

**READINGS AND REFLECTION
FOR THE 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<http://cms.usccb.org/bible/readings/101120.cfm>

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH 25: 6 – 10

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will provide for all peoples
a feast of rich food and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.

On this mountain he will destroy
the veil that veils all peoples,
the web that is woven over all nations.
He will destroy death forever.
The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face.
The reproach of his people he will remove
from the whole earth, for the LORD has spoken.

On that day it will be said:
"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!
This is the LORD for whom we looked;
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose.
Beside restful waters he leads me, he refreshes my soul.
I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil;
for you are at my side with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.
I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.



You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes.
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.

I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.

A READING FROM T ST PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS 4:12–14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances;

I know also how to live with abundance.

In every circumstance and in all things

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need,
in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father, glory forever and ever.
Amen.

The Word of the Lord.



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. Eph 1:17-18

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 22: 1-14

Jesus spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them.



The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'

But he was reduced to silence.

Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet. Cast him into the darkness' where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

Many are invited, but few are chosen."

REFLECTION

Google Social Justice Statement Aust. Bishops 2020 **MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY**

Key ideas from Part A of **THE GREAT PROJECT OF COMMUNITY INTEGRATION**

Even up to the 18th century, the understanding and treatment of people with mental illness was shameful. **The false view that 'madness' was the result of demonic possession, immorality or a punishment by God played a part in this history.**

Psychology/psychiatry in the 19th/20th centuries recast mental health as a **medical issue**. Through advancements, asylum institutionalisation gave way to community care.

The aim was to integrate community services, foster social integration and opportunities for advancement, and de-stigmatise mental illness. **However, in 1993, the 'Burdekin Inquiry' into the Human Rights of People with Mental Illness found inadequate funding had undermined the policy.** Charities, families and carers carried too much of the load.

After many Federal and State inquiries, **we still need a nationally agreed, implemented and evaluated mental health service model.**

There is a 'missing middle' - specialist community mental health services and after-hours care for people whose mental ill-health is too complex for general practitioners yet not severe enough to access limited specialist support.

Public health services are stretched. Private health, without insurance, is unaffordable. **Committed health professionals and volunteers face pressures** following rapid policy changes, increased demand, and funding and staff shortages. The impact the NDIS will have is uncertain.

We commend the mental health support provided by staff and volunteers of Catholic organisations.

