

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11th October- 17th October 2020

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 4

EVERYTHING IS READY; JUST COME!

In today's first reading, we hear Isaiah describing an immense banquet prepared by God. His description comes in the middle of a section of prophecy which goes beyond the immediate events of his time to look at God's final judgement. Isaiah describes the last battle and the desolation of the world, and the reward which God has prepared for the righteous: a magnificent feast of rich food and fine wine. Isaiah repeatedly mentions the mountain on which this banquet will take place.

The banquet described by Isaiah is so wonderful that this image was taken up by other prophets to describe the immense goodness of God towards his chosen people, and became part of their normal way of describing the end of the world, an image taken up by Our Lord Himself in the gospel passage for today. Belief in the exclusive holiness of the Jewish people was prevalent in Our Lord's day, especially among the Pharisees, and this parable was addressed, at least in part, to them.

It reinforces the rather critical message in last week's parable of the vineyard, which concluded with the comment: "When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them, and so they tried to arrest him." This criticism of the religious establishment is also implicit in today's gospel, for the opening part of the parable tells how the first group of people invited rejected their invitation.

One of the main points is this. The fact that the first people who were invited did not come does not mean that the marriage feast was cancelled. Far from it. Instead, the reward was offered to the whole world: "the wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the streets and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find." The invitation is now opened to include all people, in every age.

And so, in the parable, the king sends his servants out to invite everyone to the feast, but again a response must be made by those who have been invited. Everyone must respond personally and individually to the call they have received, otherwise they also will suffer God's condemnation. That is what we are being told in the last section of the parable, the crushing detail of the guest who was expelled from the feast because he did not have a wedding garment.

In the wedding hall, one man did not wear a wedding garment. This man wore another garment, and in this way, he dissociated himself from the other guests, who together formed a single body, the Body of Christ. Also, this man was thrown outside, in order that all the guests would appear as one single body, united and interdependent, a single Body which forms the Spouse of Christ the Saviour.

Organized groups often have uniforms. By wearing them they show they belong together and have a common objective. On certain occasions every member is expected to wear the uniform. If one refuses to do so, one is saying he no longer belongs to the group. This parable is not about wearing clothes. It is about wearing Jesus Christ. "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ," St. Paul tells the Romans, and the Galatians, and the Colossians, and the Ephesians. The man who came without the proper clothes is the Christian in name only, who refuses to put on Jesus Christ throughout his life. This is the person who accepts the invitation of the Lord but refuses to exercise his or her responsibility in the Christian community.

READINGS

FIRST READING:
ISAIAH 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :
PSALM 22(23)

SECOND READING:
PHILIPPIANS 12-14,19-2

GOSPEL:
MATTHEW 22:1-14

LEARN

"The unity of Christ and the Church, head and members of one Body, also implies the distinction of the two within a personal relationship. This aspect is often expressed by the image of bridegroom and bride.

[This] ...was prepared for by the prophets and announced by John the Baptist. The Lord referred to himself as the "bridegroom." The Apostle speaks of the whole Church and of each of the faithful, members of his Body, as a bride "betrothed" to Christ the Lord so as to become but one spirit with him. The Church is the spotless bride of the spotless Lamb... "

CCC796, MATT.22:1-4, JN3:29, MK 2:19



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
Twenty—Eighth Sunday - Year A

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

11TH OCTOBER—17TH OCTOBER, 2020

SUNDAY 11TH

TWENTY—EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

6.00 PM

Johnny Scahill, RIP, 12th year Anniversary

10.00AM

John & Martha Rayne, People of the Parish

12.00 PM

Stanko & Ivanko Vrdoljak intentions.

Martha Quarshie and Stephen

Swaray, Birthday Thanksgiving

6.00 PM

James & Annie Kelly

MONDAY 12TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

7.00 PM

Joseph Djagbo, Birthday Thanksgiving

TUESDAY 13TH

FEAST OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

9.00 AM

7.00 PM

WEDNESDAY 14TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

7.00 PM

Kathleen Quigley, RIP. Cyril De Oliviera RIP.

THURSDAY 15TH

MEMORIAL OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA

9.00 AM

7.00 PM

FRIDAY 16TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

7.00 PM

Obinna Duru, birthday thanksgiving

SATURDAY 17TH

MEMORIAL OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

10.00AM

John & martha Rayne,

Obinna Duru, Birthday Thanksgiving

Rita Unuechie, God's intervention in saving her life

6.00PM

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PSALM 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READINGS

ISAIAH 25:6-10

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

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22(23)

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

- 1 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. .
- 2 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
- 3 You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
- 4 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 .

SECOND READING

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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia !

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: '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. 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:
Sacred Heart Church Camberwell
Sort Code: 60-50-01
Account Number: 79102409

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the exit and baptismal font of the church. We are encouraged to make our offerings and drop our gift aid envelopes after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:
camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday children first holy communion: Our children in the Saturday first holy communion class will have their first confession on **Saturday 17th October at 10:30am** and their first holy communion on **Sunday 18th October at 2pm and 6pm** respectively. Parents please ensure all the paper work relating to your child's details are properly completed to enable us prepare their certificates.

CAFOD ENVELOPES

Please place your offerings for CAFOD in the open boxes at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generous donation.

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily especially during this time of the global pandemic. May our Blessed Mother Mary continue her powerful intercession on the world.

PARISH WEBSITE

Our new parish website is now up and running, even as we continue to add more features by way of update.
A big thanks to Isaac Quarshie who designed the website and manages it for the parish. The parish remains grateful to Isaac for all he does for the parish.

TO BE READ BEFORE THE 10AM AND 12NOON MASSES

Dear brothers and sisters as the coronavirus is now on the rise again, we shall take **option 1** approach for our collective safety recommended by the Bishop's conference for any mass with more than 50 people. This option enables the priest to conclude the Mass before the distribution of Holy Communion. As soon as you receive Holy Communion, please go home immediately communing with the Lord in your heart. This option is to stop parishioners from socialising at the end of Mass as we have observed recently. Thank You

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are getting ready to begin our Confirmation classes that were postponed since march. The candidates have been grouped in a class bubble of 3 groups, inline with Covid-19 restrictions. Each class group will take place once a week, **Wednesday for group one, Thursday for group two and Friday for group three**. All classes will begin at 7pm in the parish hall. We hope to begin this schedule from **Wednesday October. 21st FOR GROUP 1 AT 7PM. Group 2, Thursday 22nd at 7pm, Group 3, Friday 23rd at 7pm**. This first session is compulsory for one parent and the candidate.

PILGRIMAGE 2020

Dear Pilgrim,
It is with regret and sadness that, due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19, the decision was made to postpone your planned 2020 Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto. Deposits have been paid to both British Airways and the hotels, but they have agreed that we can postpone the reservations until 2021.

As you have already booked and paid a deposit for the 2020 Pilgrimage, we of course will give you the option to take up a 2021 place, before advertising generally. Therefore do please advise if you wish to have one of these places. The dates are not as yet set but we should have some information in the near future. The deposit paid will simply be transferred to your booking for 2021. please be rest assured, Tangney Tours is a fully bonded Company and your money is safe with them. **PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHOICE BY EMAILING gill@tangney-tours.com OR CALL 01732886666.**

FACE MASK/FACE COVERING

Please be reminded that face mask or face covering is recommended for everyone attending Mass except for those exempted on health grounds.
The parish is no longer able to provide you with one. Kindly ensure you have your own mask for the safety of us all.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

RESUMPTION OF WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

IN THE PARISH

Any of the Pious Prayer Groups in the Parish, who feel they are ready to begin prayer meetings again under the new restrictions guiding us for Masses, are now encouraged to do the following:

1. Each prayer group should appoint a safeguarding officer and a steward and submit the names and contact information to Fr. Victor.
2. Soon after meeting this request, prayer groups can begin their weekly prayers. For the sake of clarity, the following are the weekly prayer groups of our parish: The Legion of Mary, the Charismatic, the Divine Mercy group and Sacred Heart Association.
3. At all prayer meetings, the 2 meter social distancing must be observed, sanitise your hands before entering the Church and when leaving the Church. Face covering must be used except by those exempted due to health reasons. The steward should ensure everyone writes their names for Track and Trace. No group singing is allowed during prayers. However, a cantor or a soloist can sing and the organ or Piano is permitted. No passing of prayer books, each person should have his/hers. Physical contact with anyone is not permitted during prayers. The duration for prayer meeting is maximum of one hour. After the prayer meeting, the safeguarding officer for the group and the steward will ensure the pews are thoroughly cleaned with recommended anti bacterial wipes without bleach.
4. The UCM and St. Theresa's society are also permitted to meet only for prayers avoiding their usual meeting patterns. This way such meetings are permitted inside the Church. Both groups can alternate their meetings at the choir gallery. If they must proceed with this arrangement, please give us the names of your safeguarding officer/steward as requested for other societies.
5. Please note that cultural/social gatherings of communities within the parish are not permitted at this time.

Finally, as we all are aware, the coronavirus is still very much with us and restrictions are being tightened. We have to adapt to safety rules and learn to live with it. In the last two weeks, two parishes and their parish priests tested positive of the virus and have been shot down for two weeks. Let us remain careful and cautious as we create a safe environment for our collective worship. God bless you all.

Father Victor

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

BLESSING

I ask Gods blessings on you all for all you do.

I remain particularly grateful to all who continue to support the church and the clergy at this difficult time. Fr. Victor Darlington



HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Andra Martin, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, MarieAugust, Rueben Jameson, AlbaJuliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Paulin Ngang, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Jackie Skeete, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermenstine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Cloo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh