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# 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A - 11 Oct 2020

**First Reading** *Is 25:6-10* A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 22. R. v.6*

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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| <p>1. The Lord is my shepherd;<br/>there is nothing I shall want.<br/>Fresh and green are the pastures<br/>where he gives me repose.<br/>Near restful waters he leads me,<br/>to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)</p>                         | <p>3. You have prepared a banquet for me<br/>in the sight of my foes.<br/>My head you have anointed with oil;<br/>my cup is overflowing. (R.)</p>         |
| <p>2. He guides me along the right path;<br/>he is true to his name.<br/>If I should walk in the valley of darkness<br/>no evil would I fear.<br/>You are there with your crook and your staff;<br/>with these you give me comfort. (R.)</p> | <p>4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me<br/>all the days of my life.<br/>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell<br/>for ever and ever. (R.)</p> |

**Second Reading** *Phil 4:12-14. 19-20* A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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** *See Eph 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** *Mt 22:1-14* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 onto 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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Dearest Friends in Christ

In today's first reading, the Prophet Isaiah described a mountain on which "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", where "he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations" and "destroy Death for ever". Weeping and mourning will not be allowed on the feast day. Therefore, "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". What sort of banquet is that and where will that mountain be found?

The Gospel reading of today describes the kind of banquet it is. It is the wedding banquet of the great King's Son. That Gospel passage is called the Parable of the Wedding Feast or the Wedding Banquet. We are privileged to have been invited. It is a banquet prepared for all people, though historically, the invitation went first to the Jews. The mountain is found both here on earth and in heaven – first, when we gather for the Eucharist or other liturgical celebration and second, at the end of time in heaven.

Putting the parables together, the Royal Wedding Feast of the King's Son is celebrated on the mountain of the table of the Eucharist, where millions of Angels are gathered for the festival with the souls of the just now made perfect – the Saints in glory (Heb. 12:22-24). Sometimes, Catholics or even Christians do not recognise that they have received God's invitation to attend His Son's wedding feast which is the Sunday Mass. In fact, the Eucharistic celebration is a foretaste of heaven on earth. It comes with some sort of obligation to honour God's invitation. And everyone has to be properly dressed, not just turning up without wearing the wedding garment which signifies spiritual preparedness – being in a state of grace.

The wedding feast of God's Son could also be referring to the final wedding of the Church with Christ on the eschatological mountain of heaven, where we are all invited. We should not give excuses for not attending. We can see that the excuses of those who turned down the invitation in Jesus' parable, were all plausible reasons. It was not as if they were making up excuses. But God did not excuse them, because they failed to understand how much God desired their presence at the wedding feast. Why would people turn down such an invitation to such a royal wedding? Maybe they were selfish and failed to see how disappointed the King would be. They felt they had more important things to attend to. They felt attending to those things instead of honouring God's gracious invitation was their only hope of survival and happiness. And maybe, they hoped to make amends later. But this is the wedding feast of the Son of their King who, according to the first reading, is their hope of salvation, who saves them from their enemies – Satan, sin and death - who might attack and destroy them when they least expect it.

They failed to see God as the only hope of their salvation. As Isaiah said in the first reading, "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". If we see God as our only hope of salvation, then we will remain loyal to him as obedient sons and daughters, responsible and good tenants, faithful and loyal friends, family and neighbours. We will be willing to do all that is required of us to maintain a good relationship with him and be of good behaviour, knowing full well that on him our life depends, now and in the future.

Our loyalty to him gives control over every situation we might find ourselves in. Then in surplus and in scarcity, in joy and in sorrow, in pleasure or in pain, no matter what we are facing in life or passing through, we can say like St Paul said in today's second reading: "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength". If we make him master of the vineyard, he makes us truly master of his vineyard. If we accord him the respect that is his due, he gives us more than we deserve. If we don't, we lose even our place in him at the time of reckoning. And it would be a grave mistake to think that such a time will not come.

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**MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH**

**Week Day Mass**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.00 am

Wednesday 5.45 pm

Saturday Morning 9.00 am

Mass for the Sick with Anointing is on the Third Saturday of the month at 9.00am

**The next Anointing Mass will be to be advised**

**Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.30 am

10.30am (except 4th Sunday each month)

**Rosary**

Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7.30 am,  
Saturday at 8.30am.

**Divine Mercy Prayer** Thursday 7.30 am

**Adoration** Thursday 6.00-7.00pm

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Saturday 9.30 am

**Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church** By appointment only

**St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont** 4th Sunday of each month

**Next Mass at St John's** 25th October 2020



**We remember** all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

**We pray for the recently deceased:** Larry McClintock

**We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

**We also remember** their families—may they be comforted in their loss by this Community of Faith.

**We pray for those who are sick or in hospital:** Gregory Hume, Peter Doring, John Sweeny, Daryl Williams, Ava Mansfield, Shirley Jean Carr, Kath Fisher, Brenda Dale, (Baby) Paris Organ, Maureen Bourke, Patricia Smith, Maureen & Paul Hume, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon, Amanda Gordon, Shelly Ryan, Sandra Miller, Linda Hari, Nona Maguire,

**Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing Homes.**



**ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

When it comes to end of life, it's important for everyone to discuss their wishes in terms of care and their desire for Interventions and to have this documented in an advanced care plan. Everyone should have access to quality palliative care.

To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of-life and the need for quality palliative care, rather than 'assisting dying' visit: [love to the end/archbne](http://love.to.the.end/archbne)

**Consider a Bequest**

Preparing a Will is the best way to ensure that the people you care about are properly provided for. When preparing your Will, your heart and mind turn first to your family and loved ones. Once they are provided for, a Will is a unique opportunity to make a significant gift to the people and organisations you care about. Please prayerfully consider including a gift to our Parish. Your gift will help carry forward the gospel message to future generations. For more information about how to make a gift in your Will please contact the Catholic Foundation at 07 3324 3200 or [giving@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:giving@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Week-day Mass Readings**

Days	Memorials/Feasts	Readings (R1 and R2)	Gospel Reading
Mon	12/10/20	R1: Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1	Lk 11:29-32
Tues	13/10/20	R1: Gal 5:1-6	Lk 11:37-41
Wed	14/10/20	R1: Gal 5:18-25	Lk 11:42-46
Thurs	15/10/20	St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)	R1: Eph 1:1-10 Lk 11:47-54
Fri	16/10/20	R1: Eph 1:11-14	Lk 12:1-7

**MASSES FOR ALL SOULS**

November is traditionally the month when we remember and pray for all our departed loved ones. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church. Please complete and either return to the office or place on the collection plate. All the names will be placed in our Book of Remembrance and Masses will be offered throughout the month.

Today Sunday, 11th October 2020 is

**NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY**

Parishioners are encouraged to pray for laws against euthanasia.

**Catholic Mission Appeal is next weekend!**

**COVID-19 Mass Guidelines**

**Dear Parishioners**

All parishioners who wish to attend any or all of the weekday or Sunday Masses must now ring or email the office to have their name included in the list for that particular day. If you wish to attend daily and/or weekend (Sunday) Mass, your name can be listed for the entire month of October if you let us know and then you do not have to contact us until the end of October to re-register for the following month. Unfortunately many people are under the assumption that they do not need to register but it is a requirement of the Archdiocese that we must comply with. Please note: The Government's social distancing guidelines will also apply. With the new cases reported in Queensland we ask for your prayers.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

**Meeting dates for Confirmation are:**

17th October 10.10 am  
24th October 3pm to 5.30pm Retreat  
25th October 9.30am to 10.30am continuation of Retreat  
31st October 10.00am - Final Preparation  
**31st October 6.00pm Confirmation**  
Please note change of date for Confirmation

**Meetings for First Eucharist are:**

10th October 10.10am after Mass  
11th October 9.30am after Mass  
7th November 10.10am after Mass  
14th November 10.10am Retreat  
15th November 9.30am to 10.30am continuation of Retreat  
21st November 6.00pm First Eucharist  
22nd November 8.30am First Eucharist

**ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIALS as at 4th October 2020**

**1ST COLLECTION: \$ 603.50 For Clergy Support (Greatly affected by COVID 19 Crisis)**

**2ND COLLECTION: \$ 1103.80 For Parish expenses such as administration & maintenance of all our buildings & properties.**

*We appeal to all our Parishioners and friends who are not on planned giving already to consider switching over to planned giving or find another means of supporting the Parish and our ministry financially. We will send to parishioners the planned giving forms on request. I sincerely thank you for your continued financial support. Be assured of our prayers, and of your divine rewards.*

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**INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS IN THE CHURCH**

With the COVID 19 restrictions and lockdown still in place, we would like to continue our live streaming to reach out to members of our community who may not be in the Church with us and also to make available to those who participated at the Mass an opportunity to watch the Mass and listen to the homily again if they so wish. Installing cameras for professional video recording and uploading to the internet will also benefit the Church and families who would like to live stream the funeral of loved ones to relatives and friends who may be unable to attend. The same applies to weddings, graduation ceremonies, celebration of the sacraments like baptisms, first Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and Anointing of the sick. Grand-parents and sick relatives and friends would not miss out completely. There are other uses and benefits as well which could accrue from the Church having fixed cameras in place. If anyone feels touched to support this project, please do not hesitate to talk to me about how you could help. We are grateful to generous parishioners who have donated more than \$6,675.00 towards this project.

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