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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

10th/11th October 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



We warmly welcome Fr Jobymon Joseph MSSCC and Fr Rolphy Fernandes MSSCC to our parishes. They are staying for two weeks as they await their parish appointments.

Come to the Feast

Often when we don't do the things we are supposed to do we have our excuses to justify our actions, refuse to accept our mistakes and resist change. While these excuses may get us out of tight situations they can also hinder us from growing and becoming the people we are called to be. In our faith commitment, while we know that God is infinitely patient, we cannot make excuses for our conversion; we have to respond to His call or be left behind.

In the first reading, Isaiah proclaims the goodness of God, who is preparing a banquet for all his people on the holy mountain. God wants all people to be with him in his kingdom.

The Gospel parable tells us that a king sends out his messengers to summon the invited guests for the marriage feast of his son. But they refuse to come. The king is still patient with the guests and sends a second reminder but again those invited scorn the invitation, make excuses and they maltreated and killed the servants, which incenses the king and he destroys them. Since the banquet is all set, the king now sends his messengers to invite anyone whom they can find. And the servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so, the banquet hall was filled with guests.

The parable tells us, firstly, salvation is centred in Christ; it is always God who takes the initiative for salvation. We cannot do anything to start the process, faith is always a gift, and it is through our

faith that we are invited, as it were, to a royal banquet. Secondly, the parable reminds us of the patience of God, who does not give up on us. The servants in the parable stand not only for the prophets whom the Israelites rejected but also for the apostles and special messengers whom God sends into our lives to remind us of his call. God can call us through His word, through prayer; he can call us through the preaching, teaching and witnessing.

What is important is to heed God's call when it comes and not to make excuses. We often make unjustifiable excuses to delay our commitment to being a disciple of Jesus. At times, we put our family relationship or joy higher than our willingness to do God's will. Jesus is certainly not saying that we forget these obligations, but that God's will must be the first priority of our lives. If we can put God first, everything else will fit in place. As we read in Mt 6:33, "Seek first the Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

The meal is a favourite symbol of the Bible. It stands for life, inclusiveness, celebration. Jesus made use of this symbol in his life and preaching lavishly. The table fellowship of Jesus with sinners and tax collectors was his way of proclaiming the good news to the poor. With the institution of the Eucharistic meal, he invites us to share in his very life.

What are the usual excuses that you make not to respond to God's call? What is it that prevents you from coming to the Lord's banquet? How can you balance your commitment to your family and work with your relationship to the Lord? Give up your excuses and come to the joy of the Lord!

Blessings, Father Akesh.

For anyone interested in attending Fr Stanley's Installation – See information on Notice Board.

Kingaroy Nanango Catholic Parishes Collection "Thanks to your generosity, we collected a total of \$1717-40 over the last weekend — every dollar helps us make a difference!"

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Friday 9 th October	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 10 th October	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 11 th October	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingarooy	10am	Mass

First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-10
Responsorial Psalm	I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
Second Reading	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel Acclamation	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**

WEEKDAY MASS OF 28th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Thursday 15 th October	Blackbutt	9am	Mass
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Mass
Friday 16 th October	Kingarooy	9am	Mass
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 17 th October	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 18 th October	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingarooy	10am	Mass

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Susan Cavanagh, Brian Smith.

Death Anniversaries: Ollie Pryor, Florence Smith, John (Jack) Pollock, Gayle Sanders, Audrey Bishop, Kerry Cassidy, Gloria Franz, Daniel Moran, Douglas Thomas, Enid Pollock.

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Bruce McCarthy, Shirley Warner, Wendy Smith, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Kylie Lane, Chris Stevens, Luke Colahan, John Kajewski.

St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross, Megan Manthey, Lisa Kennedy, Mary O'Neil.

LAST CALL:

Daily Reflections Advent Booklet: If you would like us to order this booklet for you, please add your name to the list at the entrance to the church by the 11th October 2026. PRICE - \$5.50

OLHC NANANGO - MAJELLAN MORNING TEA

The Majellan Morning tea will be on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 10-00 a.m. in OLHC Parish Hall. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment Sunday – 11/10/2026

During 10am Mass at St Mary's Church Kingarooy

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

8th November, 2026

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is available to all children who have been Baptised and who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last year or before 2025.

**CELEBRATING SENIORITY!**

Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications and time of life. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events

Date: Monday 19 October 2026

Time: 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm AEST

Phone: 02 9560 5333

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**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

We are looking for *Expressions of Interest for a Volunteer Local Safeguarding Representative*. If you are able to volunteer or have any questions about the role, please contact the Parish Office.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18 October 2026

October is World Mission Month. This year, we invite your parish to support the Church in Malawi, where the dedicated work of Fr Matthew Semba is transforming the lives of children and families through St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary school. You are invited to share this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for children.



FreeCall: 1800 257 296

Catholicmission.org.au/unite

DATE CLAIMERS:

Saturday 31 October 2026

Memorial of Virgin Mary – Kingarooy 9am Mass

Monday 2 November 2026

All Souls Day - Kingarooy 7am Mass

Nanango 12pm Mass