

POPE FRANCIS' NEW ENCYCLICAL LETTER:

Last Sunday after the prayer of Angelus with people, Pope Francis said: Yesterday I was in Assisi to sign the new Encyclical *Fratelli tutti* on fraternity and social friendship. I offered it to God on the tomb of Saint Francis, who inspired me, as in the previous *Laudato si'*. The signs of the times clearly show that human fraternity and care of creation form the sole way towards integral development and peace, already indicated by the Popes Saints John XXIII, Paul VI and John Paul II. Today, to you in the square - and also those outside the square. May Saint Francis accompany the Church's path of fraternity, among believers of every religion, and among all peoples.

Download: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html

RE REVIEW

Brother David Hall and his team will be in Wagga diocese from Sunday 18th October conducting the review into RE. They are looking to be in conversation with us, the priests of the diocese, about this and will do this. This is our opportunity to engage on a topic close to the hearts of many of us. It is a very important moment in the life of the diocese.

PLENARY COUNCIL

In a letter to priests Bishop Mark wrote: "I recently received and reviewed an early draft of the working document for the Plenary Council. Though it was still in need of work, the way that material from the six discernment papers and from the Light on the Southern Cross (the Church's review of best practice governance) was integrated and set in a context of solid ecclesiology and a theology of discernment was impressive. This document seems to catch up all of the hopes and concerns that I have seen expressed... The Plenary Council will help to identify issues that our diocese should address and propose guidelines for how this might be done.

Six people from our diocese will be delegates at the Plenary Council: Edmund (Ed) Brown, Wendy Catrell, the Rector of the seminary, the Vicar General, the Vicar for Education and the bishop.

Last week 1st Collection \$345 2nd Collection \$381

Women's Marian Movement of Priests' Cenacle meets at 10.30am, 27th Oct. in the White House.

ALL SOULS MASS—MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 7:30PM,
the Parish remembers those parishioners and parishioners' dear ones who have died in the past 12 months.

IF YOU INTEND TO ATTEND THE MASS AND WANT TO LIT A CANDLE FOR YOUR DEAR ONES, PLEASE SIGN IN ON THE LIST IN FOYER NAMES OF RELATIVES WHO HAVE DIED SINCE 2/11/2019 ONLY.



Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal

10th/11th October, 2020

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Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 10am

Daily Mass Times:

Monday - Friday: 5:45pm

Saturday: 9.30am

Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

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WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan, Allan Davis, Barbara McDonnell, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard, Eileen Gaynor, Theresa Gallucci, Rosalind Lim.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: David Mavroudis.

SICK: Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Garry Brigham, Brianna Papworth.

No one has been baptized a priest or a bishop.

We have all been baptized as lay people.

Lay people are protagonists of the Church.

Today, it is especially necessary to create broader opportunities for a more incisive female presence in the Church.

And we must emphasize the feminine lay presence because women tend to be left aside.

We must promote the integration of women, especially where important decisions are made.

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church, without falling into forms of clericalism that diminish the lay charism. (Pope Francis' October prayer intention)

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from prophet Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22

I shall live in the Lord's house all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Eph 1: 17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our heart that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the 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 despatched 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. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth". For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Dining at God's House

This is a strange story: why would invited guests not come to a king's wedding feast? In our time, any celebrity who throws a party can expect everyone to come, the invited along with the uninvited. People want to see and be seen at notable occasions. Certainly, a royal wedding qualifies as a must-see event.

But in this story people do the remarkably inappropriate thing: they snub the king. And when the king practically begs them to come a second time, some of those invited do violence to their messengers. This is such an incredible response, we recognise that Jesus is referring to the response to himself and to prophets who came before him. No one would behave this way to a king, his son, and his servants, Jesus is saying. And yet you behave this way to God, God's son, and the prophets.

As listeners to this story, we have a choice. We can be like those invited who don't bother to go, or who retaliate with rage. We can come without preparation. Or we can have something to say for ourselves if caught poorly clad at God's feast. "O God, have mercy on me, a sinner," is a good prayer to have on hand.

Which role do you see yourself playing in the parable of the wedding feast?

Dine in God's house this week. Feed the hungry, share a meal with someone who needs you, and don't forget the Eucharist. (gpbs.com.au)