St Francis Xavier, St Mary's and St Michael's**

0460 423 603 or 4957 4807 from 9.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday

#### Dispensation of Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligations:

Bishop Michael's official decree dispensing us from this obligation remains until further notice

**Being a COVID Safe Parish:** ☹️ Keep social distancing of 1-5 metres ☹️ Cough into sleeve  
☹️ Sanitise hands on entering and exiting the church ☹️ Stay home if unwell ☹️ Register on entering with the marshals at the door. *Thank you for your understanding and cooperation*

**Safeguarding:** The Rockhampton Diocese is committed to healing for victims by providing a sensitive and compassionate response to complaints.

**Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: pss@rok.catholic.net.au**



**Zahra Ronnie Scott**

will be Baptised at St Patrick's Church this weekend

Please pray for **Zahra and her Family**

as we welcome them into our Faith Community.

**Cherish Life Qld – Mackay Branch. Meeting Monday 12 October at 7:00pm**

**St Joseph's Parish Centre, Nth Mackay.**

**Chrism Mass 2020** - Will be held on Monday 12 October at 12pm at St Joseph's Cathedral. Due to COVID-19 restrictions numbers will be limited. If you would like to join the celebration you can register via the St Joseph's Cathedral website – [www.cposj.com/services](http://www.cposj.com/services) or contact the Cathedral Parish Office. The event will also be livestreamed on the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

**Australian Church Women World Community Day** together with Fellowship of the Least Coin Service, will be celebrated at **St. Joseph's Church, North Mackay** on **Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> commencing at 10am.**

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, please RSVP to either of following:-

Doris McSherry – 49 5762243 or Anne Jennings - 0411143185

#### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Catholic Mission – World Mission Appeal 2020

Envelopes will be available.

As of the 16th October **St Francis Xavier Parish Office** will be open each Friday from 8.30am to 9.30am

#### **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**



#### **THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Fred Maes, Gerry Breen, Glen & Dianne Stevens, Mark Stevenson, Grace Mifsud, Debbie Jones, Cathy Stevenson Knezvic, Melissa Smith, John Camilleri, Pat Holdsworth, Maureen Cash, John Bugeja jnr, Ty Smith, Jim Scriha, Natalie Valmadre, Dorothy Robinson, Debbie Hagger, Mary Walsh, Gavin Carter. *(permission of people needed for names to be printed)*

#### **THE FAITHFUL RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Lina Brotto (H'Hill), Kathleen Doyle, Boydy Vella, Chris Vella, Tim Mulherin, Pat Fraser, Ma Belen Labado, Domiciano Nazareno, Pat Clegg, Shirley Westcott, Rita Ann Davis (Venton, Gosford), Sr Mary Andrina Ryan RSM (R'ton), Sr Grace Caruana, Noel Connor (R'ton) Ken Cherry, Giuseppe (Joe) D'Anna, Mary Deguara, George Borg, John Taylor, Gerard Falzon

#### **ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

Pat Connor 9/10, Shelly Rutland 9/10, Margaret Annie Smith 1/10, Renilda Pereira (Brazil) 1/10, Margaret Boyd 1/10, Thomas Williams 30/9

#### **WE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED**

Jean Smith, Joseph Grech, Angelo Sorbello, Len & Myrtle Butterworth, Alfred & Hellen Miller, Giuseppe & Maria Sorbello, Jim Vella, Margaret Hackett, Michael Hackett, Gerard Hill, Brian Hill, Ben Faa, Ted Butterworth, Casey Zarb, Bill & Carmel Daley, Mick Mifsud, Joseph Mifsud, Vince Guinea, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina, Frank Camilleri, Jack & Mary Camilleri, Pat Phelan. **Deceased members of the Sorbello, Quinn, Noonan, Jao and Nayler Families**

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