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at a
glance



Today's Readings

Isaiah 25:6-10

Philippians 4:12-14.19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens

Whomsoever you find, invite them to the wedding



**Twenty-Eighth
Sunday
Year A, 2017
14/15 October
2017**

In a Nutshell

God is very lavish in his preparations for his son's wedding feast. All is ready, yet the invited guests refuse to come. God has prepared his people for many centuries, and yet they will not accept his son, Jesus.

All and sundry, including us, are now invited to be part of the Kingdom. Are we ready to accept his invitation? Do unnecessary things blur our spiritual vision?

"The Wedding hall was filled with guests."

In today's Gospel Jesus presents a strange story about a royal wedding. Servants delivered personal invitations to the wedding of a king's son, but no one turned up. When the banquet was ready the king sent more servants to tell them to come. But they made limp excuses, beat up the servants and killed them. Then the story becomes really bizarre. The furious king despatched troops to burn down the town where these murderers lived. After that, by which time the food on the table must have been stone cold, he sent another lot of servants out into the streets to fetch in anyone at all, good and bad alike, until the hall was filled with guests.

These last servants who travelled the roads to bring in guests were the apostles and missionaries of our Church. The king told his servants to "go" and make disciples of all nations. They travelled beyond Jerusalem into Gentile lands, to Europe, Asia, Africa and eventually America and Australia. And they are still going out, these missionaries, priests, sisters and laypeople, suffering hardships as Paul, in the second reading, told us he did, inviting mean and woman into the kingdom of God. All of us in different ways are part of that mission of spreading the Gospel.

The beauty of this parable is that it presents the kingdom of God as a wedding banquet, highly desirable and attractive. Moreover, the Lord freely invites us to be his guests. We do not have to be worthy; we couldn't be worthy of God's invitation. God invites both the good and the bad. God want us all to be there. But why was an unfortunate man thrown out for not wearing a wedding garment? At baptism a white garment is put on. We are clothed in Christ. It is a salutary reminder that we are called to grow into the likeness of Christ we have put on, and live the Gospel life.

The Living Word, 2017

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

Response to the psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Gospel acclamation: 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!

Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist	
Saturday Vigil October:	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) John Betros	Saturday Vigil October:	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) June Ferguson, Sr. Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am October:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost	Sunday 7.00 am October:	Peter Frost , Garry Keating, and Charlie Robinson.
November:	Carol Miller		
December:	Gerry Walker & Charlie Robinson		
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
		October:	Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale Cheryl Graham, Erin Docherty.
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)	Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
	Church Cleaners		Gardeners
October 15th:	Sharon Critchley & Diane Karas		Susan & Kevin Bradley
October 22nd :	John & Margaret Betros		
October 29th:	Jim & Rhonda Uglow		
November 5th:	Paula O'Connor		
	Money Counters- Parish Office (more help required)		
October 15th:	Group 3	October 22nd:	Group 4
October 29th:	Group 1	November 5th:	Group 2

Offertory Gifts— Sat 14th October: 5.00 pm Vigil Mass. Lee & Cathy Sharply	Offertory Gifts— Sunday 15th October: 7.00 am Mass Laura & Jerry Walker
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Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Maurice Dore, Leo Brady, Margaret McDonald, John Wilson, Ambrosio Garica, Joe Sullivan (Snr),
Other Deceased:	Lesley Clifford, Jack & Shirley Michael, Noel Hudson Snr, Paul Hudson, Sherry Jackson, Bill Jack, Jack & Alma Saidey.
Anniversaries:	Conor Keenan (Ireland), Paul Hudson, Kath & Vic Shiner, Dobrivoj Rajic, George & Ellen McKelleher,
Sick:	Alistair Ross, Lyn Taylor, John Miller, Maureen O'Connor, Esteban Ovelar, Patrick Herlihy, Alma Reid, Steven Elias, Dillon Lynch (Dawson Family), Win Wallace, Fr John Shallvey msc, Fr Bob Irwin msc, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Frank Perry msc, Roslyn Hutton, Sr Kath Conlan.

<u>Special Social Evening for Parish Volunteers after Vigil Mass tonight (Saturday)</u>
<i>More Volunteers Required at St Brigid's Parish</i>
<i>To maintain our vibrant parish here at St Brigid's we will always welcome volunteers in a variety of areas: Children's Liturgy, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Musicians, Cleaning, Counters and Piety Store.</i>
<i>If you can offer the generosity of your time in any way please call the Parish Office 9315 7562 or stbparish_coogee@yahoo.com</i>
<i>Fr Phil</i>

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Every Sunday after the 9.30 am Mass (more volunteers needed)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.30 am (no Mass on Wednesday, unless special feast)
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month.
Baptisms	By appointment on the first and third Sundays of the month
Marriages	By appointment arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday— 9 am to 3 pm (phone 9315 7562)

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

HSC Student Prayer Cards—The Higher School Certificate examinations commence this Monday 16th October 2017. All are invited to collect a prayer card from the church foyer, if you would like to pray for the student whose name is on the card.

Parish Office - Please note a change to the Parish Office days. The office will now be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am—3pm. Fr Phil will be in the office during the mornings only on Fridays.

Two Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 3rd December

Following 11am Kindy 2018 Welcoming Mass, we will have our annual Parish Picnic, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle—all welcome.

Monday 4th December

Family Gingerbread House Event in the Parish Hall
6.30-8.30pm, more details to follow.

Fr Phil



Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal.

This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children's health in Uganda. In Uganda bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger, with many women taking great risks to reach health facilities. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre, they do not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers who come through the doors. **Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.**

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uga

Heart Women's Conference 19-21 October 2017

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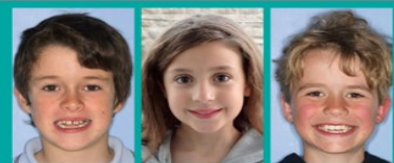
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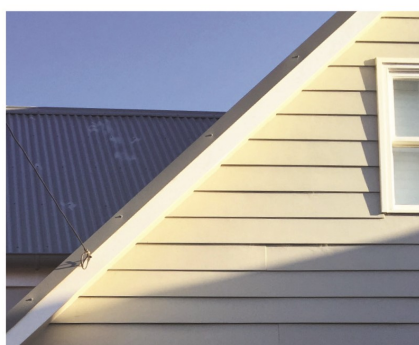
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