

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 **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.’

The Gospel of the Lord

**TIME CHANGE FOR THE HOLY MASS
ON FRIDAY 20 OCT 2023**

Please note the time change for the Holy Mass on Friday 20 October 2023, which will start at 8:30am.

**BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING**

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today’s Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today’s psalm, the Lord’s goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus’ listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God’s salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king’s invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners’ great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king’s wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew’s audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king’s wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king’s invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus’ message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.



Parish Bulletin

28th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A **14-15 Oct 2023**

**Whomsoever you find
invite to the wedding.**



COME TO THE BANQUET
Our God invites all people to the banquet of the kingdom, a banquet characterized by joy, integrity, and true peace.
Sometimes, however, we decline this invitation preferring the lesser banquets that we know. May God enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

KEYBOARDIST FOR SUNDAY MASS

The Sunday Mass choir would greatly welcome you to play the keyboard for Sunday Mass. The task would not be onerous. If you have the skills and are willing to help, please contact Parish Office on 8431 6932 or email info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au.

Thank You

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **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.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 22

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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
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 .

The word of the Lord.

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**

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School
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Chair – Alan Tyson

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Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—21-22 Oct 2023 29th Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page
9:30am	Alan Tyson Ann Mary Kollarackal JakeKollarackal
Children's Liturgy	Antonetta Bartley Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	7-8 Oct 2023
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$433.00
Open Plate	\$460.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$893.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$625.00

Ladies Lunch
RESCHEDULED
to Sunday 12 Nov 2023
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Birkinshaw Ave

The Knights of the Southern Cross, Hectorville-Tranmere Branch, is inviting all ladies to join the Ladies Lunch. The Cost is \$25 each. The funds raised will go to the Vinnies. Please write your name on the sheet at the door by Sunday 5 Nov.

Michael Boyle 8337 3270
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Please remember in your prayers


We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.
Martin Koo, Kevin Rutt

Death Anniversary:
Angelo Salomone

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.



Pope Francis @pontifex
Let us start from the poor and we will discover that we all share an interior poverty, that all of us need the Spirit of the world, and that humility is that grandeur and fraternity is the true wealth of every Christian.

WORKING BEE
Saturday, 21st October 9-11:30am
The gardens and car park areas are in need of a Spring Clean as well as some sections of the church interior. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please bring your own tools/equipment.
"Many hands make light work"

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having Sausage Sizzle after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 22 Oct 2023.**

\$2.50



Parish Announcements

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL & THE PELESTINIAN TERRITORIES
Wed 18 Oct 2023 at 7pm
Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, Wakefield St, Adelaide
Please pray persistently for peace in the Middle East.

WEEKEND RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY
A Retreat will be led by Fr Denis Travers CP on Fri evening and Saturday of November the 10th-11th, 2023. The retreat theme is: Jesus the Healing Compassion of God The input and prayer times will explore Jesus as the revelation of God's deep desire to respond to our pain and bring us to wholeness at every level of our lives and our world. The Retreat begins on Friday evening and concludes Saturday afternoon. \$170 includes all meals and accommodation for the retreat. Please book on 8338 8700 or conference@themonastery.net.au All are welcome.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY & RELIGIOUS
Wed November 15 at 5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops, Clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese.
For more information contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or via email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

LEFEVRE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Personal Prayer – refreshing our experience.
Presenter Fr Roderick O'Brien. Sunday October 29, 4-5pm. Lefevre Catholic Community meeting rooms, 253 Military Road, Semaphore. Each participant will receive a copy of Personal Prayer: Living in Love with God by John Trenchard CSSR (subject to availability). Enquiries to Fr Roderick P: 8449 6378.

Pastoral Council AGM · 11am Sun 22 Oct 2023

The Annual General Meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held at 11am on Sunday 22 Oct 2023 in the Parish Hall. We have several vacancies on the Pastoral Council. The Council only meets once every two months, for about 1.5 hours, so it doesn't involve a lot of work. It would be good to have some new members, with fresh ideas. Please consider nominating for the Council, perhaps with the support of others if you are a member of an ethnic faith community. Speak to me if you want any further details. We look forward to having a good attendance at the AGM. All are welcome.

Alan Tyson, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council, 0412 389 875

UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

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... more to come ...

The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15th, 2023



The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.


You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?

Invitation to the Wedding Feast




I'M TOO BUSY.

Imagine that you live in a great kingdom with a king and queen and many other great people. You hear that the king's son is going to get married and there will be a great wedding feast. All the lords and ladies and rich land owners are invited. On the day of the wedding the servants go out to call the guests to the wedding, but all those important people refuse to go! They say they are too busy with other things, and can't be bothered to go!



THE KING INVITES YOU TO HIS SON'S WEDDING!

Now imagine that you are one of the children in a poor family that lives down a back street. Suddenly you hear people calling out that the king has invited your family to the feast! What excitement! Everybody puts on their best clothes and goes to the castle. In a little while the king comes in and you see him pointing to a man who isn't dressed neatly, and hasn't washed his face or brushed his hair. He sends the man out of the hall.



This is the story that Jesus told about the kingdom of Heaven. Many important people have been invited, but they have decided that they were too busy with other things. But the King has invited us too! We should rejoice and "dress" our souls by being the best we can be! Don't be a half-hearted Christian!

WHY AREN'T YOU PROPERLY DRESSED?

Answer to front page: Everyone's invited! Answers to True or False: 1. false 2. true 3. true 4. false 5. true 6. true 7. true

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