

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CORPUS CHRISTI, CRANEBROOK

Sunday 11th of October 2026 | Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm
(6.30pm this week due to 10-day Rosary)
Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

Reconciliation

Saturday evening from 5.00pm -
5.45pm in the Meeting Room

Regular Events

Rosary

Fridays after morning Mass

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group

Morning tea

Last Friday of the month after morning Mass

Parish Morning Tea

Second Sunday of the Month after the 9.30am Mass

Parish Woman's Group

Exclusive group with new members always welcome. Contact the Parish Office if you wish to be a part of the group



We, the people of *Corpus Christi*, seek to grow in living Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster **welcome, justice** and **community** in today's world.

A very warm *welcome* to anyone who is new to the parish.

First Reading

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.

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

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.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 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

Matthew 22:1-14

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."

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Feast Days this Week

October 14th: Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

October 15th: Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

October 16th: Saint Hedwig, Religious and Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

October 17th: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr



Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer

Recently Deceased:

Conchita Trillana, Ada Faccin, Mark Way

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard, Max Ducasse, Alina Zawadsky, Pura Benig, Nestar Rivera and Aristeo Rivera, Felicidad Sampaga, Antonino Bacus

For those who are sick:

Nick Scicluna, David Fisher, Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop, Joseph Cauchi, Bartolo Barca.

Safeguarding Training – October

Safeguarding training helps us ensure that our parish is a safe and welcoming environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults. Face-to-face

Safeguarding Training opportunities are available at various parishes throughout August, with online training also available for your convenience.

To view upcoming face-to-face and online training opportunities and register, please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/connect-events/?series=safeguarding-training> For more information, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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 onto 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.

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From the Desk of Parish Priest

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us the story of a king who prepares a wedding banquet and invites everyone to share in his joy. Yet, when the king sees a man without a wedding garment, he asks a striking question: "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" The man is speechless. The question is not really about clothing. It is about readiness.

God has invited each one of us to the banquet of his Kingdom. Through Baptism, we have received the garment of new life. But the question is: Are we still wearing it? Have we allowed our lives to be shaped by the Gospel, or have we simply accepted the invitation without changing the way we live?

It is possible to come to Mass, say our prayers, carry a rosary, and still refuse to let Christ change our hearts. The wedding garment represents a life gradually transformed by Jesus—faith that becomes action, prayer that becomes compassion, worship that becomes service, and forgiveness that replaces resentment. Being invited to the banquet is a gift; being prepared for it is our responsibility.

The Gospel therefore asks each of us some uncomfortable questions: Does my faith influence the way I speak to my family? Do my decisions reflect the teachings of Jesus? Have I become more forgiving, patient and generous? Is there something in my life that I know Christ is asking me to change, but I continue to postpone it?

This month of the Holy Rosary gives us a beautiful model of someone who was truly prepared for God's invitation: Mary. Her "Yes" was not merely a word spoken once. Her whole life became a response to God. She listened, trusted, pondered, endured, served and remained faithful—even when the path became difficult. Mary teaches us that preparation for God's banquet is not achieved overnight; it is formed through daily surrender.

Every time we pray the Rosary, therefore, we should ask not only for Mary's intercession but also for her spirit: "Mary, help me to become more like your Son."

The Lord has prepared the banquet. The invitation is already in our hands. The question remains: What kind of garment are we wearing? May our prayer, especially the Rosary, help us remove whatever is unworthy of Christ and clothe ourselves with faith, love, mercy and holiness and become Christians who are serious about our responsibility.

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish and beyond.

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All the Best
to all our HSC students
(and their teachers and parents preparing them)

May God be with you in these important exams, guiding your minds, calming your hearts and giving you strength and confidence.

You are in our prayers.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH...

A PASTORAL INVITATION FROM FR ABRAHAM

Getting to Know Our Parish Family

Fr Abraham would love the opportunity to visit parishioners in their homes, spend some time with you and your family, and get to know you more personally. If you would welcome a visit, please contact the Parish Office or add your name and contact details to the sign-up sheet in the foyer. We will then be in touch to arrange a suitable time. Thank you to all who have already taken up this opportunity.

Fr Abraham looks forward to meeting with you and your family!

BIBLE STUDY IN OUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone who has returned an Expression of Interest for our new Bible Study. **Tuesday has been the preferred day for the sessions**, which will commence in November. More information will be published soon.

All are warmly welcome to join us!

10 DAYS OF ROSARY – HAPPENING NOW!

As we come to the final days of our Ten Days of the Rosary, we give thanks for the many blessings of this special time of prayer and devotion.

We warmly invite you to join us for the final two days:

- **Saturday 10th October 6.00pm Vigil Mass, followed by the Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**
- **Sunday 11th October 9.30am Mass, followed by the Rosary, bringing our Ten Days of Prayer to a close.**

Parish Morning Tea will follow on Sunday.

Throughout these ten days, our parish has gathered in prayer, entrusting our parish, our families and our wider community to the loving intercession of Our Blessed Mother.

We give thanks for every prayer and intention that has been offered during this beautiful time. A heartfelt thank you to Fr Abraham for celebrating Mass and leading us in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, to our acolytes for their assistance, to all those who have led the Rosary, to our beautiful musicians who have helped create such a prayerful atmosphere, and to everyone who has participated in any way. May the prayers we have offered together continue to bear fruit in our parish and in the lives of our families and community.

May Our Blessed Mother continue to intercede for us and draw us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. We warmly invite everyone to join us for these final two days as we bring our Ten Days of Prayer to a close.

FR ABRAHAM ON RETREAT

Fr Abraham will be on retreat from the afternoon of Sunday, 11th of October, until Friday, 16th of October. **Weekday Masses during this week will not take place and will be replaced by Communion Services.**

We wish Fr Abraham a restful time away on retreat.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The November and December Liturgical Ministry Roster will be prepared shortly. All volunteers are kindly asked to please advise the Parish Office by email only at cranebrook@parracatholic.org of any dates you are unavailable during these months, particularly throughout the Christmas period.

A voluntary sign-on roster for the Christmas Masses will also be available for all volunteers who would like to assist. This will be made available towards the end of November.

A sincere thank you to all our wonderful liturgical ministry volunteers for your generosity and commitment throughout the year. Your service is greatly appreciated and helps our parish celebrations run so beautifully.



LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost Property Box in the church foyer is currently overflowing with items that have been left behind, including water bottles, umbrellas, clothing and various other belongings.

If you think you may have left something at the parish, please take a moment to check the Lost Property Box and see if anything belongs to you.

Any items that remain unclaimed after Sunday 1st November will be donated to charity. Please have a look before then — you might just find something you've been missing!

NOVEMBER IN OUR PARISH

All Saints Day – Sunday 1st November - 9.30am Mass

Children of the parish are invited to dress up as their favourite saint and join us for a special All Saints celebration, Holyween!

There will be two age groups:

- Ages 3–6 years
- Ages 7–12 years

Children aged 7–12 are encouraged to come prepared to give a short, 5–6 sentence speech about their saint after Mass. Registration is compulsory and can be made using the forms in the foyer. **Prizes will be awarded!**

All Souls Day – Monday 2nd November - 6.00pm Mass

Join us as we remember and pray for all the faithful departed.

November Remembrance

Throughout November, we will remember and pray for our deceased loved ones.

From this weekend, parishioners are invited to write the names of their deceased loved ones on the cards provided in the parish foyer and place them in the November Remembrance Box. The names will be rolled into a scroll and placed on the altar throughout November as we pray for those who have gone before us.

Red November – Weekend of 7th & 8th November

Red November is a time to remember and pray for Christians around the world who have suffered persecution for their faith.

Our church will be decorated in red for the weekend, and we will remember these persecuted Christians during our Masses.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – NEXT WEEKEND

For Yamaniki*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice. But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow and look ahead with renewed possibility.

NEXT WEEKEND: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL

This World Mission Month, our parish will hold a special appeal next weekend to support this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children. Your generosity can help bring hope, education and new opportunities to children in need.



*Name changed for privacy

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2027

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



PENANCE

Wed 5 May, 7pm — Parent Information & Registration
Preparation sessions: Wednesday afternoons or Thursday evenings, May–June
Thu 17 June, 6.30pm — Sacrament of First Reconciliation



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Wed 8 Sept, 7pm — Parent Information & Registration
Preparation sessions: Wednesday afternoons or Thursday evenings, Sept–Oct
Thu 4 Nov, 6.30pm — Compulsory Second Rite of Reconciliation
Sat 6 Nov, 10am / Sun 7 Nov, 9.30am / Sat 13 Nov, 10am & 6pm — Sacrament of First Holy Communion



CONFIRMATION

Wed 30 June, 7pm — Parent Information & Registration
Preparation sessions: Wednesday afternoons or Thursday evenings, July–Aug
Thu 26 Aug, 6.30pm — Compulsory Second Rite of Reconciliation
Sat 28 Aug, 10.30am / Sun 29 Aug, 9.30am — Sacrament of Confirmation



- Each sacrament includes 5 preparation sessions.
- Both child and parent/guardian must attend all preparation sessions.
- Weekend Mass attendance is compulsory during the 5 weeks of preparation.
- Sessions do not run during school holidays.
- For full details and to register, please contact the parish office.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 11.00am**. Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office to book a date and attend the **Rite of Welcome & Information Meeting**, held on the 4th Sunday of the month prior to Baptism.

Weddings & Funerals

Bookings are arranged through the Parish Office.



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Parish Events

SUN 11 OCT **This Weekend! Parish Morning Tea**
After the 9.30am Mass

SAT 17 & SUN 18 OCT **Catholic Mission Appeal**
Please give generously

SAT 24 OCT **Big Parish Dinner**
In the Corpus Christi School Hall, 7.15pm – 9.30pm
Tickets sales now closed

FRI 30 OCT **Seniors Morning Tea**
After the 9.10am Mass

SUN 1 NOV **Halloween Dress Up for Children 3–12**
During the 9.30am Mass – dress up as your favourite saint.

MON 2 NOV **All Soul's Day Mass**
6.00pm

SAT 7 & SUN 8 NOV **Red November Celebration**
During all our weekend Masses

All are welcome!

Gospel Reflection

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

Historical Context

This gospel parable is a reflection of the way in which the message of God has been extended to people through time. The first invitation was extended to the Israelites who initially accepted the message of God but in time lost the focus. Jesus further extended the invitation to the Gentiles, viewed by the Jews as unworthy of such a relationship with God. Finally, within the early Christian communities there were some who, despite belonging to the community, failed to live appropriately and demonstrate their acceptance of the message of God.

Have you thought? – Inclusivity

This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society?

Gospel Focus – 'How did you get in here?'

In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. In the parable, why do you think the original guests refused the call to attend?
- Q. Why did Jesus tell this parable to the Jewish Chief Priests and elders?
- Q. What is the message of this parable for a modern audience?
- Q. Today, who would be the equivalent of the people brought in to the banquet from the roads?
- Q. What is a practical way in which you can be more inclusive of others?

Questions for Adults

- Q. When have you ever excused yourself from an invitation because it was 'inconvenient'?

Q. What message was Jesus trying to convey to the Chief Priests and elders through this parable?

Q. What is the message of this parable for a modern audience?

Q. Who are the people in today's society represented by the guests brought in from the roads?

Q. What does the expulsion of the ill-dressed guest tell us about responsibilities?

Learning moments

- Locate other meal stories from Matthew's gospel (Mt 9:9-13; Mt 14:13-21; Mt 15:1-12; Mt 15:29-39; Mt 26:6-13) and compare the messages that emerge from these passages.
- Write a diary entry from the perspective of one of the guests at the banquet that recalls the events of the day.
- Organise a shared lunch where everyone brings something that all can share.
- Devise a list of 'unlikely guests' from your community – those who would not have been in the first round of invitations in the parable.
- Devise an awareness-raising campaign to draw attention to the plight of a group who are marginalised in your community.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

What a story! It's not your typical wedding. The king is God. The first people invited are those who reject God's way of living. The second people are those who don't expect the invitation but are delighted when it comes, and they accept it wholeheartedly. And the person not properly dressed represents those who may say that they have accepted God's invitation, but whose life choices show that they have not yet really said yes to God.

When have you been among the first group – those who don't care about church, who don't want to be involved with anything 'churchy', and who don't think faith is relevant today? What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude?

When have you been among the second group – those who see that faith is important, who try to live their faith by doing works of service, and who aren't embarrassed by their relationship with God? What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude?

When have you been among the third group – those who say that faith is important and yet don't really practise their faith. What do you think Jesus would say to you about this attitude?



The Living Word

For Children

FIRST READING:

The Lord Has Saved Us

On this mountain
the Lord All-Powerful
will prepare for all nations
a feast of the finest foods.
Choice wines and the best meats
will be served.
Here the Lord will strip away
the burial clothes
that cover the nations.
The Lord All-Powerful
will destroy the power of death
and wipe away all tears.
No longer will his people
be insulted everywhere.
The Lord has spoken!

At that time, people will say,
"The Lord has saved us!
Let's celebrate.
We waited and hoped—
now our God is here."
The powerful arm of the Lord
will protect this mountain.

The Moabites will be put down
and trampled on like straw
in a pit of manure.

GOSPEL READING:

The Great Banquet

Once again Jesus used stories to teach the people:

The kingdom of heaven is like what happened when a king gave a wedding banquet for his son. The king sent some servants to tell the invited guests to come to the banquet, but the guests refused. He sent other servants to say to the guests, "The banquet is ready! My cattle and prize calves have all been prepared. Everything is ready. Come to the banquet!"

But the guests did not pay any attention. Some of them left for their farms, and some went to their places of business. Others grabbed the servants, then beat them up and killed them.

This made the king so furious that he sent an army to kill those murderers and burn down their city. Then he said to the servants, "It is time for the wedding banquet, and the invited guests don't deserve to come. Go out to the street corners and tell everyone you meet to come to the banquet." They went out on the streets and brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike. And the banquet room was filled with guests.



"The servants collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guest."

Matthew 22:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What did the king in today's gospel decide to do for his son?
What happened when the servants invited the guests?
When the guests didn't come who did the king invite?
Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like this story. Who does God invite to the banquet?
We are invited to God's banquet. How do we show we accept the invitation?



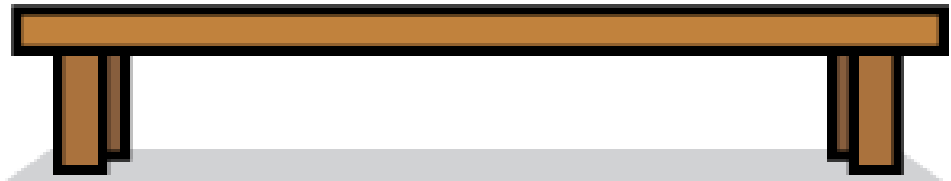
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Mt 22:1-10

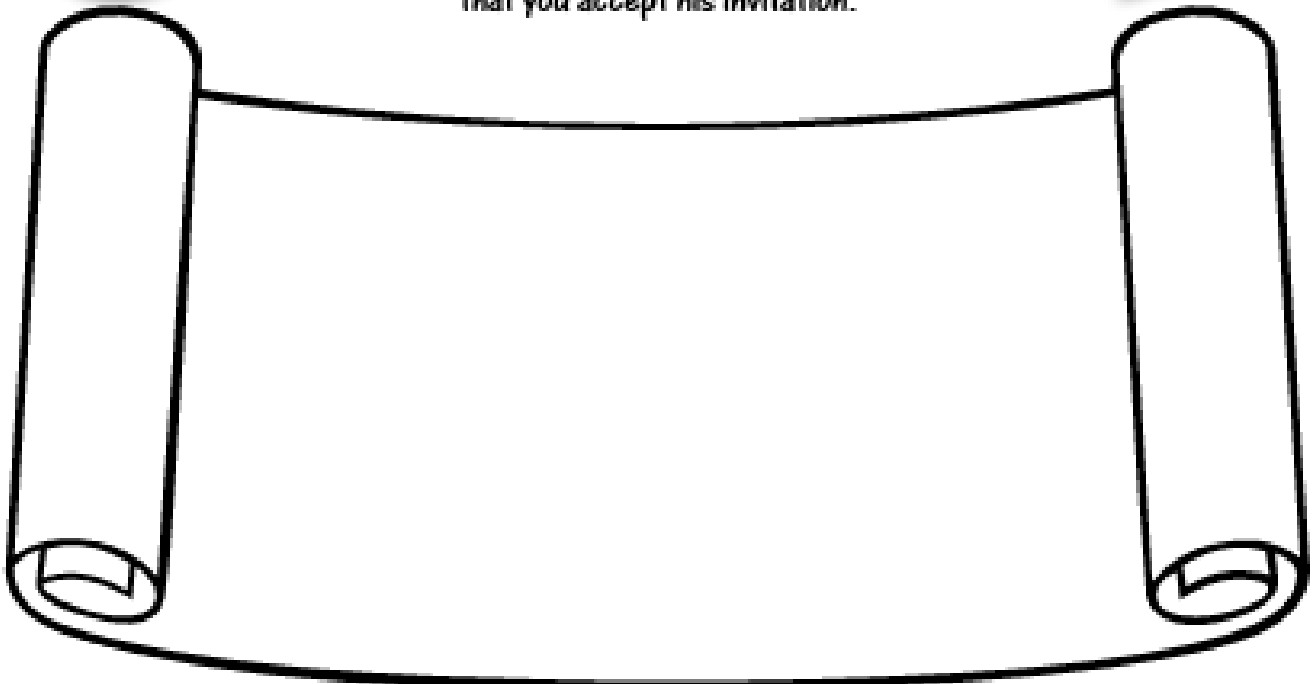
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The banquet is ready!

When the invited guests refused to come, the king asked people from the streets to come to the banquet. On the table, draw the finest food for the banquet.



Just as we invite our friends to be at our party, Jesus wants us to know that we are all invited to eternal life with him in heaven. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows Jesus that you accept his invitation.



Women's Group – Upcoming Gatherings

Our Women's Group is a wonderful opportunity for women of our parish to come together, build friendships, share faith and enjoy some time in good company. We warmly invite all women to join us at our upcoming gatherings!



Upcoming Schedule

August

- Aug 1 : Start of our 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Aug 15 : **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**. Attend mass on this Holy Day of Obligation
- Aug 30 2-4pm : Women's Group Talk
Topic : Mary, Our Pilgrim Mother
By Sr. Rita from Mt Schoenstatt
(More details to follow)

September

- Sept 5, 5pm : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Sept 5, 10am-1pm : Parish pilgrimage to Mt. Schoenstatt. Sept month marks 100 years of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary.
- Sept 8*: Start of Women's Group Bible Study with Fr. Abraham. Succeeding study dates to be discussed on the day.
* **Feast of the Nativity of Mary**
- Sept 26 : Caring for God's House Day (Keeping our parish church clean and welcoming for all!)

October

- Oct 3, 5pm : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Oct 2- 11 : 10-day rosary novena in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (7pm weekdays/Saturdays and 10:30am Sundays)
Note : Oct 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct 10 : Parish Retreat
(More details to follow)
- Oct 24 : The BIG Parish Dinner! (More details to follow)

November

- Nov 7, 5pm : 1st Saturday Marian devotion
- Walking Group - around Jordan Spring's Village Center Lake
(Date to be confirmed)
- Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park
(Date to be confirmed)

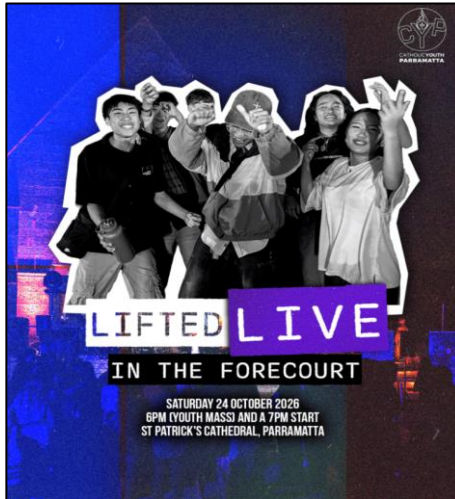
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