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Dear friends,

The theme for this Sunday is "Many are invited, but few are chosen". The parable goes like this: a king gives a wedding feast for his son and invites other royals, the elite class and very important persons. The public will be less likely to be invited to the royal function. The king sends the guests a reminder about the wedding through his servants. Everything has been arranged properly.

For some reason, the guests disapprove of the arrangements and offer some senseless reasons to turn down the invitation, even some mistreated the servants and killed them. This insult to the king demands retaliation, so he sent his troops to destroy those murderers and burn their city. Then he sends servants to invite whomever they find to the feast.

The parable reflects God's kingdom, but God is not like a king who will kill those who insult Him. Hence the parable is directed by Jesus to his opponents from Jerusalem. They view the kingdom as something rigid and exclusive. Whereas Jesus preaches a kingdom to which everyone is invited. In Jesus and through our faith in Jesus God opens the kingdom to all of us. There are no divisions or classes in God's kingdom. We are all going to enjoy the glory of God according to merits that we acquire through our witnessing life for Jesus. So let us ask the Lord to strengthen our faith to witness Jesus in our day-to-day life. -Neville



Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Hedwig

Tues- St Ignatius of Antioch

Wed- St Luke, Evangelist

Thu- St Paul of the Cross

Fri- St Irene

Sat- St Laura Montoya Upegul

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

Next Weekend Masses

Sat: Cobden 6.30 pm

Sun: Lismore 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

(Lay Assembly – Timboon, Simpson)

Next Weekend Readings:

Isaiah 45:1.4-6. 1 Thessa 1:1-5.

Matt: 22:15-21

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember & pray those who are sick: Brendan Fowler, Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford, Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Bernd Menz, Shirley Rohan, Peter Karlsen, Shirley Fletcher and Barry Brown.

Recent Deaths & Anniversaries:

We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rosalie West, Helen Deppeler, Lorraine Vaughan, Edna Murfitt, Eileen Carr, Shirley Gramms, Norma Brewer, Cathrine Robertson

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues.

Parish bank details: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes).

Presbytery: BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142. Thank you.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. 15/10/2023

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and **worship Our God.**"

Diocesan Business Manager Position

The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat invites applications from appropriately qualified and experienced persons for the position of Diocesan Business Manager, who is responsible to the Bishop for the accounting and financial management of the various diocesan departments and commissions, investment and property management and advice to parishes, clergy and the Bishop on finance and administration matters. This is a full-time five year contract position (six month probationary period) with ongoing contract after review. Information about the position and how to apply can be accessed on the diocesan website at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/> or by contacting the bishop's office at bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au or by phoning (03) 5337 7121. Queries can be directed to the Bishop's Office on 5337 7121. The closing date for applications is Friday, November 3, 2023 at 5.00pm.

MRC Car Raffle 2023

Our annual major fundraiser is back, and tickets are now available.

1st Prize is a Mazda CX-3 Maxx Sport (demo) and there are 9 more great prizes.

\$10 per ticket, or 6 for \$50, 13 for \$100. Tickets online at shop.mercy.vic.edu.au, the MRC office (5593 2011), or several local shops. Drawn at the MRC 50th Jubilee Dinner on 25 November (Tickets for the dinner also available via online shop or MRC office)

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last weekend you generously gave to the Parish \$345.00 & Presbytery \$475.90. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Thank you for your generous support & care for the Parish.

October is World Mission Month: In his World Mission Day message for 2023, Pope Francis reminds us



through Luke 24:13-35, "hearts on fire, feet on the move", that the missionary journey of all disciples is that upon encountering Jesus, our hearts burn within, our eyes are opened and ultimately, our feet are set out on the way. Catholic Mission has launched the World Mission Month 2023 Appeal, highlighting the Work of Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste. Sr Carolina, who is the face of the awareness and fundraising campaign, is a great example of the devotion of

missionaries, dedicating herself to providing critical healthcare services to the rural community of Venilale in Timor-Leste. After decades of journeying with the Venilale community, Sr Carolina can summarise her understanding of Mission in a sentence: "Mission is where many people need you." Through Catholic Mission, you are invited to journey with Sr Carolina, and walk alongside the Salesian Sisters and the resilient community of Venilale. Parishes, schools, and supporters across Australia will be encouraged to provide resources for the Clinic to continue to provide life-giving services to the local community. You can contribute today by scanning the QR code or clicking the link. **There will be a special collection for Catholic Mission for next weekend.**

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for October – For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world. Lord, hear us.

Laudate Deum – Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Pope Francis released 'Laudate Deum', his apostolic exhortation on the climate crisis. Officially titled, 'Laudate Deum: To all the People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis', the exhortation is a sequel to his exhortation, 'Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home [2015]. Laudate Deum and further resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/laudate-deum-apostolic-exhortation-of-pope-francis/>

Liturgy Formation at Ballan – Sunday, November 5, 2023

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Brigid's Church Ballan Gathering Space on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the

formation program beginning at 12.00noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. The program for the day and registration information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Special Social Media Channels for the XVI Assembly

You can follow the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on these specific social channels:

Facebook: @16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Twitter: @16SynodAssembly

Instagram: @16ordinarygs

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) See Ephesians 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!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

15-October-2023 28th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	J Dwyer	T Bricknell	N/A
11am: Camperdown	J Seuren	M Macaulay	S Gillett
Counting Team: G & W Gleeson		Altar Camperdown: M Russell A Gardner	
Church Cleaning: MRC		Altar Cobden: Claire Malady	
Marian Statue: J Fry			

22-October-2023 29th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	T Bricknell	G Kelson	N/A
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	M Smart	G Lucas
Counting Team: B & M Hewitt		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney	
Church Cleaning: S Grinter		Altar Cobden: Claire Malady	
Marian Statue: L & J Delaney			

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We, the Parish community wish to pledge ourselves for our children's safety and well-being