

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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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: 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: Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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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 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, 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 45: 1, 4-6;

1 Thess 1: 1-5;

Mt 22: 15-21.



Safeguarding our Community.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.

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FROM THE FRONT FOYER.

- **†** Palestinian Christians plead for peace amid Holy Land violence (pg 1)
- **†** Dan Schutte on the writing of "Here I am Lord" (pgs 10-15)
- **†** Family reunited after six agonising years of separation (pg 3)
- **†** Monica Doumit on the Voice to Parliament (pg 17)
- **†** Dr Michael Walker on Pope Francis' Laudate Deum (pg 21)
- **†** Synod on Synodality continues in Rome (pg 5)



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PARISH NOTICES:

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We pray for those who have recently died especially:

Evangeline Lumio Mesa.

Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries

