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Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm
Filipino Mass at 11am on 8 November, 13 December
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WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass
RITE OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted in either the Confessional Area or in an open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass
BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.
MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

Thought of the Week

"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you, all things are passing, God is unchanging; patience gains all, nothing is lacking to those who have God: God alone is sufficient."
~ St. Teresa of Avila or St. Teresa of Jesus (1515-1582)
(Feast Day— 15 Oct)

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/A
11th October 2026

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

Immediately after criticising the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah and in today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. This has been the case for the past two Sundays and will continue to be true for the next several weeks.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

Some people have asked me to bring their prayers to the various holy places of the next weeks Pilgrimage. If you would like to add your prayers just email them to pp@mibp.org.au and I will do so. Please be assured of my prayers for you and our parish.

Walk with Christ 2026 will be on Sunday 22nd November 2026. Bus will leave at 12:30pm. If interested, sign in sheet available in the foyer (few seats available).

Fr Danai
Parish Priest

Celebrating Community

Congratulations to …….

- Cora Aranda who will receive the Papal award for 20th years of service as a SRE Catechist this weekend at St Mary's Cathedral.
- Gerard & Louise Broudou on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

We pray for...

Our sick: Emil Frijas, Michael McGovern, Anna Power, Kevin Cronin, Mary Baddock, Dana, Virginia Cronin, Paul Grech, Tony Surace, Pasqualina Petrini, Rose & Vivian, Giuli Anna, Lino Pietro, Luciano Beniamino, Rosanna & Nazareno Antonio, Vito, Reni, Caroline, Alexandra, Linda Granados, Lucio Pinoschi, Dobrila Rimanic, Cecilia Felipe, Jeremy Cassar, Caroline, Catherine Cordina, Edwina Borg (Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Maria Cresta, Brendan Hannam, Ivan Rasic, Lucita Hernandez, Conrado Marciano, Darrell Cordeiro, Maurice Cole, Steven Suplat, Ivan Rasic, Flordeliza Gonzales, Domenico Giunta, Steven Suplat, Benito Di Marzio, Mary Reitano, Vice Pastuovic, Andres Aviles Nombrado, Janice Graney, Theresa Mercieca, Silvana Barilla, Lourdes Caringal, Neville Koshaba, Rosa, Irene Siwak, Jan Cruz, Mary Cauchi, Dominga Ignacio, Samuel & Teresa Barbara, Ko Sypaseuth, Nadia Abagi, Benito Di Marzio, Denise, Nevenka Milanovic, Patrick Dumazel, Robert Savell, Alicia Karingal, Roque Noronha, Eduardo Chavez & Raquel Lagang, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Ross Midilio, Dominic Sergi **Other deceased including**: Rita Francis, Joseph Francis, Bruno Manea, Eric Kitione, Darren Mack, Derrick Mack, Vicenta & Emiliano Abergas, Geoffrey Richard Williams, Charlotte O'Brien, Rocco Mirabilio, Giuseppe Panuccio, Antonio Zappia, Carol Clark, Nadim & Edna Gebrael, Arduino Tenaglia, Giovanni Campanaro, Joe Valenti, Mario, Tom Anderson, Arcadia & Gloria Sarsonas, Peter Sanfilippo, Emmanuel Ellul, Rosalia Aviles Nomrado, Patrick Anderson, Arlette & Noel D'Silva, Gina Cherrington, Teresa Galea, Lily Prisk, Francia, Leonarda Pante & Perfecto Clarete Snr., Francia & Leonarda Pante, Margret Liao, Annunziata Verduci, Alberto Karingal, Anita Wilson, Ivan Lozina, Ivan Grancic, Raymond Zerafa, Domenico & Antonio, Luka Grbic, Antun Brizgala, Licinio Petaccia, Maria Santuccione, Hernan Dela Cruz, Magno Dela Cruz Jnr, Catherine Zarb, Nonata San Miguel, Rita Zammit, Felici Zadro, Saverio Laria, Arthur Goepfert, Delia Dela Cruz, Carmela Oliverio, Luigia Baseggio, Maizie Colomb, Massimo Baroni, Mariano & Antonina Sinacori, Gavin, Antonio & Francesca Bugge, Michele Fedele, Benjamin & Diosdada Paunlagui Penollar, Vincenzo Bugge, Antonio Fedele, Giovanna Fedele, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Bertilla Soligo, Guido, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, all departed souls in the families of Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Gebrael & Jekki, Seraglio, Zammit families & all Souls in Purgatory.
May they rest in peace.

Other Intentions : Maria Bugge, Anna Power, Tommy, Antonija, Cveta, Slavko, Svetka, Marko, Anton & family, Rosa's family, Sebastiano Bortolazzo

Funeral of Lucita (Lucy) Hernandez on the 13th October, viewing at 10am followed by funeral at 11am.

Next baptismal information evening will be on Wednesday, **21st October, 7:30pm** at the Parish centre.
Thanksgiving Mass on the 25th October at 10am Mass.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Is 25:6-10 The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears
Responsorial Psalm	I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
2nd Reading	Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.
Gospel Acclamation	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.
Gospel	Mt 22:1-14 Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 45:1,4-6 1 Thess 1:1-5 Mt 22:15-21

Parish Diary

Monday 12th October	**Wk1-Sacrament of Confirmation** **9:10am Mass followed by Healing service—Fr Justin** **10:00am Praise & Worship-Italian**
Tuesday 13th October	**9:10am Mass** **10:00am Viewing followed by funeral of Lucita Hernandez** **4:30pm Legion of Mary** **7:00pm Youth Young Adult PrayerG** **7:00pm Praise & Worship-English**
Wednesday 14th October	**St Callistus 1, Pope** **9:10am Mass** **9:40am Rosary** **6:30pm Choir Practice** **7:00pm RCIA Enquiry** **7:00pm Finance Meeting**
Thursday 15th October	**St Teresa of Jesus** **9:10am Mass** **Followed by Adoration for an hour**
Friday 16th October	**St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary** **9:10am Mass** **9:40am Divine Mercy-Rosary** **6:00pm Praise & Worship-JHealer** **7:30pm Disciples of SH**
Saturday 17th October	**St Ignatius of Antioch** **4:00pm Reconciliation** **6:00pm Vigil Mass** **7:30pm Vigil Adoration-Adorers**
Sunday 18th October	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **8:00am Mass** **10:00am Mass** **6:00pm Mass**

Sacrament of Confirmation
Sessions will commence from the 12th October.
Commissioning of Sponsors—14/15 November
Confirmation Mass—Saturday, 21st November 2026 at 11am.

Pilgrimages
Pilgrimage to Rome
Tues 2nd Feb. until Sat 13th Feb. 2027
For booking/enquiries : pp@mibp.org.au or text 0417 259 617.
Ideal for those in the music ministry and anyone who wants to celebrate 800 years of St Francis.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):
The RCIA enquiry every Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish centre.

A priest, deacon, or RCIA coordinator will chat with you, answer your questions, and guide you through the process. If interested, contact the Parish office on 02 9604 8927 or email admin@mibp.org.au.

From the Liturgy Office.....

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

God's Invitation to the Feast

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that God invites everyone to share in His joy. The readings speak of abundance, welcome, and being ready to take part in what God offers. Like a great feast, His love is open to all, but we must come prepared to receive it.
Isaiah tells of a feast on a mountain where sorrow and death are gone. God gathers all nations and wipes away tears. It is a picture of hope and comfort. This connects with the Gospel, where Jesus speaks of a wedding banquet that welcomes anyone willing to come.
In the second reading, St Paul teaches that strength and peace come from trusting Christ in every situation. Whether we have plenty or little, God provides what we need. In summary, the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that God's care never fails. He calls each of us to accept His invitation and live with thankful hearts.

Themes for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings this weekend speak about God's generosity and the need to accept His invitation. The themes show that God provides for His people, but they must respond with faith and readiness.

- God's Generosity: God offers abundance to all people. He removes pain and brings joy to those who trust in Him.
- Invitation to Salvation: God calls everyone to share in His blessings. Some reject His call, but others accept and find new life.
- Faith in All Circumstances: Paul teaches that faith gives strength in both good times and hard times. Trust in Christ helps people remain steady.
- Judgment and Readiness: The parable warns that not all who are invited will be ready. Being prepared means living according to God's ways.
- Universal Call to Holiness: The king invites all, showing that God welcomes everyone. Each person has a chance to follow Him.
- The Cost of Rejection: Those who refuse God's invitation face consequences. Turning away from Him leads to loss.

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds everyone to accept God's gifts with open hearts and willing lives.(*Sourced and adapted from Young Catholics)*

OCTOBER: The month of the Most Holy Rosary

For Christians, October is known as the Month of Mary and is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is due to the fact that the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary which falls on October 7th. This feast w as instituted by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of Christian naval forces over the Ottoman Empire at the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The victory was attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the prayer of the Rosary. The entire month of October was formally dedicated to the Rosary by Pope Leo XIII in 1884 via his encyclical ***Superiore Anno***, urging the faithful to seek heavenly aid during difficult times.
Therefore, during our October masses , we will honour Mary and the Rosary by singing Marian hymns and by reciting a decade of the Rosary before the final blessing. Marian Prayer Sheets and Rosary Booklets are also available from the front of the Church near our statue of Mary so you can pray at home.

A special invitation to celebrate at our
Thanksgiving Baptismal Mass
on the 25th October at 10am Mass.
This invitation extends to all families who have had their children baptised in 2025-2026.
Please RSVP by 20 October 2026
phone: **96048927** or email: **admin@mibp.org.au**

God bless,
Rita Cordina (Liturgy and Music Coordinator)

Pope's Prayer Intentions for October 2026

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

IMPORTANT: SAVE the DATEs of these Healing Masses

1. **Fr Justin Torres** - Monday, 12th October at 9:10am Mass.
2. **Fr Rozo Palic** - Thursday, 29th October at 6pm Mass

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17/18 October 2026

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator Minister of the Word	P Vaiotu N Magnou A Soldo	D Pizzin C La Delfa	Confirmation Candidates J Cordina J Weaver	G&T Morgante D Maymac
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Piety Stall	N Haddad	S Wilkins	V&M Pante	R Rossi
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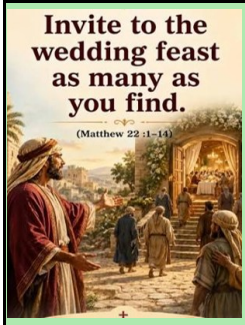

Gospel Reading
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and the 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, "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.**

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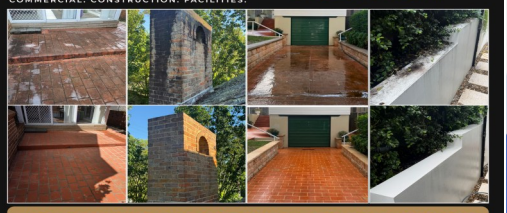

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