

First Reading: *Isaiah 25:6-10*

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

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Response: ***I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.***

Second Reading: *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: *Matthew 22:1-10*

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and 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, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to 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.

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6 *Second Reading:* 1 Thess 1:1-15 *Gospel:* Mt 22:15-21

October 11, 2020 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

(Accessed on September 29, 2020 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 11 October 2020

God takes the first initiative for our salvation....

In the normal Jewish customs, an invitation to a great feast like a wedding feast, when sent out, the time was not stated. Only after everything was ready the servants were sent out with a final summons to tell the wedding guests to come. So then, the king in this parable had long ago sent out his invitations but it was not until everything was prepared that the final summons was issued and insultingly refused by the invited wedding guests.

In today's Gospel (Mt. 22, 1-14), we hear a parable about a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. Those invited did not come for so many reasons, so in the end the king allowed the gates of his kingdom to be opened to all, and his hall was filled with guests. Today's Gospel reading is an invitation. Our Lord is inviting us to be with Him, to come to Him, to come to His Kingdom which is described like a wedding feast where people are with joyful faces and dressed in their best clothes. He invites us to be close to Him at all times.

If we are going to compare our Christian religion with Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and other world religions, in them it is the people who look for God, but in the case of Christianity, it is God who looks for us. This truth can be seen in some other parables of Jesus, where it is God who looks for the lost sheep and the lost coin. And so it is God who takes the first initiative for our salvation.

God bless,
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Parish Information

Quote of the Day:

**LIFE IS A TRIP.
THE ONLY PROBLEM
IS
THAT IT DOESN'T
COME WITH A MAP.
WE HAVE TO
SEARCH
OUR OWN ROUTES
TO REACH OUR
DESTINATION.**

Mass Times

<p>Tuesday 13/10 6:00pm Mass at Manly</p> <p>Wednesday 14/10 9:00am Rosary and Mass at Manly</p> <p>Saturday 17/10 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Manly</p>	<p>Sunday 18/10 7:00am Mass at Gumdale</p> <p>9:30am Mass at Manly</p> <p>Reconciliation: By appointment only.</p>
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SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:
Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739
STOPLINE Contact: AOb@stopline.com.au
This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Child Safety and Protection of Vulnerable Adults policy is situated in the foyer of the church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Les Sellwood (Chair), Bruce Corrie,
Helen McNamara, Paola Nunez, Maria Jones,
Pam Chapman, Julia McLean

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Sr Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Krystyna Kelly, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Dennis Patterson, Carmen Phairs, Irene Gavrila, Rosa Maria Santos, Dawn O'Sullivan, Leon and Roz Thomas, Maura Poots, Angela Geraghty, Hugo Callan, Joan Francis, Angela de Weger, Terry Coles, Margaret Brennan, Ted Chapman, Leslee O'Connell, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Val Steeden, Mitchell Swee, Barbara Peet

For a name to be included in the 'Prayer for our Sick' list, the Privacy Act now requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Noel Armanasco, Dawn Bone, Hugh Cleary, Mary Cotter, Sr Anne Doherty, Suzanne Dougherty, Paul Forrester, Kerry Greensill, Matilda Iselin, John Kenafake, Antoni Kolbuch, Charles Lewis, Mary Machin, Ester Morrison, George Plant, Noreen Roe, Nancy Sheehan, Ronald Smith, Horace Tranter, Eunice Wade.

COVID-19 UPDATE

From the Archdiocese: 'The Chief Medical Officer has expressed confidence in organisations with COVID Safe plans and at this stage parishes following the [Industry Plan for Places of Worship](#) can continue to hold acts of worship with no additional operating restrictions.' Bishop Ken Howell

Our Parish operates under the COVID safe plan and we can continue to celebrate mass following these guidelines.

Mass celebrations at St. John Vianney's:

Mass bookings for **55** people can be made.

To book please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>.

If you require assistance for bookings, please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email us at manly@bne.catholic.net.au

Mass Celebrations at St. Jude's:

We are currently able to celebrate with **20** people in attendance with social distancing in place.

To book please contact: Helen McNamara via phone 0403 193 625 or e-mail: Imac11@optusnet.com.au

Announcements

Office Hours—Wednesday 14/10: Next *Wednesday 14/10/2020* the parish office will be open from **7:30am-1:00pm**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Dying Peacefully No Euthanasia Sunday—October 11, 2020

We need to tread lightly and carefully in making laws about end of life. We must be careful not to cause more suffering under the illusion that we are ending it. Legislation around euthanasia or voluntary assisted dying will be considered in Queensland early next year, so this is an important issue to consider as we prepare for the state election on October 31. To explore a Catholic perspective on end-of-life visit: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/dying-peacefully/>

Bishops Of Queensland Election Statement

Everyone deserves a full life. Right now, aged care and support for older people in our community is subject to greater scrutiny than ever before. Governments must provide for sustainable aged care services, improve regulatory frameworks to ensure the quality of care and provide older people and their families with real choice and control over the services they receive. How will you use your Queensland State Election vote for the benefit of people of every age in our community? Consider the Common Good on October 31.

You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/2FvHA8W>

Call For Volunteers

The parish is in need of volunteers for weekend masses. If you would like to help with the following duties and are not already a volunteer in our parish please go to the following link to register as a volunteer: <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in contact with you. If you are already a volunteer within our parish and would like to assist please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email: manly@bne.catholic.net.au. Full training is provided to all volunteers.

Sacristan duties, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar Serving, Screen Operators, Hospitality, Counters and Choir and musicians.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Please see information of the Volunteer Information Notices at the back of the church. We would like to thank you in anticipation.

Important Information Regarding Mass Bookings

Bookings for masses in November will commence on Monday October 12 at 9:00am and be released in two week intervals.

All bookings that are made from now on have been limited to one seat per booking, this is to allow for a simplified contact tracing system to be put into place.

If you are a family or booking multiple seats you will be required to book one seat for each person attending, using their details. This includes any families booking with children. **PLEASE NOTE** that in order for the contact tracing pages to be pre-filled with your details you need to ensure that the full details are being inputted this includes full first and last names. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter and thank you to everyone already assisting with this.

In the event that you have made a booking and can no longer attend mass we ask that you please cancel your booking, this can be done using the booking confirmation you receive via email, the option to cancel is located at the bottom.

If you have any questions please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email: manly@bne.catholic.net.au