



## 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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# WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

*St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults*

**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!**

## St Bridget's Parish Greythorn - Parish Directory:

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### Refugee Action Group:

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### St Vincent De Paul Society

President: Anne Hartley  
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### Parish School:

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**NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by  
appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for  
details.**

**We Remember:** We remember our deceased family and friends; and Kevin Boyd, Mary O'Connor and Christopher Sinclair whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

**Mass Changes:** Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, all public Masses are suspended until further notice. However, Mass online will be broadcast each weekend from one of our affiliated churches of St Bridget, St Bede, St Anne or St Joachim. On-Line Mass is available from 5pm Saturday, and can be accessed from either parish website [www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au](http://www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au) or [www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au](http://www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au) and follow the prompts. The link for this weekend is <https://youtu.be/I4CfyF9KrMY>

**Stay Connected for Prayer and Chat:** Gather with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by connecting via zoom to:

- ❖ Friday night Prayer and Chat - 5pm each Friday via zoom - connection details are sent on Thursday;
- ❖ Meditation Group - 9.30am each Wednesday via zoom - contact Susie Hii on [susiehii.hc@gmail.com](mailto:susiehii.hc@gmail.com) for connection details.
- ❖ Scripture Reflection - 11.00am each Sunday (whilst in lockdown) via zoom - contact Susie Hii on [susiehii.hc@gmail.com](mailto:susiehii.hc@gmail.com) for connection details.

**Christmas Cards:** Majellan Christmas Cards will this year be sold on a pre ordered basis only. No stocks will be held at the piety stall, so if you would like Majellan Christmas Cards please advise the Parish Office on [greythorn@cam.org.au](mailto:greythorn@cam.org.au) by 25 October. Cards are sold in packs of 10 only @ \$8-00 each pack.

Columban Art Calendars will be available in January 2021.

**Gospel Reflection:** In the first reading and gospel this Sunday the image and symbol of the meal and banquet are used to tell us how generous God is. The first reading tells us that the Lord will prepare a meal of rich wine and food. The Lord will remove the veil of sadness and all people will be invited to this celebration. In the gospel, Jesus continues this message. The table is set and the food is ready. However, those invited gave various excuses why they could not go to the feast. In response, the king invited and welcomed strangers, good and bad alike. They were the ones who enjoyed the food and wine.

Jesus calls us by our name and invites us to come to the feast. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation. We are all invited personally to the table of the Lord. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist Jesus is the host and we are his guests. We come as we are, not how we would like to be. The Eucharist is offered to us freely and we are invited to respond freely. It is God's gift to us and no one is to be excluded.

As Pope Francis reminds us, *'the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak... the church is a place for everyone, with all their problems.'*



Next weekend would be when we traditionally celebrate Catholic Mission and hold the annual collection for Catholic Missions. The monies raised is used to fund Missionary work of the Church in remote areas of Australia and in many places throughout the world. Funding is crucial for children's education, access to fresh water, nutrition and safe homes. Everything we take for granted!

Pope Francis message reminds us that being called to mission is part of our faith - *"I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always."* Your generosity is appreciated and no doubt will be rewarded. These are tough times for all of us, and our Christian challenge now is to share what resources we have with those who have little.

Please donate directly to Catholic Mission on [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au) or Catholic Mission Donation Account BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 00715 6500 ref: MELB/392367

### Pope releases new encyclical: *Fratelli tutti* - On Fraternity and Social Friendship:

Pope Francis has written his third encyclical entitled *Fratelli tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), which he addresses to all people of goodwill and offers as a proposal for a way of life 'marked by the flavour of the Gospel'. Access the full encyclical on:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/ArtMID/416/ArticleID/24662/Pope-releases-new-encyclical-Fratelli-tutti-On-Fraternity-and-Social-Friendship>

**Parish Collections:** As we begin to contemplate the celebrating the Eucharist at Mass together again in the months ahead, we also need to think about how we can do things more efficiently and in a safe manner. We need to consider the cash handling process for our counters. Cash in our collections is always welcome, but there are other capable ways of giving to consider. On line giving is easy, fast and convenient. The preferred methods of giving at this time are by Credit Card or Direct Debit (contact the parish office to set these up) or electronic funds transfer direct to the Church or Presbytery accounts. Rest assured that giving by card at the church level is safe and secure. Details for electronic funds transfer to the church accounts are:-

- St Bridget's Church Account (Church donations and/or envelope givers) at NAB, BSB 083-347, Account #64 341 3829
- St Bridget's Presbytery Account Offering (for support of the Parish Priest) at NAB, BSB 083-347, Account # 64 341 5066

Please ensure that you include your name and envelope number when giving by these methods.

**St Gerard Majella Celebrations:** The annual St Gerard Majella family feast day blessing and celebrations in Melbourne will be livestreamed for the first time on Sunday, October 18, on Facebook from 2.30pm, enabling families from across the globe to join in. In the lead up to the event, people have been encouraged to send in their intentions (prayers) for St Gerard so they can be included in the liturgy. Further details are available on [www.majellan.org.au](http://www.majellan.org.au)