

The community of the Cannon Hill Catholic Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

### TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### 15th October 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

One of the most beautiful images used in the Scriptures to depict what heaven is like is the wedding celebration and royal feast given by the King for his newly-wed son and bride. Whatever grand feast we can imagine on earth, heaven is the feast of all feasts because the Lord of heaven and earth invites us to the most important banquet of all - not simply as bystanders or guests - but as members of Christ's own body, his bride the church! The last book in the Bible ends with an invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb - the Lord Jesus who offered his life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins and who now reigns as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. *The Spirit and the Bride say, Come!* (Rev 22:17). The Lord Jesus invites us to be united with himself in his heavenly kingdom of peace and righteousness.

Why does Jesus' parable of the marriage feast seem to focus on an angry king who ends up punishing those who refused his invitation and who mistreated his servants? Jesus' parable contains two stories. The first has to do with the original guests invited to the marriage feast. The king had sent out invitations well in advance to his subjects, so they would have plenty of time to prepare for coming to the feast. But they made light of the King's request because they put their own interests above his. They not only insulted the King but the heir to the throne as well. The king's anger is justified because they openly refused to give the king the honour he was due. Jesus directed this warning to the Jews of his day, both to convey how much God wanted them to share in the joy of his kingdom, but also to give a warning about the consequences of refusing his Son, their Messiah and Saviour.

The second part of the story focuses on those who had no claim on the king and who would never have considered getting such an invitation. The "good and the bad" along the highways certainly referred to the Gentiles (non-Jews) and to sinners. This is certainly an invitation of grace - undeserved, unmerited favour and kindness! But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. God's grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

**Dieterich Bonhoeffer**, a Lutheran pastor and theologian in Germany who died for his faith under Hitler's Nazi rule, contrasted "cheap grace" and "costly grace". "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves... the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance... grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate... Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life." God invites each of us as his friends to his heavenly banquet that we may celebrate with him and share in his joy. Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table?

"Lord Jesus, may I always know the joy of living in your presence and grow in the hope of seeing you face to face in your everlasting kingdom."

Have a Blessed Sunday and I wish you all a wonderful Week. Fr Basti OMI

Psalm:	I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.	Readings for next week:	
Acclamation:	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	1st Reading:	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
		Psalm:	95:1, 3-5, 7-10
		2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5	
	to which we are called. Alleluia!	Gospel:	Matthew 22:15-21

# COMING MASSES, MEETINGS & EVENTS Regular Mass & Service Times:

### Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9am at St Oliver Plunkett Thursday - 9am at The Holy Family Church

### Weekend Mass:

Saturday - 6pm at St Oliver Plunkett Sunday - 8am at The Holy Family Church Sunday - 9.30am at St Oliver Plunkett

Reconciliation: Saturday 5-5.30pm St Oliver Plunkett

Eucharistic Adoration—1st Friday of the month following 9.00am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

Baptisms—2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month held during 9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

Children's Liturgy of the Word–1st Sunday of the month during the 9.30am Mass, St Oliver Plunkett.

Welcome Mass for Families receiving Baptism— 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30am, St Oliver Plunkett, followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Hall.

### Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th

Catholic Mission Appeal Weekend.

School Sponsored Mass, 9.30am St Oliver Plunket Church Thursday 19 October

Bible Scripture Study, Parish Hall, 10.30am.

Wednesday 1 November

Solemnity of All Saints, Mass 9am St Oliver Plunkett Church. Thursday 2 November

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. (All Souls' Day). 9am Mass at Church of the Holy Family and 6pm Mass, St Oliver Plunkett Church.

### OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

You are invited to join us in praying the rosary during the month of October. The rosary will be said 15mins prior to



ALL Masses during this time. **Please join us when you can**.

### **REGULAR MEETINGS**

Mon: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference— Fortnightly @ 6.15pm Contact Paul 0418 750 367

Tue:Parish Leadership Team—Fortnightly at 6.30pmNext Meeting:6.30pm, 24th October 2023

Wed: Parish Liturgy Meeting—Monthly at 4.30pm Next Meeting: 4.30pm, 25th October 2023

Thu: Parish Finance Council Meeting–Bimonthly at 4.30pm Next Meeting: 4.30pm, 23rd November 2023



"Terrorism and extremism do not help to reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge, and only cause each to other suffer. The Middle East need a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity." Please pray for Peace.

## GOSPEL

### Invite everyone you can to the wedding

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 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."



# SYNOD IN ROME ON THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

The opening session of the Synod on Synodality took place on Wednesday 4th October. Participants include priests, religious and lay faithful, exploring with Pope Francis how to be a Church which journeys together as a People of God.

The Synod General Assembly dedicated Thursday morning's prayer to praying for peace, especially in the Holy Land, with the Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church of Baghdad leading prayers for all those suffering from violence and living in fear.

From October 5th to 7th, synod members will focus on the first part of the <u>instrumentum laboris</u>, the working document published on June 20th. From October 9th to 12th they will deal with the second part of the document. From October 13 to 17th they will focus on the third part of the document and October 18th to 21st on the fourth and final part. Update on the Synod can be found at the <u>Vatican News</u>

"Your light must shine before all so that they may see goodness in your acts." (Matthew 5:16) We should view our giving in gratitude to God by considering how blessed we are...using our gifts and talents for the good of others. A gift in any amount given through your Will benefits future generations of the faithful. For more information on naming Cannon Hill Parish or our perpetual endowment fund in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 3324 3200 or call the parish office.

The only funeral service owned and operated by the Catholic Church <u>Ph: (07) 3293 0555</u> <u>Web: www.ho</u>lycrossfunerals.com

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



OUR SICK Contact Parish Office for names to be included in this list. Names will be taken off after a short time unless otherwise instructed. Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Darryl McInally, Rob Connolly, Beryl McInally, Von Leeman, Brian McGrath, Gabriel Adams, Darren Wilson, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Danni Manix, Glenda Kiehne, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Robbin Firth, Sigrid Russell. Please contact the Parish Office 3899 2837 if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a visit by Fr Basti.

Please leave a message if the office is unattended or for an urgent response call Fr Basti 0493 096 073.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS Please pray for the Synod in Rome. ANNIVERSARIES Gerard Lane. Jack Clutterbuck.

Mass Intentions - Week beginning 17th October 2023 Tuesday 9am - For World Peace esp. in Palestine & Israel Wednesday 9am - For the Synod in Rome Thursday 9am - For the Sick and those in Aged Care Friday 9am - For Reconciliation, Healing & Equality in Australia Saturday 6pm—Anniv. Mass for Gerard Lane& Jack Clutterbuck Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

**Annual Thanksgiving Mass** followed by Fellowship Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 9.00am at St. Oliver Plunkett Church



Date Claimer More details to come



\*\*\*\*\* MEMORIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE\*\*\*\*\*\* Sunday 5th November, usual Sunday morning Mass times, 8am The Holy Family Church and 9.30am St Oliver Plunkett Church. At this Mass we remember all our dearly departed and will read out the names of those who have died in the past year. If you have lost a family member or friend in the last 12 months, and would like to have their name read out at this Mass please contact the Parish Office on 3899 2837 by Friday 27th October.

catholic ANNUAL WORLD MISSION **MISSION** SUNDAY APPEAL THIS weekend of 14/15 October. Catholic Mission,

an international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, invite you to support the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale, Timor-Leste. The Salesian Sisters run a life-saving clinic in Venilale but with an increase in the demand for treatment, they need assistance to restock with essential health care resources. Envelopes available this weekend at the main doors

### ST DON BOSCO RELICS—BRISBANE VISIT 13th TO 22nd October 2023

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Information at www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com Flyers advising dates & locations at main doors of Church.

Two minute homilies and Reflections by clergy, religious and lay people from throughout the archdiocese, visit https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-andreflections/

#### Hospitality

After 8.00am Mass at Tingalpa - 1st Sunday of the month ter 9.30am Mass Cannon Hill - 1st Sunday of the month After 9.00am Mass Cannon Hill - Wednesdays **Every Wednesday Morning.** 

NATIONAL OBLATE YOUTH ENCOUNTER The National Oblate Youth Encounter is an event that brings together young people from around Australia who wish to share their Catholic faith in tandem with the Charism of St Eugene de Mazenod. It will be a great chance to grow in faith and reflect, as well as sharing plenty of fun with other young people. NOYE provides a balance of prayer, workshops, open-forums, liturgy, and community time. The theme for this year's camp will be "You Are the Light of the World". We invite young people (year 12 - 30 years old) to come and explore this theme .

WHEN: Thurs 4th – Sun 7th January, 2024 WHERE: Mazenod College, Victoria

**COST:** \$50 – Interstate participants | \$100 – Victorian participants Registration is now open via our website: https://bit.ly/NOYE24 More information at Emma Rice erice@oblates.com.au

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### HANDEL'S MESSIAH ORIANA CHOIR

**Conducted by Andrew Wailes** with Sinfonia of St Andrew's Sunday Nov 26, 3pm City Hall, Brisbane. TICKETS: 4mbs.com.au PH: 3847 1717 (M-F, 9am-5pm)

**Flyers** available



"Laudate Deum": the Pope's cry for a response to the climate crisis "Praise God' is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies."

That's how Pope Francis ends his new Apostolic Exhortation, Laudate Deum, published on the 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It's a text in continuity with his 2015 encyclical Laudato si', which is broader in scope...and he describes how care for our common home flows from the Christian faith. The Holy Father writes: "With the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons" (2). Sourced from the Vatican News 4/10/2023

# Missionary Oblates Of Mary Immaculate

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# **CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH**

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MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES as per the left hand on the inside page BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS: by appointment only at St Oliver Plunkett Church



A daily examination of conscience helps us reread our life in the light of Christ's love, Pope says **POPE Francis recommended** 

making an examination of conscience at the end of each day

as a way to invite Jesus into the joys and struggles of daily life. "Indeed, for us to it is important to reread our history together with Jesus: the story of our life, of a certain period, of our days, with its disappointments and hopes," ...

"There is a good way of doing this, ... it consists of dedicating time, every evening, to a brief examination of conscience. Pope Francis said making an examination of conscience was a way of "rereading my day, opening the heart, bringing to him people, choices, fears, falls, hopes, and all of the things that took place; to learn gradually to look at things with different eyes, with his eyes and not only our own."

A nightly examination of conscience is also sometimes known as a daily examen, a part of the spirituality developed by St Ignatius of Loyola.

"We can begin today, to dedicate this evening a moment of prayer during which we ask ourselves: how was my day?" he said.

"What joys, what sadnesses, what monotonies, how was it, what happened?" are some of the questions we can ask ourselves, he said, together with "what were its pearls, possibly hidden, to be thankful for? Was there a little love in what I did? And what are the falls, the sadness, the doubts and fears to bring to Jesus so that he can open new ways to me, to lift me up and encourage me?

- Sourced form The Catholic Leader, 24/3/2023. By CNA & Staff Writers

Humour...Two seminarians were debating on whether or not it was appropriate to smoke a cigar during the rosary. Unable to agree on the matter, they decide to ask their superiors. The first seminarian goes to his spiritual director and get's his opinion. "Of course not, it's disrespectful," he says. Later the first seminarian sees the second one smoking a cigar with a rosary in his other hand. "Hey," he says, "I thought we can't smoke while praying !?"

The second seminarian says, "You asked if you can smoke while praying, I asked if I can pray while smoking."



### Iona College Catholic Boys College

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## St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Primary School

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