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Twenty-Eighth Sunday

Year A

11th October 2020

'Come to the Wedding'

Images of banquets and feasting, of hospitality and generosity abound in this week's readings.

In the **First Reading** (Isaiah 25: 6–10), the prophet Isaiah tells how God will prepare a banquet of rich food for all peoples. He will remove their sadness so that all will rejoice in the saving hand of God.

The **Psalms 23** echoes the theme of the care that God, as shepherd, has for all his people. It ends with an image of a banquet and generous hospitality.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading** (Philippians 4: 12–14), has utter confidence that God will give him strength as he faces hardship in prison. This is revealed through the generosity of others, who will be amply rewarded.

The **Gospel** (Matt. 22: 1–14) from St Matthew offers us yet another parable of the Kingdom. The messianic banquet is offered to all, Jews and Gentiles – though some refuse and are rejected. All of us, good and bad alike, have only to respond to the invitation.

The wedding feast is not just a heavenly banquet: the Kingdom is in the here and now. What invitations, in the banquet of life, will come my way this week?

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Mass Times: Please note our current mass times are as follows:

Day	Time	Group
Sunday	8.00am	Public Mass – please book
Sunday	9.30am	<i>FHC children & families only</i>
Sunday	11.30am	Public Mass – please book
Monday	9.15am	Public Mass – all welcome
Tuesday	9.15am	Public Mass – all welcome
Wednesday	7.30pm	Public Mass – all welcome
Friday	7.00pm	Public Mass – all welcome
Saturday	9.30am	<i>FHC children & families only</i>
Saturday	6.30pm	<i>Confermandi & families only</i>

For the **Sunday masses at 8.00am and 11.30am** please contact the Parish office by email or telephone to book a place. For all other masses, please just bring along a piece of paper with your name and telephone number on. We are also requesting that people wear **face masks** where possible.

Please note there will be no mass at 9.15am on Monday 19th October as there is a funeral mass.

Church Cleaning: Volunteers needed to help clean the church on Saturday 17th October at 10.30am please. Just come along to the Church!

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order. The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

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Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation.

Any donations are very gratefully received.

NHS COVID Track & Trace: Please note St. Mary's now has a QR code that can be scanned on to the NHS Track & Trace app. If you are able, please scan this code every time you attend the Church / mass. For those who do not have the app, please continue to complete a form in the porch with your name and telephone number on for track and trace purposes.

November - Month of the Holy Souls: We will pray for all loved ones who have died during November. There will be a candle lit in front of the altar at every mass to remember those who have died this year and may have not had the opportunity for a full funeral service. Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church in which to place the names of loved ones and they will be placed on the altar during November.

Recently deceased: Please pray for Terry Kane who sadly passed away recently. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Sister Clare Crockett: The inspiring story of Sr. Clare who died in 2016 at the age of 33 can be found on YouTube.

October – Month of the Rosary: The month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary and we are invited to give time to pray to Our Lady. I recommend that at 8.00pm each evening, either individually or in the family, that we be united in praying the rosary for our Parish family and for all during this difficult time – praying for a cure to this virus.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & private prayer take place each Thursday 11.00am-1.00pm. We do ask that if people are able, they assist with sanitising the Church afterwards.

Gift Aid Envelopes are now ready to collect from the back of the Church. If your envelopes are not there, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Congratulations to the eleven adults who were received into the Church on Tuesday and to the other two adults who received the sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation.

Mass Intentions: Please be assured that if your mass intention is not currently being said during a public mass, Father Martin is saying mass for these intentions in private.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Joe De Abreu, Sharon De Giorgio, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, and for all our family and friends who are ill. **Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.**

Joe De Abreu

Prayers

God has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission – I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work; I shall be a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling.

*Saint John Henry Newman
Canonised 13th October 2019*

Memorae

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	10 th Oct	9.30am 6.30pm	John & Joanne Egan Int Josephine & Anthony Camilleri RIP
Sunday	11 th Oct	8.00am Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.30am 11.30am	Mary McCarthy RIP All Parishioners Jack Hughes
Monday	12 th Oct	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP
Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga			
Tuesday	13 th Oct	9.15am	Margaret Wilks Int
Wednesday	14 th Oct	7.30pm	Anne Heneghan Int
Thursday	15 th Oct	Intention 11.00-1.00	Marie Tweedie RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Teresa of Jesus			
Friday	16 th Oct	7.00pm	Betty Compton RIP
Saturday	17 th Oct	9.30am 6.30pm	Chris McSweeney Int Patrick & Margaret Farrell RIP
St. Ignatius of Antioch			
Sunday	18 th Oct	8.00am Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.30am 11.30am	Dawn Whelan-Smith RIP Tom Gratton RIP All Parishioners

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Please note the location of the fire exits