

From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like when a king held a wedding feast for his son..."



The servant delivered the all invitations.

But the guests made excuses because they didn't want to come to the party.

They thought they had more important things to do.

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The rich man was angry.

He told his servant to go into the streets and invite the poor, hungry, homeless and sick to come to his party.

The people couldn't believe that they would be invited to such a special event.

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The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11th 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday: Janet Heaton

Sunday: Joseph Priestley

Monday: People of the Parish

Tuesday: **9.30am** Jim Kehoe (Church open for Mass)

Wednesday: November Dead List

Thursday: **9.30am** Elizabeth Alice Burns (Church open for Mass)

Friday: Intentions of the Sisters of Mercy

Saturday: **6.00pm** Tara Dyson (Church open for Mass—Booking necessary, please see newsletter for details)

Sunday: People of the Parish

The Church is being opened for three Masses a week as indicated above. Social distancing and the wearing of masks applies

Confessions by appointment.

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Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, Jesus invites us to build the civilization of love together." Today's word is **Invitation.** In this Sunday's gospel God is

like the king, inviting each one of us to the feast. We are reminded that we are invited to share in God's life; to celebrate belonging to the family of God forever, living in peace with everyone. Invitations can be accepted or refused. We know what it feels like to be invited to a special occasion like a party or an anniversary meal. We also know what it feels like when someone rejects an invitation we have given. Every moment God is inviting us into a loving relationship which we accept by loving God and also loving all those around us. This is not always easy and we need help, so why not accept Pope Francis' invitation: 'I invite everyone to learn to pray each day.'

Re-opening the Church for the celebration of Mass



Thanks to the generosity of our stewards and cleaners we have been able to celebrate Mass again on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Saturday evening. **To ensure a place at this Saturday evening Mass parishioners are asked to 'book' a place.** To do this please phone Susan Gibson between **4.00-6.00pm on FRIDAY 9th October** on 01457 878055 or 07778856089

The Live Streaming of Mass on Sunday Morning at

9.00am will continue as over the past few months.

Stewards/Cleaners for the coming week

Saturday October 10th, 6.00pm: Celia Hall & Liz Taylor

Tuesday October 13th, 9.30am: Carole Street-Brown & Liz Moores

Thursday October 15th, 9.30am: Chris Ellis & Mary Farmer

Saturday October 17th, 6.00pm: Liz Taylor & Mary Farmer

Due to illness or injury 4 of those who volunteered to be stewards are unable to do so at present. IF ANYONE IS ABLE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE LET FR BERNARD KNOW. No stewards means no open church. Thank You



Missio -World Mission Sunday—Next Sunday October 18th

World Mission Sunday is on the penultimate Sunday in October each year. It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. And every single [donation](#) from these worldwide Masses goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Every Catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love on this special day. This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. And [by donating](#) we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. The second collection next weekend is for MISSIO. Please return your red boxes for Julia to empty and send the money to Missio. Thank You

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY—Coronavirus Appeal—

Survive—Rebuild—heal



This is a Harvest like no other as families around the world face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. This Family Fast Day on **Friday 9 October—NEXT FRIDAY**, let's stand alongside the poorest and most vulnerable people and help them to rebuild their lives. The Envelopes will be left at the back of the church from this weekend onwards for people to collect. We are in very different times and many charities have suffered a huge loss of donations during the pandemic. If you are unable to pick up and return an envelope please go to the CAFOD website where there is an opportunity to make a donation on line. Thank You.

Prisoners' Sunday October 11th 2020



Prisoners' Sunday is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: **I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.** *Matthew 25: 36*

Pact's (Prison advice and care trust) work embodies the Christian value of mercy and belief in the innate dignity of every human being. Through this campaign we ask you to engage with a core element of Catholic social teaching and put our faith into action.



This Sunday Bishop Marcus has issued a Pastoral Letter for the Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families in which he speaks about the Caritas Leeds Criminal Justice Inquiry.