

Reflection and Prayers

28th Sunday Ordinary Time

The Gospel parable today of the wedding was spoken when Jesus saw that his own people were moving to reject him. The story is symbolic. But the invitation to us is a REAL one. It is an invitation to aim at

the good life. The invitation to the kingdom of heaven is cast wide, yet we are free to say yes or no. No matter how low a stature I seem to have in life, I am welcome. I will shake off the rags of my injustice, my less good self and dress in the clothes of a new, more loving person.

May God to help me to respond as best I can to this real invitation. Is a quiet voice whispering to me from within? (Excerpt from Sacred Space)

Dear Parishioners, Jesus invites us daily to the banquet God gives us. Let us pray for all to share fully in the feast of life.

We pray for Pope Francis, all the bishops and congregational leaders of Australia. May they assist in bringing a new church to birth in the aftermath of the pandemic. **Let us pray to the Lord**

We pray for all who are hungry and malnourished. May this week's World Food Day (16 Oct) prompt the well-fed to come to their aid. **Let us pray to the Lord**

We pray for countries at risk from more frequent and more extreme natural disasters. May they be helped to establish the emergency services they need. **Let us pray to the Lord**

We pray for welfare and support organisations facing increased demand as income supplements diminish. May the whole community give them generous support. **Let us pray to the Lord**

We pray for the non-Indigenous inhabitants of Australia. May they be eager to learn from the history, culture and traditions of the land's First Peoples. **Let us pray to the Lord**

We pray for all who care for people made dependent by age, illness or disability. May they fulfil their role with patience and compassion. **Let us pray to the Lord**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they take their place at the heavenly wedding feast of the Lamb. **Let us pray to the Lord**

God of boundless love, you sent your Son to summon us to the banquet of life. Give us the wisdom to always accept his invitation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.