



Jesus' audience is once again the chief priests and elders, so we are aware that this is a hostile encounter. The wedding banquet is a common symbol in the Bible for the kingdom of God.

Matthew's parable traces the offer of a place at the wedding feast, and the way in which those who were first invited treat the invitation with contempt and actively reject it. The king then sends his servants on an arduous search to find people who will fill the banqueting hall. The destruction of the city represents Matthew's later reflection on the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in AD 70. The idea of a Gentile nation being the instrument of God's punishing the people of Israel would be familiar to Matthew's community of Jewish Christians, from their knowledge of the Hebrew scriptures. The guest who turns up without the proper garment is more difficult to understand, especially if we imagine him being rounded up unexpectedly to come to the feast. Perhaps it is a warning that it is not enough simply to turn up: the person must be prepared to enter fully into the kingdom and take part in its life.

The emphasis in the parable is on the idea of invitation. Some reject, some accept. The leaders, who should have known better, rejected the invitation presented through the prophets and especially Jesus, whom they killed. It is they, according to Matthew's reading of history, who are thus really responsible for the destruction of Jerusalem and the loss of the Temple. It is the despised people, tax collectors and the like, who accept the invitation and crowd into the banquet. ■

SAY

For how could he deny me heaven, who here on earth himself has given?

(St Alphonsus Liguori)

REFLECT

We find that the image of the wedding feast as representing the kingdom of God is frequently used in both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. In the Synoptic Gospel narratives, the feeding of the five thousand anticipates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist, which in turn foresees the banquet in the kingdom of God. One of the aspects of our celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass, is that it is the pledge of future glory, when God's people will be finally gathered into the divine presence in the heavenly kingdom.

As we saw with the person who turned up not properly dressed for the occasion, getting inside is no guarantee of being allowed to remain. We are expected to take a full part in the proceedings. One feature of the preaching of the biblical prophets is that they stress the idea of election, of Israel being the "chosen people". This may well be an undeserved privilege, but it also brings responsibilities with it. Other nations should be able to look at Israel and see the God they believe in reflected in the way in which the people of the Lord conduct themselves, the values by which they live. The same goes for those who claim to be disciples of Jesus. If we accept the invitation, then we should wear our wedding garment – figuratively speaking! ■

DO

When you next wash your clothes, think of the unfortunate wedding guest. Make a resolution not to take your relationship with Jesus for granted.

LEARN

Roman soldiers are shown carrying off the *menorah*, the seven-branched candlestick, from the Temple, in a carving on the triumphant Arch of Titus: this monument stands in the Forum in Rome.

The Synoptic Gospels are the accounts of Mark, Matthew and Luke.

The word "synoptic" originally means "seeing all together": the three accounts can be arranged in parallel columns and so easily compared.

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11th October 2020 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Saturday	10	6.30pm	Vigil Mass St Paulinus of York	The Carmichael Family Alice Alcock RIP Anniversary The Parishioners of St Anne's Barry Scruton RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	11	9.30am	Mass 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Special Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their dependents	Karine Mooney RIP Recently Deceased Natalie Proctor RIP Ian Millard RIP Recently Deceased
Monday	12		St Wilfrid	
Tuesday	13	10.00am 11.30am	Mass Requiem Mass for Sheila Wilson RIP St Edward the Confessor	Ted Riley RIP Peter Callaghan RIP Recently Deceased
Wednesday	14		St Callistus	
Thursday	15	10.00am	Mass St Teresa of Avila	Molly Johnson RIP Anniversary
Friday	16	10.30am	Funeral Service for Barry Scruton RIP St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alagoque	
Saturday	17	6.30pm	Vigil Mass St Ignatius of Antioch	Nell Riley RIP Barry Scruton RIP Recently Deceased Attracta Flanagan RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	18	9.30am	Mass 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for World Missions	Deceased members of the Klusiatas family RIP Sheila Wilson RIP Recently Deceased Peter Callaghan RIP Recently Deceased

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Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at stannesnantwich@btinternet.com

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Requiem Mass for Sheila Wilson RIP 13th October at 11.20am followed by burial at Nantwich Cemetery at 12.45pm. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep Sheila's family in your prayers.

Funeral Service for Barry Scruton RIP 16th October at 10.30am followed by burial at Nantwich Cemetery. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep Barry's family in your prayers.

World Mission Sunday Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people - 'Here I am, send me!'. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk. Leaflet: https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf



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Fratelli tutti is the title Pope Francis has chosen for his encyclical letter dedicated to "human fraternity" and "social friendship". In English, it can be read as 'All Brothers', 'Brethren all' or 'Brothers and sisters all'. The first words of the new 'circular letter', or encyclical as we know it, come from St Francis of Assisi. <https://catholicnews.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8bfb372c271fbad8a971552fb&id=d1814557fa&e=d5cb67f88d>

Baby Loss Awareness Week takes place every year. This year, it's from 9-15 October. It aims to raise awareness of baby loss in the UK. This is a wonderful opportunity to sensitively and compassionately help those who've experienced baby loss: Abortion, Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Pregnancy loss of any kind.

<https://lifecharity.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7163ab72f7f4ce55d87072c05&id=a90ab3eee5&e=023e6007d0>

Community Hub Understandably things have been quiet whilst we have been under Covid lockdown however we still need to reach our target before we can take the next step to approach the council for planning. Please do help by making donations via this link <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/17726/st-annes-church-nantwich/st-annes-community-hub> or to the presbytery.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Liturgy Reflection Sheet For October: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Prayer-Resource-for-October.pdf> For 28th Sunday in OT [Reflection Sheet - 28 Sunday.pdf](#)

Pope Francis' prayer for September: Respect for the Planet's resources <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-08/pope-francis-video-prayer-intention-september-respect-planet.html>

Subject: Autumn talks on Spirituality A series of eight, fortnightly talks about Spiritual Masters, given by distinguished speakers. They are free to view live-streamed, although there will be a fee to view recordings. Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters. A series of online talks on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm, starting on 3 September organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For details and to register:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/>.

While you're planning your autumn viewing, you might also be interested in choosing selectively from a new Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality series of lectures. This features the five great Teresa's of the Carmelite tradition - Teresa of Avila, Teresa Margaret Redi, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of the Andes and Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein). For Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux the paid-for talks in this series overlap with the free talks in the Christian Heritage centre series (given by the same or an equally distinguished lecturer), but it would be a chance to learn about the other Carmelite spiritual masters. The talks in this series will be given on selected Sundays at 8.00 pm between 20 September and 15 November. The cost is £20 for each lecture. For details and to register: <https://mailchi.mp/oxcacs.org/new-spirituality-series-of-lectures-from-cacs?e=1f35f1f3f8>

Feast and Memorial Days

Edward the Confessor was the son of King Ethelred III and his Norman wife, Emma, daughter of Duke Richard I of Normandy. He was born at Islip, England, and sent to Normandy with his mother in the year 1013 when the Danes under Sweyn and his son Canute invaded England. Canute remained in England and the year after Ethelred's death in 1016, married Emma, who had returned to England, and became King of England. Edward remained in Normandy, was brought up a Norman, and in 1042, on the death of his half-brother, Hardicanute, son of Canute and Emma, and largely through the support of the powerful Earl Godwin, he was acclaimed king of England. In 1044, he married Godwin's daughter Edith. His reign was a peaceful one characterized by his good rule and remission of odious taxes, but also by the struggle, partly caused by his natural inclination to favor the Normans, between Godwin and his Saxon supporters and the Norman barons, including Robert of Jumieges, whom Edward had brought with him when he returned to England and whom he named Archbishop of Canterbury in 1051. In the same year, Edward banished Godwin, who took refuge in Flanders but returned the following year with a fleet ready to lead a rebellion. Armed revolt was avoided when the two men met and settled their differences; among them was the Archbishop of Canterbury, which was resolved when Edward replaced Robert with Stigand, and Robert returned to Normandy. Edward's difficulties continued after Godwin's death in 1053 with Godwin's two sons: Harold who had his eye on the throne since Edward was childless, and Tostig, Earl of Northumbria. Tostig was driven from Northumbria by a revolt in 1065 and banished to Europe by Edward, who named Harold his successor. After this Edward became more interested in religious affairs and built St. Peter's Abbey at Westminster, the site of the present Abbey, where he is buried. His piety gained him the surname "the Confessor". He died in London on January 5, and he was canonized in 1161 by Pope Alexander III. His feast day is October 13.

St Teresa of Avila On Oct 15 we celebrate the Spanish Carmelite reformer and mystic St. Teresa of Avila, whose life of prayer enriched the Church during the 16th century counter-reformation.

When Teresa was 14, her mother died, causing the girl a profound grief that prompted her to embrace a deeper devotion to the Virgin Mary as her spiritual mother. Alphonsus decided his teenage daughter needed a change of environment and sent her to be educated in a convent of Augustinian nuns. Teresa found their life dull at first, but soon came to some understanding of its spiritual advantages. Teresa became a professed member of the Carmelite order at age 20. For the next three years the young nun made remarkable progress in her spiritual life, developing the practice of recalling herself into the presence of God through quiet contemplation however, Teresa lapsed into a more routine prayer life.

When she was nearly 40, however, Teresa found herself dramatically called back to the practice of contemplative mental prayer. She experienced profound changes within her own soul, and remarkable visions that seemed to come from God. Teresa had always been accustomed to contemplate Christ's presence within her after receiving him in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Now, however, she understood that the presence she received did not simply fade: God was, in fact, with her always, and had been all along. It was simply a matter of putting herself in his presence, with love and attention – as one could do at any moment. She proposed a return of the Carmelites to their original rule of life, a simple and austere form of monasticism – founded on silence and solitude – that had received papal approval in the 12th century and was believed to date back to the Old Testament prophet Elijah. Together with the priest and writer later canonized as Saint John of the Cross, she founded what is known today as the Order of Discalced Carmelites – "discalced," meaning barefoot, symbolizing the simplicity to which they chose to return the order after a period of corruption. The reform met with fierce opposition, but resulted in the founding of 30 monasteries during her life.

Teresa's health failed her for the last time while she was traveling through Salamanca in 1582. She accepted her dramatic final illness as God's chosen means of calling her into his presence forever. St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri. In 1970, Pope St. Paul VI proclaimed St. Teresa as one of the first two woman Doctors of the Church, along with 14th century Dominican St. Catherine of Siena

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. <https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>

Journeying Together <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>

Shrewsbury Youth Mission. <https://www.symt.org.uk/>

The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream

Laudato Tree <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>

Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses Shrewsbury Diocese:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> <http://ln54.blogspot.com>

<http://prayasyougo.org/>

Catholic Bishops Conference <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> and latest news <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

Prayer for times of Flu or Illness <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/prayer-flu-viruses.pdf>

Stream Father Denis McBride's Mass for the Dead <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY1bOyrcDbw>

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We recently held 'Mission Under the Shadow of Covid-19' online sessions and have put together a brief summary of the sessions, together with edited videos of the contributions of our guest speakers, which can be viewed on this page of Missio's website: <https://missio.org.uk/1s/shadow/>

Faith in Action Reflection <https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Faith-in-Action-Reflection-Session-Solidarity.pdf>

Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries. That's why we've created this series of Marian resources. Each resource helps children to deepen their appreciation of Mary and learn how she can help us to become missionaries of God's love too.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/marian-and-mission-rosary/>

Missio World Mission Sunday 18th October

https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf

<https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday/world-mission-sunday-2020/>

New Guidelines for attending Mass at St Anne's during Covid 19 Restrictions

The Masses will be celebrated at the following times:

Saturday 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
Tuesday 10.00 am
Thursday 10.00 am

Numbers inside the church will be limited to approximately 52 people or maybe a few more depending on "household" attendees who can sit together. We urge you to please come to a weekday Mass, if you can, so that those who are working during the week can attend on Saturday or Sunday. Once the capacity of the church has been reached, people will be invited to stand outside or sit outside on chairs which they have brought with them. The doors and windows will be open. Please maintain 2 m apart wherever possible.

- **The wearing of a face covering is compulsory inside church as we are now socially-distancing at 1 metre plus in seating areas. Please provide your own face covering where possible but these are also available in church.**
- **Please sanitise your hands on entry - bring your own if you can but hand sanitiser is available in church..**
- **The church doors will not open until 15 minutes before Mass is due to start. Mass may start a little late if entry to church takes longer than we anticipate. Please do not enter the sacristy for any reason.**
- **Toilets are closed**
- **There is a one-way system inside church and not all benches and chairs are in use so please follow the signs and instructions from the stewards.**
- **Signed Mass cards are available near the entrance. Votive candles will not be in use at weekend Masses. Please do not bring food or drink to church. If necessary, a non-twist top bottle of water may be used. All Newsletters and other items collected in church must be taken away and not left behind.**
- **Please make your weekly offering as you enter church, collection points will be signposted. There will also be collection points at the exits.**
- **Holy Communion will be distributed by one minister: either the celebrant or an extraordinary minister of Communion from a single point. This will be after the Dismissal. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be given and the stewards will direct you. Although the celebration of Mass will be slightly shorter than usual, it will take longer to exit the church so please be patient. Those who have been outside will be invited to receive Holy Communion after those in church. Anybody with mobility difficulties should remain in their seats and Holy Communion will be brought to them once the church is empty. Please also sanitise your hands as you leave.**

At the conclusion of the Eucharist Prayer the priest recites the doxology, Per Ipsum, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever" words we can look forward to inspiring us once more before joining in responding the great Amen. *Deo gratia.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:9-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22

Response:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

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 4:12-14:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians.

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among
us;
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

(For shorter form, read between > <)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

>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. <
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly,
O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and
Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine
nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.