

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kaurna People

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A

15th October 2023



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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

**Adoration & Fatima
Chaplet For Peace**

Tuesday October 17th
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Liturgy Committee
Meeting**

Tuesday
October 24th 7 pm

Knit & Natter

Thursday
October 26th
10am –12noon

Parish Brunch

Sunday October 29th

Praise & Worship Night

Wednesday 15th Nov
6.30-9pm

Readings

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Is 25: 6-10

Ps 22:

Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22: 1-14

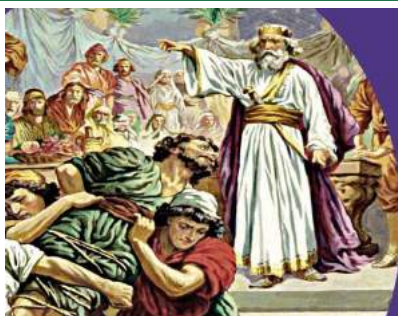
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Is 45: 1, 4-6

Ps 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10

1 Thess 1: 1-5

Matthew 22: 15-21



Parable of the **WEDDING BANQUET**

In the Gospel Reading of today from St. Matthew, we have yet another Kingdom parable, 'the Parable of the Wedding Feast.' It is third and last in the series of three consecutive parables, called 'the Parables of Rejection.' It is, as the others were, also addressed to the 'chief priests and elders of the people.' This parable of the wedding banquet, like the parable of the vineyard and the wicked tenants has an allegorical emphasis. It stresses on the story of the salvation history from the initial sending of the prophets to Israel through the renewed invitation of the followers of Jesus. It concludes with the Last Judgment when the good and bad from among the community are sorted out. In the parable, Jesus says that the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a king who threw a party in honour of his son's wedding. When all the preparations for the royal wedding banquet have been made, the king sends his servants to inform those specially invited to come. But those invited refuse to come. So, he again sends his servants this time to plead that they come since everything is ready. But they had other priorities and disregarded the king's invitation. Worse still, they maltreated and killed the servants who brought the invitation. The king of course punished them for this insult by killing them and burning their cities.

The king is the figure of God. The wedding feast is the Jewish image of the life to come. The son is Jesus Christ. Those invited in the first and second time are the people of Israel. The king sends out his servants, referring to the long line of prophets sent to the people of Israel calling them to love and service. The king's second invitation underlies God's patience with His chosen people; He still hopes for a change of heart in them. But for one reason or another, they still refuse to come. All this is equal to rebellion; to disloyalty and we are told that the king dispatches troops to destroy those murderers and their city. With the repeated refusal of those originally invited, the servants are now sent out to the 'highways and by-ways' to invite 'whomever they find.' There is an urgency to respond to the king's call and no exceptions are made this time. All are invited, good and bad alike, until the wedding hall is filled. This is God's universal invitation to salvation. No one is excluded, however bad that person may be. We are all invited to God's gift of salvation.

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A sequel to this parable is another parable, 'the Parable of the Wedding Garment,' about one of the guests who came without the appropriate wedding garment. This too was an insult to the king and he was thrown out of the wedding hall. Strange! It seems a gross contradiction. It seems so unjust. Having gone out to the highways and byways to bring in all and sundry without exception, how can one justify tossing out someone because he does not have a 'wedding garment?' Yet, some reflection will reveal that it is really part of the same teaching. The Jewish leaders rejected Jesus. Other people, Jewish outcasts and pagans, were invited to take their place at the banquet. However, it is not enough just to be present at the banquet. One is expected to behave as a wedding guest. The Kingdom of Heaven is freely offered to us. Those of us on the way to the kingdom must spare no effort in acquiring the moral and spiritual character that is consonant with life in the Kingdom. What is our response going to be then? Have we ever thought that other things were more important, or that we were too busy to accept God's invitation to His table? To what extent, even right now, are we closed to calls from God because we are so tied up in all kinds of concerns and anxieties about things which do not really matter or about things which cannot guarantee us any real fulfillment and happiness?

For us "wearing the wedding garment" means living out the Gospel message. We are called to live the moral and ethical values embodied in Jesus' life and in his teachings. The "wedding garment" in the parable refers to true discipleship rather than uncommitted membership. The parable means that when one freely accepts Christ as one's Lord and Saviour, one must dedicate one's life to Jesus. The Christian must be clothed in the spirit and teaching of Jesus. Grace is a gift and a grave responsibility. While God, through the Church, opens wide His arms to us, we can only accept His invitation to this relationship of mutual love by loving Him back. It is not enough for one to say, "I Believe," and then simply to continue living one's life in one's accustomed sinful ways. Although Jesus accepted the tax collectors and prostitutes, he demanded that they abandon their evil ways ("Go, and sin no more!") The permanent and universal lesson taught by the parable has nothing to do with the actual clothing we wear when we go to Church. But it has everything to do with the spirit in which we enter God's House. The garments of the mind and of the heart we wear when we go to worship God are more important than our material clothing. The wedding garments are the garments of penitence, Faith, reverence and Love. The parable ends on a slightly pessimistic note: "For many are called, but few are chosen." Do we find ourselves among the chosen not just because we are called but because we are committed to the call that we have received?

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Assisted listening system now available

- Receivers and headphones available from the sacristy.
- Neckloops are also available for use with hearing aids equipped with the "T" option.
- Covers the whole church seating area.
- The receiver automatically turns on and off when taken from or returned to the storage case.
- There are 2 front buttons on the receiver, vol up/vol down.

If you would like to use one please approach the go to person for assistance.

Children's Prayer

As God's Children, we pray for the needs of our Church and our world. We pray that our eyes are opened to understanding the unjust structures that lead to inequality, poverty and conflict. We pray for the courage to act as agents of change and the will to support the work of the Church in providing for those in need. Amen



Knit & Natter



Our Group will be having a break until after the school holidays and will return on Thursday October 26th. We would be grateful for any donations of wool. Please deliver to Parish Office . Carmel Kay 8356 4029

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Stanley Blackford, Noreen Fox, Monica Allen, Joe Scicluna, Margaret Billing, Fr Peter Dunn, Savariya Pitchai, Steven Crichton, Kaye Pilkington, Patti O'Toole, Noreen Carey, Murt Keatley, Joan Irene Cherrington, Mary Joan Still, Ivan Tinus, Claire Smaller, Don Crichton,

Anniversaries

Margaret Liddy

Sick Parishioners

Amelia D'Aloia, Des Fahey, Terry Cashin, Frank Cousins, Pat Berti, Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks,

Parish Keys



If you no longer need a key to access the Church or to the Office due to a change in commitments as ministers, volunteers, or for group activities we ask that you please return your keys to the Parish office.

Police Checks Updating

Please contact Ivy Hill: 0413 081 421 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating



Giving App

Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals. Or go to adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 9.30am Mass



Term 4 will see us reintroduce Children's Liturgy of the Word for the youngest members of our Parish.

An opportunity for them to gather, connect and

build friendships as they discover the Gospel message and the love that Jesus has for them.

Children's Liturgy is appropriate for primary school aged children. However younger children are welcome to come along, with a parent or adult helper.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW is welcome to contact the Parish Office or Barb Conlon.

Barb Conlon

Families and Faith Outreach Coordinator (Alpha)

Henley Beach Parish COME ALONG—JOIN IN!



"Our Connecting

Stories"

BRUNCH

Sunday, 29 October 2023

From 10:30 am

@ Parish Hall and breezeway

♥ Free sausage sizzle ♥ Soft drinks ♥

Barista Coffee (sponsored by St Michael's COLLEGE)

Games for all ages ♥

Bring a plate to share that reflects your heritage or a place in the world you love!

☺ ALL WELCOME! ☺



The Southern Cross

The New Edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church for \$2. Please take one

Bring a taste of food to share, that reflects your heritage or a place in the world you love



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Stewardship Reflections

“My God will fully 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 sceptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are sceptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Helping Us Grow in Our Christian Lives



There will be an Advent program for 2023 led by Cheryle Douglas, one of our parishioners.

The program will be at our church, Our lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road. Henley Beach.

Wednesdays: (22/11/2023, 29/11/2023, 6/12/2023, 13/12/2023, 20/12/2023)

Time: 7- 8.30 pm.

Followed by light supper.

Enquiries Cheryle Douglas, Ph 0423480440.

Cost by donation. Please register at back of church

Adoration & Fatima Chaplet For Peace

TUESDAY 17 October
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

We will unite in solidarity in front of the Blessed Sacrament and pray for peace in all war torn countries: Israel - Gaza, Russia - Ukraine and other parts of our world facing conflict.

Adoration & Benediction - Fr Manu
Music provided by Sharina Rabusic
Fátima Chaplet - Led by Peter Speranza



Fatima Chaplet of adoration & reparation uses prayers taught by the Angel of Peace at Fátima, Portugal.



Office Closure

The Office will be closed Thursday 26th October for all day Staff Training.

Volunteers Needed

Many of our volunteers who were cleaning the church on a regular basis have retired as they were unable to do it any more. We are in urgent need for people to help us to keep the church nice and clean. You will have to spare an hour every third week to help us. If you are able to go on the roster for cleaning of the church please contact the office.

Advent Retreat Saturday 16th December 9:15am - 3:30pm in the Church

Topic: “Don't Be Afraid, Mary;

The Day will Include:

Talks given by Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Silent Reflection Reconciliation Benediction Prayer Ministry Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided.

Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 14th December Cost by donation All welcome

Advent Books

Advent Books now available for collection from the Office for those who ordered them.

Cost is \$6.00.

There are no spare copies available.

Parish Liturgy Committee

The next meeting of the Parish Liturgy Committee is on October 24th at 7 pm in the meeting room.

Henley Parish



Guest Speaker:
Fr Dean Marin
Live Music
Prayer Teams
Reconciliation

Praise and Worship

Wednesday | 6:30 - 9pm
15 Nov | Finger Food

[Register Here](#)

420 Seaview Road
Henley Beach Parish (OLSH)



All Welcome

Come to our Praise and Worship Night, here at Henley and join with other Catholics from around Adelaide to worship our Lord. The evening begins with finger food in Parish Hall from 6:30pm to allow for a time of gathering and connection. Then into the church from 7-9pm where live music will support us as we sing to Praise and Worship. Our guest speaker Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General, will share with us a personal reflection, “What are you waiting for?” Prayer teams and the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Please use the QR link to register.