


Monday 15th October 2023



We gather



I'M YOURS, I'M YOURS

In God's love we live, learn and grow



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Twenty -Eighth Sunday- Ordinary Time

We hear God's Word

Matthew 22:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The Kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

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“But they paid no attention and went off-one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servant, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

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“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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This week we hear the parable of the wedding feast.

Pope Francis talks about his parable as an “image of the Father’s generosity and extravagant love for humanity.”

It features a king who invites people to a wedding feast. However, when the day of the wedding comes, some invitees decide to prioritise other things instead.

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How often do you make excuses and priorities your own interests over the needs of others?

You may feel that you have your own priorities or problems with deal with. But it's important to remember that every little work of generosity counts.

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In response the King sent his servants to invite anyone who passes by, regardless of social status, moral character, race, nationality or gender to the feast.

God invites everyone to his kingdom.

By being generous of heart, we are more equipped to respond positively to his invitation.

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We respond

In today's Gospel we are reminded that we ourselves have been invited by our Loving Father to be among His chosen. We pray for the wisdom to joyfully accept that invitation and join with the Lord at His eternal banquet.

Lord hear us.

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In this month of October, we pray for all those attending the Synod in Rome, that the Holy Spirit bestow on them the wisdom, humility and determination to chart a true path for our Church's mission of proclaiming the Word of God.

Lord here us.

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We look with sorrow at the renewed violence in the Holy Land and pray that the peace, love and tolerance once preached by Jesus on this very ground be restored to those who now suffer such loss of home, land and even life itself.

Lord in your mercy.

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We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.

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God our shepherd, you invite us to your table in heaven: give us the grace we need on our journey there, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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