

## FIRST READING

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**25:6-10**

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples 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

**R/: I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.**

## SECOND READING

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

**4:12-14, 19-20**

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

**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!**

## GOSPEL READING

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**22:1-14**

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: "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.'



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## **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**

### **10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2020**

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This is the third in the series of parables Jesus tells in the tense atmosphere of his final days in Jerusalem. Opposition to him has gathered momentum. Rejection and condemnation lie ahead. The lines of battle have been drawn. All this is reflected in the accusing tone of the parables. Judgement is being passed on those who had the responsibility to listen and to lead. The gist of the parable is obvious enough. The 'chief priest and elders of the people' to whom all three parables are addressed are those accused of refusing to accept the king's invitation. The guests who fill the wedding hall are the despised nobodies who are not righteous observers of the Law. Like its predecessors this parable has continued to sound a warning to self-righteous leaders in every age. The behaviour of the king is modelled on the ruthless tyrants of the ancient world' this makes it difficult to simply equate the king with God. The final section is also puzzling. On the face of it, the guest without the wedding garment is harshly treated. Presumably this served as a warning for community members not to become complacent.

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**MASS TIMES:**  
**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**MASS TIMES:**  
Saturday 6:30 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday 6.00 pm  
Wednesday 9.15am  
Thursday, Friday 9.15 am  
Saturday 9.00 am

**COMMUNION SERVICE:**  
Monday 9.15 am

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**RECONCILIATION:**  
Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

**BAPTISMS: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

**WEDDINGS: CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO**  
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).  
Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

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**PRAYING FOR:**

Sophia Melia, Fr Charles McBride  
*...and all who died recently.*

**We also remember:**

Wal Hannah, Mollie Hannah,  
Michael Hannah and Meagan Hoey,  
Rick Miller, Kris Hodson, Maisie Nash

*...and all whose anniversaries occur  
about this time.*

**COVID RESTRICTIONS:** Stage Four restrictions now apply. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, (Update #17 : 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020):  
[https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/17-28Sept20-UPDATE-COVID\\_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES.pdf](https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/17-28Sept20-UPDATE-COVID_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES.pdf)

**Broadcast & Online Masses:**  
**11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral** continues to be **televised live (free to air) on Channel 31** (Ch. 44 on Digital TV).  
This Mass is also live-streamed on the Melbourne Catholic website:  
[melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass](http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass)  
**Pre-recorded Masses available online:** [cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online](http://cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online) or [stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos](http://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos) or [holyfamilydoveton.org.au/](http://holyfamilydoveton.org.au/)  
Mass can also be heard on **Light FM (89.9 FM) every Sunday at 7am.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) online:  
[www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass](http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass)  
Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column

**VCE STUDENTS.** We hold all VCE students in our hearts and prayers as they prepare for exams after a year which has seen the loss of many important steps in their rite of passage. We are producing a “roll” of students known to our community for whom we particularly pray. Please let us know if you would like a student's name included. If you would like a letter of support and prayer sent from the Parish, please include address in your email.

**ANXIOUS ABOUT COVID OR TIMES AHEAD?** We know that many people have experienced and will continue experiencing anxiety as a result of COVID, but it's normal to feel anxious about the end of COVID restrictions too. Change, and the unknown, can be scary. But you are not alone. AnneMaree Eddy is our counsellor at OLA, and is happy to speak to you. Please call 0403 284 536 for an appointment.



**GETTING BACK TO GOODNESS:** Retired OLA Primary school teacher Colleen Gleeson has the right answers. Colleen, her daughter Jess, and granddaughter Charlotte were featured last Sunday in the Herald-Sun promoting healthy eating. Fresh fruit and vegetables sourced from Australian producers have always been on her shopping list, and now she passing that philosophy on to her children and grandchildren. Well done!

**FAR EAST MAGAZINE MILESTONE:** Archbishop Mark Coleridge from the Archdiocese of Brisbane sends a message of thanks to the Missionary Society of St Columban, as they celebrate 100 years of their wonderful magazine this October. To view the Archbishop's message go to: <http://youtu.be/CNLx473Qci8>



**THE LATEST PAPAL DOCUMENTS:** Marking the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the death of St Jerome in Bethlehem, Pope Francis has penned his Apostolic Letter: ‘*Scripturae Sacrae affectus*’, on promoting a love for Sacred Scripture. The Pope writes: ‘Devotion to sacred Scripture, a “living and tender love” for the written word of God: this is the legacy that Saint Jerome bequeathed to the Church by his life and labours.’ Go to:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20200930\\_scripturae-sacrae-affectus.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20200930_scripturae-sacrae-affectus.html)

The Holy Father has also published his Encyclical: ‘*Fratelli Tutti*’, in which he notes that the COVID-19 pandemic has proven the failure of the world to work together. However, inspired by the life and teachings of his namesake, Francis of Assisi, the Pope calls for more human fraternity and solidarity, and puts out a plea to all in our own time to reject wars. His words focus on contemporary social and economic problems, proposing an ideal world of fraternity in which all countries are part of a ‘larger human family’. Go to: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201003\\_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html)



Thanks to Michael Dale (See John 2:1-11) 08-02-2010  
**THE WINE IS GREAT ... IS THERE ANYTHING AT ALL YOU CAN DO ABOUT THE STEAK?**