

## Parish News

**Wednesday 01<sup>st</sup> Nov** : 9.30 am Solemnity of All Saints followed by Rosary  
: 5.30 pm. Solemnity of All Saints.

**Thursday 02<sup>nd</sup> Nov** : 9.30 am. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Mass,  
followed by Prayer at Columbarium.  
: 5.30 pm. Memorial Mass.

Fr. John will offer this **Memorial Mass for all the deceased parishioners in 2017** and pray for God to console their bereaved loved ones.

A white carnation will be offered to them by their bereaved ones before the Mass.

The Book of Life will be carried forward in the Entrance Procession.

**November is a special time to pray for the dead.** A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions. (Norms 15,7)

**Fr. John will be on his Annual Retreat** from Sunday afternoon the 15<sup>th</sup> until Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> October.  
**We welcome Fr. Stephen Gronow** who will offer Masses for us during Fr. John's Retreat.

## Weekly Diary : 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> : 08.00 am. Memorial of Antioch of Antioch, bishop, martyr, followed Eucharistic Adoration.  
: 10.30 am. Anointing Service at Tricare Bayview.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** : 09.30 am. Feast of St Luke, evangelist, followed by Rosary  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Catholic Community of Christ prayer.  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** : 5.30 pm. : 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A  
11.00 am. Children Baptism Celebration

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Evening Sunday Mass of November will be on the 05<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm. : 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time A.**

## Mass Duty Roster : 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Lorraine Knight	Pierrette Serra Monique Labutte	Helen Topham, Dot Baker, Julie Dakin Rachelle Broughton, Clive Broughton	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Kristian Braeuer Asha Cameron	Rose Hessen, Jackie Cameron, Margaret McNamara Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Debbi Vivian Julius De Luna	Pam Nelson, Jane Howard Marie Roberts, John Lynch	John & Matthew Healey

## Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 3 (16/10/17)

1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	Piety Shop	St Anthony's
\$1274.20	\$1737.20	\$245.00	\$80.10

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver... And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance...

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor 9:7-8,11)



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28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017—Issue No. 242

## Meaning of the Parable of the Wedding Feast

**In his parable, Jesus compares heaven to a wedding banquet** that a king had prepared for his son. The king is God the Father, and the son who is being honoured at the banquet is Jesus Christ, who "came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him." (Jn 1:11) Many people who had been invited to the wedding, persistently refused to come, not because they *could not* come but because they *would not* come. They refused the blessings of God because of the draw of mundane things!

The king then sent invitations to anyone his servants could find. With the result of that the wedding hall was filled. During the feast he noticed a man who was not wearing wedding clothes. When asked how he came to be there without the furnished attire, the man had no answer and was promptly ejected from the feast.

**The matter of the wedding garment is instructive.** It would be a gross insult to the king to refuse to wear the garment provided to the guests. The man who was caught wearing his old clothing learned what an offense it was as he was removed from the celebration.

Just as the king provided wedding garments for his guests, God provides salvation for mankind. Our wedding garment is the righteousness of Christ, and unless we have it, we will miss the wedding feast. In the book of Revelation, we see those in heaven wearing "white robes," (Rev 7:9) and we learn that the whiteness of the robes is due to their being washed in the blood of the Lamb. We trust in God's righteousness, not our inadequate self-righteousness. (Phil 3:9)

For his crime against the king, the improperly attired guest is thrown out into the darkness. For their crimes against God, there will be many who will be consigned to "outer darkness" which is existence without God for eternity. Christ concludes the parable with the sad fact that "many are invited, but few are chosen," many hear the call of God, but only a few heed it.

**The self-righteous Pharisees** who heard this parable did not miss Jesus' point. In the very next verse, "the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words." (Mt 22:15) The Parable of the Wedding Feast is a warning to us, to make sure we are relying on God's provision of salvation, not on our own good works or religious service.

The imagery of a wedding banquet turns to the serious message when the man without the proper wedding clothes is not merely thrown out of the banquet, but is bound hand and foot, and cast into darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. This is obviously the judgment scene that Jesus repeated so often with these very words. Thus the banquet is the celebration of those who enter the kingdom, and the exclusion is the judgment of God for those who reject the invitation of grace.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.

Baptism Preparation at  
7pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month.

## LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

### FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-10 *The Lord will make a feast of rich food, and wipe away the tears from all faces.*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 23:1-6 *R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **R.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. **R.**

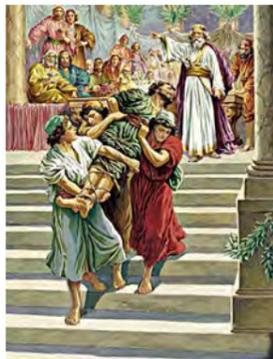
### SECOND READING Philippians 4:10-20 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. My God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### 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 22:1-14 *Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.*

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: "Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet"' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.



But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 33:11 *The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Nunziato (Nick) Pagano, Nancy Jean Carlaw

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Catherine & Jack McVeigh, Andrew & Hazel Wilkie, Joyce Hanrahan, Edie Topham, Harold Wilhelmsen, Syb Welsh

**SICK LIST:** Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Nora M Cadawas, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boehme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Marg Watson, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Babara Paton, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Pat Otago, Stephen Deshaies, Cathy Hewitt, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler

**PRAYER:** O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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