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XXVIII Domenica del tempo Ordinario (ANNO A)

Come riuscirà la Chiesa, Sposa di Cristo, a presentare agli uomini del nostro mondo, della nostra società post-cristiana, l'incredibile invito del Padre alle nozze di suo Figlio? Come far sedere alla tavola di questo "banchetto di grasse vivande, di cibi succulenti, di vini raffinati" un'umanità apparentemente senza appetito? Questo compito appassionante di tutta la Chiesa - questa nuova evangelizzazione - deve occupare tutti i figli del nuovo popolo di Dio. Ne va di mezzo la vita e la vita del mondo. Sembra che annunciare l'invito con un nuovo ardore, con nuovi metodi, con una nuova espressione non sia un mezzo superato. Alcuni tra coloro che trasmettono questo invito alle nozze saranno forse maltrattati, forse uccisi. Ci saranno certamente quelli che rifiutano l'invito. Poco importa. C'è gente agli angoli delle strade. Basta annunciare con convinzione che noi andiamo a un banchetto, che l'invito di Cristo è arrivato fino a noi e che noi conosciamo le portate. Basta sapere che noi possiamo tutto in colui che ci conforta. L'annunciamo così? Siamo convincenti perché abbiamo già partecipato a questo banchetto? Non c'è niente di più ripugnante di coloro le cui parole ripetono quello che dicono gli altri, senza dare prova di alcuna esperienza.

(La Chiesa)

There are two parables in today's gospel. The first is about the invited guests who are too preoccupied with their own business and affairs to come to the prepared feast. When we consider the length of time that guests may be involved in celebration, especially one given by a wealthy king, this is more understandable. The response of the invited guests, the chosen people, was to kill the messengers, an echo of last week's gospel, where the people of Israel rejected the prophets. The second parable, in the longer version of the gospel, is about the one who came but did not bother to change into his wedding garments. In both, the reaction of the king seems somewhat extreme! But the parables make an important point about the invitation being offered by God: those who do not bother to respond will lose their invitation; those who accept but fail to change their way of life (their clothes) will also lose out. This text warns that Christian life is a web made up of God's gracious invitation and our free response.

(the summit)

Air conditioners in the church

Work on the removal of the existing split systems and the installation of the new systems has commenced. S&J Mechanical Electrical P/L have been assigned the responsibility of the project. The systems are expected to be installed and running by mid-October. There should be minimal disruption to weekday or weekend mass services. Voluntary donations are welcome.

Jokes

An old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health for the previous ten years mainly due to the wife's interest in health, food, and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite, Jacuzzi and lavish buffet breakfast. "How much does it cost to eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand?" Peter replied. "This is Heaven, it's all free!" After a sumptuous breakfast the old couple went to the clubhouse of Heaven's extensive golf grounds and saw the lavish buffet lunch. "Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly. Peter replied, "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven." — The old man looked at his wife angrily and said, "This is all your fault! If it weren't for your bran muffins and sugar-free diet, we could have been here ten years ago!"

(frtonyshomilies)

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Meldon Richardson, John Bussutil, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Claudette McAllister, John Pannunzio, Maria Lester, Robert, Richard, Alice Abella, Estrelita Flores, Anna Boscaglia, Cleo Mallia, Remi Infanti, Christine, Vic Usher, Nidal, Peter, Sam Brady, Rosario Galati, Venia Tanjay, Giovanni Inchincoli

Upcoming funerals:
Domenico Garoffolo, Wednesday, 14 October at 11.00 pm.
Elena Sankovic, Thursday, 15 October at 12.30 pm.

Recently deceased: Elena Sankovic, Domenico Garoffolo, Giuseppina Panzera, Angela Bono, David Galea, Elizabeth Comito, Neta Mayer, Jacques Bodourian, Pietro Leone, Nicola Pardea, Filippo Rizzo, Bernice Di Biase, Zina Caruso.

Anniversaries: Salvatore Musso, Pasquale Torcasio, Giuseppe Torcasio, Aaron Weerasinghe, Myrtle Eliyathamby, Earl De Zilva, Sherine Adolphus, Maria Bonadio (nee Butera) , Lorenzo Arico, Alberto Yuson Galdo, Leandro Yuson Galdo, Silvio Iera

Mass times	Rosters for weekend masses (October 17/18)
Weekday:	Lectors:
Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am mass.	Saturday: 5.30 pm. L. Psaila Sunday 9.00 am: A. Hamrock-Fox 10.30 am: V. Burgio
Wednesday: Novena mass 6.00 pm.	Bus driver: B. Tjahtono
Weekend:	
Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)	
Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office	

Melbourne Synod 2026

On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, §31). Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (*Lumen Gentium*, §4). The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026.

Further information is available at : <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro	St. Matthew's Prayer
Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volontà' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.	God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.
Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.	Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.
Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen	Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.