

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 10th & 11th October, 2020

Please remember these people in our prayers

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Dick Geisler; Matthew Naus; Bernie Walsh; Joseph Falvo; Antonio Costa;
Vince Zappia; Frank Sergi

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen;
Basilio Alcodia; Gai Trainer; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil;



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Online Mass:

Mass for the coming weekend, 10th & 11th October .
28th Sunday in Ordinary time

For the Parishes of St Mary's Robinvale and St Joseph,
Ouyen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5X051Woj7XU>

School News:

It was fantastic to welcome all students back to onsite learning. Well done to all our students for their effort and persistence during remote learning.



Reflection on the Gospel

Dining at God's House

This is a strange story: why would invited guests not come to a king's wedding feast? In our time, any celebrity who throws a party can expect everyone to come, the invited along with the uninvited. People want to see and be seen at notable occasions. Certainly, a royal wedding qualifies as a must-see event.

But in this story people do the remarkably inappropriate thing: they snub the king. And when the king practically begs them to come a second time, some of those invited do violence to their messengers. This is such an incredible response, we recognise that Jesus is referring to the response to himself and to prophets who came before him. No one would behave this way to a king, his son, and his servants. Jesus is saying. And yet you behave this way to God, God's son, and the prophets.

As listeners to this story, we have a choice. We can be like those invited who don't bother to go, or who retaliate with rage. We can come without preparation. Or we can have something to say for ourselves if caught poorly clad at God's feast. "O God, have mercy on me, a sinner," is a good prayer to have on hand.

Which role do you see yourself playing in the parable of the wedding feast?

Dine in God's house this week. Feed the hungry, share a meal with someone who needs you, and don't forget the Eucharist.

GPBS Reflection

Local News:

~Heard on the grapevine that 2 local parishioners have recently celebrated special birthdays. Congratulations to **Jim Taggart** who blew 93 candles out on his birthday while **Kevin Gill** successfully managed 92 on his cake the following day!

~ Our best wishes are extended to **Joseph & Cassandra Fotia** who celebrated their wedding last weekend. May they enjoy a happy life together as part of St. Mary's Parish Community.

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your free copy of Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer. The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet for every nation

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.

**This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~ Psalm 22(23)

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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.

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SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

With the help of the One who gives me strength, there is nothing I cannot master.

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn1:14,12

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can to the wedding

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ