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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

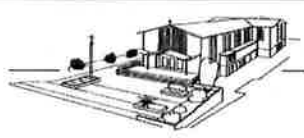
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let us continue to work together to create safe and protective environments where children and young people can flourish.



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Gensan Lariago Agripo, Giovanni Andreatta, Gloria Ardler, Jennifer Rule and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Paul Harcombe, Dennis Coates, Dorothy Hall, Joseph Cassar, Kathryn Kelly, Severino Lacson, Aldo Viselli, and on the 18th Anniversary of the Bali Bombing: locals Gayle Airlie, Cathy Seelin, Geradine and Steven Buchan, Tom Singer and all those who lost their lives.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

Speaking without thinking is like shooting without taking aim. (Spanish proverb)

We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

There will be an important meeting for parents /carers in the church at Malabar on this Wednesday, 14 Oct. at 7pm

Young people in both parishes in year 6 or upwards may be eligible to receive this Sacrament.
Confirmation Dates: **21 November** at Matraville & **28 November** at Malabar this year.

Caring about other people is what being a human is all about, and I have great faith in the humanitarian nature of the average Australian. Fred Hollows

Please pray for all HSC students who will commence their exams on 20 October 2020.

It has been a particularly difficult year for them.

Parish Financial Support

As the Government is reducing the JobKeeper Subsidy, there will be an added financial burden on our parishes while so few are attending.

Thank you to all those who contribute in any way to the upkeep of our parish.

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** and keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

Please: Those who are unwell or at high risk should not attend.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping each other safe.

Our Lord wills that you cling to Him alone!

If your faith were greater, how much more peaceful you would be even when great trials surround and oppress you. Saint Paula Frassinetti

Rachel's Vineyard

Finding healing and hope after abortion.

A FREE online session at a time to suit you.

Do you feel overwhelmed or laid low?

Has an abortion experience affected your life?

Is healing and hope possible?

Register at info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or confidential phonenumber: 0400 092 555.

Please give your name (first name is sufficient), email or phone contact details and we will contact you to arrange an agreed time for your online session.

Just mention you are registering for Called to Life online program.

*Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is.
The way you cope with it is what makes the difference. Anonymous*

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 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.

Shorter form, Mt 22: 1-10

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Reflections on the Gospel

INVITED TO THE BANQUET OF LIFE

The parable of the Wedding Banquet symbolises the story of salvation. The banquet represents God's intent for human beings, which is simply to have us as honoured guests at the banquet of life. The bridegroom is Jesus. The servants sent out to issue the invitations are, first, the Old Testament prophets and then Christian missionaries. The response of the king to those who rejected the invitations reflects early Christian belief that the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE was retribution for failure to accept Jesus as Messiah. The new invitees from the highways and byways are Gentiles (non-Jews) who have joined the Church in large numbers.

We should not too readily identify the king in the parable with God. Jesus takes illustrations from life as it is, using aspects of the way people, including kings, behave to illustrate what he wants to convey.

The parable thus serves as an *explanation* of otherwise disturbing developments. Israel's *No* to the Gospel and the fact that the Church includes bad members as well as good has all been foreseen by the Lord.

What about the poor wretch caught out for not wearing a wedding garment? The wedding garment symbolises transformation of life. You don't have to be good to *get into* the community of the Kingdom: the invitation to the banquet is a great net of grace enclosing all, good and bad alike. But, *once within*, we must allow the grace we have received to transform us and make us worthy of final salvation, God's invitation to the banquet of life.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

11 OCTOBER 2020

FIRST READING

Isa 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.

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

Phil 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 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!