



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

11 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

Isa 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 6

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**



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. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

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

GOSPEL

Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and 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.

Shorter form, Mt 22: 1-10

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Breaking Open the Word

COME TO THE WEDDING!

For the third Sunday, Jesus addresses religious
leaders. Again, as last Sunday, it concerns
their refusal to accept God's invitation to join
the feast of the Kin-dom. Jesus describes the
Kin-dom as a wedding feast hosted by a king
for his son.

Those invited fail to turn up for this
sumptuous feast. 'Come to the wedding' is the
invitation, but, according to Matthew's story,
they are 'not interested'. They have different
distractions and interests. Joining the king's
feast is not on their agenda. The invitation is in
fact such an annoyance or distraction that the
invitees maltreat and even kill the messengers.
The king responds punishing them. Clearly,
the king's response is not meant to represent
God. It would be unfortunate to make this
identification and reinforce the image of a
punishing God!

The point of the story is about the attitude
of those invited to join the heavenly banquet,
an image of the eucharistic celebration, and
those who will eventually join the feast. These
guests are identified in the Gospel's last verses:
people from the 'roads', symbolic of all people
on the path of life and the synodal journey.
Everyone, 'bad and good alike', fill the
wedding hall. The Eucharist is not a reward
for the perfect but sustenance for the weak –
for us. As Pope Francis writes, 'The Eucharist,
although it is the fullness of sacramental life,
is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful
medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (*The
Joy of the Gospel*, n 47).

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Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 6.00pm @ Sacred Heart

Sunday – 7.30am @ Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow

– 9.30am @ Sacred Heart

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 8.00am & 9.00 School Mass

Thursday 9.00am Memorial Mass

7.00pm Men's prayer group

1st & 3rd wk of the month

Friday 8.30am

9.00am Adoration, Confession

Saturday 8.30am

9.00am Rosary & Cenacle

Reconciliation:

Friday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

1st Wednesday of the month 12-1.00pm

(Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)

Or any time by request

Parish Cuppa:

Mundaring: 1st Weekend of the Month

Chidlow: Following each Sunday morning Mass ALL WELCOME!

For information about Baptism or other sacraments please visit our website, email or phone the parish.

Weekday Mass Feasts:

Thursday Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin and Doctor p2069

Saturday Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr p2078

Is Halloween a Pagan Holiday? Should We Boycott It?

Joe Heschmeyer from Catholic Answers is clear, All Hallows Eve is Christian and the accusations of it being a pagan holiday don't stack up on a historical level. Which is often the tired accusation that gets levelled at all Christian feasts, even Christmas and Easter. Search the above title, or scan the code here to watch the full explanation.



PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS:

1st Collection: Priest upkeep

'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

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A/C #: 985196641

2nd Collection: Parish upkeep

'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

BSB: 086006

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Prayer Intentions for the sick

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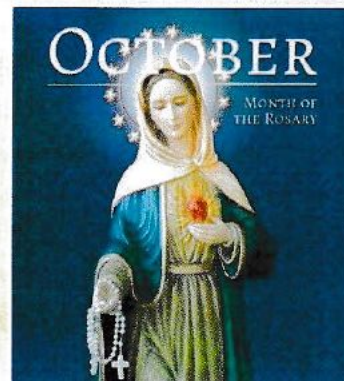
Helen Ball

Nancy Dawes

Andrew Azzaro

Tess Howden

Bill Makely



Take up the Rosary!

NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS 9AM MASS THURSDAY OCTOBER 15th

The bible reminds us it is "a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the dead." (2 Maccabees 12:46). Thursday 15th of October, is a national observance of the miscarried, the still born & young infants. Our morning weekday Mass will specially commemorate these precious lives, and remember their families too. Whether its your child, that of a family member or friend, **all will be welcome to light a candle in memory of a loved one** at the beginning of Mass at the steps of the altar. **You are also welcome to submit first names too, if applicable, to be read out at the beginning of the Mass.** If you are unable to attend but would like a candle to be lit or a name read out, please submit this into the box of intentions near the statue of Mother Mary. There will be a cuppa after this Mass.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. Lets take this opportunity to rediscover this powerful Christ-centred prayer! There are some rosaries in the foyers to try and assist the taking up of this devotion as well as attractive leaflets. They are available for free, but consider making a contribution to support keeping so we can keep the supplies steady. The foyers will be developing in a way to make pathways of prayer, formation and evangelisation readily available to continue each of us advancing in the growth of our following of Jesus.

CHRIST THE KING YOUTH MASS & FESTIVAL

A joyful celebration of Catholic faith and friendship for young people, featuring Youth Mass, live music, Laser Tag, food and fellowship. The festival also officially launches the Archdiocese of Perth's journey towards World Youth Day Seoul 2027, inspiring young people to encounter Christ and deepen their connection with the Church.

Date: Sunday 22 November 2026

Time: 5pm Mass, 6pm to 9pm Youth Festival

Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square.

Cost: Free Event

Register here: www.christtheking.cym.com.au

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION gathering at 1045, after the 930am Sunday Mass:

We're exploring the sacraments of service: marriage and holy orders, the ways in which we encounter the most powerful graces that enable us to experience and live our close relationship with God. All are welcome to come discuss and learn, and your participation is a concrete support and aid in the work of evangelisation.



APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

There will be envelopes on the pews this weekend to take home and consider how you might help support the work of Catholic Mission. Distinct from Caritas and Project Compassion, **Catholic Mission is the Pope's international Mission agency for both Australia and beyond.** While assisting in some humanitarian projects, Catholic Mission importantly contributes funding and project support to critical Church-run initiatives involving children, communities, church leaders and formation for mission. Let us support Catholic Mission generously.



OCTOBER 31st FAMILY EVENT. Evening Vigil of All Hallows or All Saints. Celebrate with dinner, a short film on one of the saints, learning about All Hallows Traditions. Saint-themed loot bags to take home!

Teens are invited to assist with a **planning event** the **Friday 23rd October at 6.30pm** at the Church. A chance to come together, have some fun, help plan and organise the Saturday 31st night, pack some Saint-themed loot bags. Pizza supper provided.

Want to help support this evangelisation outreach to our kids in the parish, school and wider community? There are some saint-themed treats we are looking to go shopping for. **You might like to grab one in the foyer to be part of and support this great initiative!**