

Reflection ...

The increasing wealth of the few and the growing divide between rich and poor, particularly in the developing world, are challenging us all to consider our attitudes to the planet's resources and to the economic system that maintains that imbalance. The economic divide is highlighted by the vulnerability to pandemic of those rendered poor and homeless in our world. Today's gospel brings a warning. Like the invited guests in Matthew's parable of the wedding banquet, we are in danger of turning our backs on a gracious invitation or "call" not only to share in but also to ensure that all God's creatures share in the fruits of the earth. The king's invitation to successive and diverse groups recalls Israel's prophetic tradition where God's ultimate reign is imaged as a feast of the best food and wine, not just for a privileged few, but for all.

Many other aspects of the parable are quite troubling. Its focus is on the human community. Privileged humans are the first to be invited: the invitation to the less privileged comes only after those on the initial guest list have refused to come. This aspect of the story hardly reflects the values of God's empire or reign. Furthermore, the violent retaliation of the spurned host is hard to reconcile with an image of God's reign. This is also true of the treatment of the guest without a wedding robe in a situation where none of the guests has had the opportunity to procure the right attire. It becomes clear that this is not a story to be taken literally. Rather, it invites the reader to critique interpretations that see the king's behaviour as a reflection of how God deals with God's creation.

So, what might this story be telling us? If we look again at the despotic aspects of the king's character, we might find there a reflection of our own capacity to look after ourselves at the expense of the poor and vulnerable of our world and of the other-than-human. We might find an image of our nation's long-term redirecting of the foreign aid budget towards keeping refugees from settling in our land. On the other hand, if we put ourselves in the place of the original audience, we might find ourselves quite amazed at the inclusiveness of the king in a world where the people on the street would never have been invited to such a wedding banquet. If we think about the wedding garment as symbolic of a "right" disposition or attitude in relation to the host, the company, and the riches to be shared, we might be drawn to handle Earth's precious resources with a little more care for the common good of all the inhabitants of our planet. Our gospel tradition tells us that God's empire will only be realised when all have the opportunity to share in the feast of life and when other-than-human Earth inhabitants have the resources that enable them to flourish.

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 10 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 11 OCT

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 12 OCT

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 14 OCT

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 15 OCT

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 16 OCT

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 17 OCT

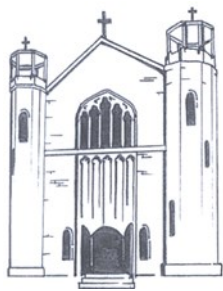
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 18 OCT

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Petrus Suroto msc - 0450 625 757

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 4: 12-14, 9-20

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!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 1-14

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Grace Veronica, Salvatore Messina, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj, Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton, Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, David Lai, John Roberts, Gavin Robertson, Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, A.L., Plutarco Cadornigara, John & Olga Nasser, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard, Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker, Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin, Lucienne Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Mary Cunney, Giles Auty, John Rees, Lucia Narsete, Angelo Paino, Gil San Gabriel

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Papallo, Peppina Calanni, Albert Aris Gunawan, Walter Grusovin, Pasquale Iovanella, Frank Higgins, Paul David Corcoran, Sr Margaret Rita Ellis, Mary Breen, Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy, Anthea & Roy Nicholas, Ana Niel, Phyl Dewar, Tony McDonald, Margaret Quinnell, Harry Dewar, May Campbell

ROSTER

10/11 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	John Ryan	Roel Castillo	John Allen
Readers	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Toni McGuinness Rob McGuinness	Patricia Reyes Isabel Reyes
Comm to Sick	Cathy Castillo	Nubia Suarez	
17/18 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Gus Alimhamzah	Danny Tjahjadi
Readers	Shilla Azalea Br Paul Rogers	Ross Martin Ana Corpuz	Marissa Meyn Marieann Duncan
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness		



WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code with your mobile phone. Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name.

COLLECTIONS - 3/4 OCT 20

1st Coll	\$250
2nd Coll	\$150
Envelope Coll	\$480
Holy Father's Appeal	\$200
Raise the Roof	\$500

HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday
12 October, 6pm-7pm
(call in for a few minutes or
stay the whole hour)

THIS CATHOLIC LIFE: ETHICAL ISSUES IN COVID



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will address some of the key ethical challenges posed by COVID19 from vaccines to support for the unemployed and restrictions on churches in a special podcast episode of ***This Catholic Life*** to be aired on Thursday 15 October. You'll find the podcast online here: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/category/podcasts/>.

E-PETITION TO PROCLAIM MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018

While the NSW Government has now committed itself to enacting legislation passed by parliament over two years ago, pressure is still on the government to ensure this happens before the end of 2020. You'll find a link to an e-petition calling on the government to act here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/pages/epetitions-list.aspx>. The closing date for signing the e-Petition has been extended to 3 November 2020. Over 10,000 people have so far signed the petition and with the securing of 20,000 or more e-signatures, a debate on the subject of the e-Petition will be activated in the Legislative Assembly.

OCTOBER FAMILY ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

Following on from Archbishop Fisher's consecration of the Archdiocese to Our Lady, Help of Christians in May, we are using October – the month of the Most Holy Rosary – to encourage families to pray the Rosary together with renewed fervour. To this end, the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady, Help of Christians will visit 31 parishes throughout the month. See the attached poster to find where the statue will travel. Each parish will include a program of at least one hour including a reflection on the Rosary, Adoration and Benediction, and silent family prayer. **Be sure to call and register your attendance, to comply with all Covid guidelines in place.** Enquiries: chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org.



THE MASCULINE MISSION

Unleashing The Warrior Within

6 WEEK COURSE

Hosted by

Fire Up Ministries

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
15 Collins St, St Marys

7pm - 9:30 pm

Wed 21st Oct – Wed 25th Nov



Presented by

Simon Carrington



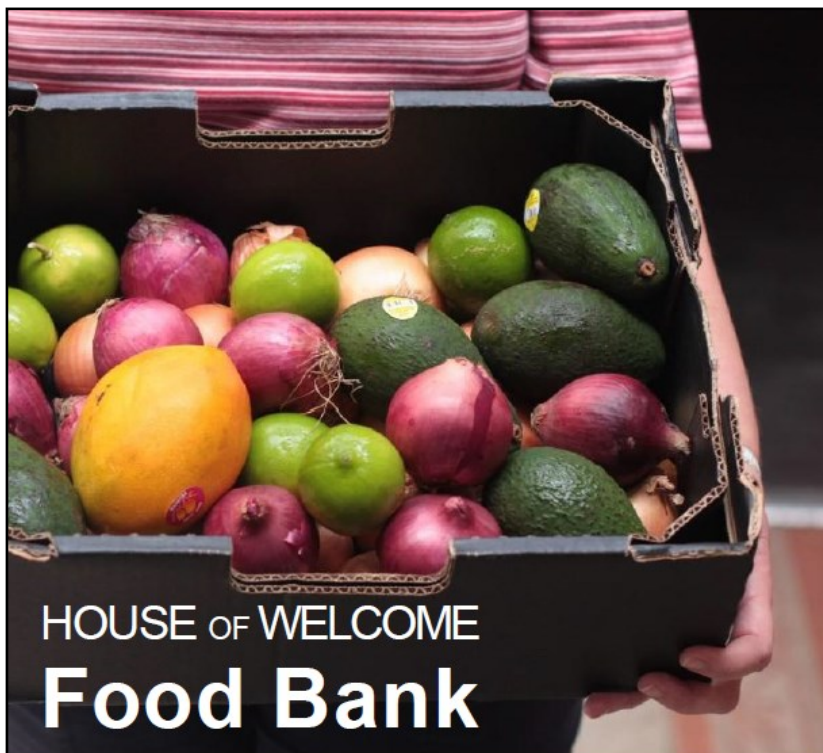
Registration: \$149 (Includes a PDF Studyguide)

Member Price: \$49

To register email: simon@fireupministries.com

Registrations close: Sunday 18th Oct

*Course is also available to be taken virtually via zoom



HOUSE OF WELCOME Food Bank

Foodbank provides household necessities for people seeking asylum who have limited or no income.

People can access groceries on a weekly basis to alleviate the cost of living. The Foodbank program is largely stocked through the generosity of people in the community. No contribution is too small.

Contact:

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Care for our Common Home

A conversation about how we can participate in shaping the future of the planet

Thursday 22nd October 2020
5.30pm-7pm AEST



The Chevalier Institute invites you to a webinar conversation – “How does the Pope’s letter, *Laudato Si’*, deepen and add to our understanding of ecological issues and our capacity to live our spirituality more faithfully?”. The webinar will include input from six key speakers as well as students from our MSC colleges and parishes.

Presenters:



Jacqui
Remond
*Laudato Si’
Consultant*



Sr Mary
Drum
*Provincial,
MSC Sisters*



Fr Claude
Mostowik
*MSC Justice
Peace and
Integrity of
Creation*



Fr Krish
Mathavan
*MSC
Laudato Si’
Animator*



Mark
McGinnity
*Director,
MSC
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Aidan
Johnson
*Coordinator,
Heartworks*

MSC – Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

SEEKING WORK

Martin, a local parishioner and former refugee but now an Australian citizen is seeking house cleaning/gardening work. Martin is honest, punctual and reliable. If you are in need of Martin’s services please contact John Hill on: 0411 315 533.