



Bandon Parish Bulletin

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Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Generally, we can say that when compiling an invitation list much thought and deliberation is given to it. We've all been through the agonising process. Therefore, your acceptance and attendance at the event is greatly valued and appreciated. You honour your host by your attendance.

In today's gospel we are treated to a story that displays the bad manners of guests who were invited to a wedding but who would not attend. They were so preoccupied with their own business that they had no time to celebrate the King's son's wedding (God's new covenant with us through his Son, Jesus Christ). The Chosen Ones were ungrateful. The fury of the King is well documented (the destruction of Jerusalem).

The metaphor is easily translated to our day. We are all invited to the banquet; to live the gospel message in our lives. We are invited to feast, at least every Sunday, on the Word of God and on the Bread of Life. Why do so many not accept this invitation in modern Ireland? Can we, who are here this morning, reissue the invitation? Can we go to the crossroads? St Pope John Paul asked us many years ago to become missionaries in our communities for our local church. Pope Francis has reissued the call. 'The Church which 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelising community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first, and therefore we can more forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, and seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast.' (Evangeliium Gaudium, no. 24).

Fr. Iomar Daniels, Loughrae

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

R. 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

Ph 4:12-14.19-20

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

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

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

Jn 1:12:14

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

Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS

The Novena takes place from the 2nd to 10th November inclusive.
Envelopes for donations and lists for the names of the dead
are available now throughout the church.

SECOND COLLECTION

The annual collection for The Propagation of the Faith will be taken up
at all masses in the Diocese next weekend.

ADORATION CHAPEL The Adoration chapel will close at 8pm each night from Monday 16th October for the winter months, due to health and safety issues. We very much regret any inconvenience caused to our adorers. If you wish to do another hour please contact your coordinator. Thank you.

BANDON FLOWER CLUB Presents a Flower Arranging Demonstration by Margaret Ahern A.O.I.F.A. on Monday 16th in the Munster Arms Hotel at 8pm. Visitors welcome.

GRAMOPHONE CIRCLE Monday October 16th at 8pm. Gateway Hall. All welcome.

GAGGIN BADMINTON CLUB Meet every Tuesday Night in Gaggin Hall at 8.30pm. New members are most welcome.

CUMANN SEANCHAIS NA BANNDAN Bandon Local Historical Society will hold the first of their Winter Lectures on Wednesday October 18th at 8pm. It will be held in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Bandon. The title of the presentation is Henry Ford and the Cork Connection. It will be delivered by Denis McSweeney former Marketing Director of Fords.

YOUTH RETREAT Sisters of Bon Secours Youth Retreat led by Fr John Keane is in the Convent, College Road, Cork on Sunday 22nd October. Contact Annie Marie on 087 220 99 94 to book, find more information on Youth 2000 Munster Facebook page.

CITIZENS INFORMATION MOBILE UNIT West Cork Citizens Information Service will have its Mobile Information Unit in Bandon from Monday 16th October until Thursday 19th October. It will be based in the Riverview SC car park, and will be open from 10am-4pm each day. No appointment necessary. The service is free and confidential. The help-line number for West Cork Citizens Information Service is 0761 07 8390.

BANDON HILL-WALKING CLUB AGM Thursday 19th October at 8pm in Ash Tree, all welcome.

CHARITY BRIDGE AFTERNOON In aid of Courtmacsherry Lifeboat, Munster Arms Hotel Sunday 22nd October at 2.30pm.

DAY OF REFLECTION At Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Mallow on Saturday 17th November 10am-4pm led by Fr. John Callanan SJ. Guided meditative prayer, taking account of our treasured memories, the situation of our lives and our hopes, opening up new pathways to God. Bookings to 022 264 11 by 26th October.

LECTIO DIVINA

Meetings take place on Mondays from 8-9pm in the Presentation Convent.