

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10
We exult and rejoice because the Lord in whom we hoped has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm 22
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14. 19-20
The Lord gives us the strength to be ready for anything, anywhere.

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
The Lord invites us all to his celebratory feast.

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Sunday Year A

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

"Tell those who have been invited that I have my banquet all prepared... Come to the wedding."

The German composer Carl Maria von Weber wrote his *Invitation to the Dance* originally for the piano. It begins majestically, reflecting the formality of the request being made between the partners. Once acceptance is assured the music changes completely, sweeping the couple away in a crescendo of melody and movement. There can be successful invitations, a delight to all concerned. However, invitations may also be fraught with complications. Think of weddings: who is to be invited, who excluded? Modern weddings in the Western world can be expensive and very demanding of all involved. There are lists of desired presents sent out on behalf of the bride and groom.

For parents, there are children's parties to think about, where again the problem of whom to invite comes to the fore. Again there's the question of what present should be brought, and the parents of the child whose party it is have to sort out fun bags of gifts for those attending. Now there are even professional party organisers, who are intended to take away the burden of these decisions, organise the fun in a venue of choice and allow the parents to sit quietly chatting and nursing a drink.

Against such a background it is reassuring to know that Jesus himself had problems with invitations. Not that he disliked or refused them; rather the opposite. In the Gospels he accepts invitations whenever offered, is accused by his detractors of dining with public sinners, and even, as is the case with Zacchaeus, engineers an invitation before it has been offered. Nor is he always the easiest of guests. When dining with Pharisees he never misses an opportunity to upbraid them for their behaviour, which might seem rather churlish in our polite world of dinner parties.

It is in his parables that Jesus faces up to the big problem in certain invitations. Normally we would be only too eager to accept an invitation to an important event, but he gives examples of kings or lords holding prestigious weddings, and those invited refusing to come. Not only do they refuse to come but can go so far as to maltreat and kill the messengers sent to tell them of the event. Today's story runs two parables together, one with the conclusion that all are to be invited now that the original guests have refused, the second to do with how we are expected to respond

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michaels)	10 Oct	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Michaels)	11 Oct	9.00am	Sr Ann Coyle RIP
Sunday (St Helen`s)	11 Oct	11.00am	Brian McAllister RIP
Tuesday	13 Oct	12.00pm	Richard Howitt RIP
Wednesday	14 Oct	12.00pm	John Bracknall RIP
Thursday	15 Oct	12.00pm	Winnie Kilroy RIP
Friday	16 Oct	12.00pm	Tony Dempsey RIP
Saturday	17 Oct	12.00pm	Mary McNally RIP
Saturday (St Michaels)	17 Oct	5.30pm	Celia & Terry Gillott RIP
Sunday (St Michaels)	18 Oct	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen`s)	18 Oct	11.00am	Barry Cooper RIP

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<https://m.facebook.com/CorpusChristiValley/videos/>

to an invitation with good faith. What Jesus is really exposing is how God constantly invites us to come and celebrate, and how we resolutely refuse.

God's invitation to us is to celebrate with God in the Eucharist. It is in this celebration that we make present once again the mysterious act of salvation brought about by Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The format in which we celebrate is a mixture of the synagogue service, welcoming God's word among us, and the Last Supper at which Jesus anticipated, through the blessing and gift of the bread and wine, the sacrifice he was about to undergo.

Why are so many reluctant to accept the invitation? The reasons given may be similar to the parables. We have other more pressing, more important things to do. There is also a failure in us to appreciate the full nature of the celebration, and we sometimes blame the celebrant or the form the liturgy takes for our drifting away. The liturgy is too traditional, too modern, too boring, too dull – and in our modern need for entertainment it can be all of these things. Any human attempt to express what is happening will fall short, though that does not take away the responsibility to try to catch something of the essence of God being among us as we gather in God's name. The problem is that if we do cut ourselves off in this way we run the risk of becoming isolated and losing the sense of meaning in our lives. God does not abandon us, but when we abandon God we certainly do not make God's attempt to love us any easier.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Anne Whittingham, Terence Dyson, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, and Andrew Chandler.

Message from St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Since the start of the pandemic the society has continued it's work, praying for you all, befriending parishioners (by telephone) and making generous hardship donations to needy individuals and families.

Unfortunately we have not had our usual sources of income this year but the need to reach out to those most vulnerable has increased, to continue this vital work we would very much welcome direct donations of any amount, whatever you can give will be appreciated and used to help needy people during this very difficult time. Donations can be made to our bank account: 60-60-04 a/c no. 46087583 or you can text the number below if you wish to donate in another way. Any requests for assistance can be made by **text message** to [07873 407866](tel:07873407866), additionally we welcome enquires from any volunteers wishing to join in our work.

For assistance please send name and contact details to the number above and we aim to get back to you within 24/48 hours. More details on the assistance SVP offer and volunteering opportunities can be found at <https://www.svp.org.uk>.

Annual Mass Attendance Count

Mass attendance figures need to be collected for this weekend, thank you.

Home Mission Sunday

Thank you for your donations for the Home Mission collection. A total of £130.00 has been raised so far.

CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations for this latest appeal. So far, together with the coins from the Coppers Jars from each church, we have just over £300 to send to CAFOD.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

Please continue, if you can, to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at

corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/

Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

Diocese of Hallam, Corpus Christi Parish`.

Apostles` Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne	Pray for us
Blessed Robert Ludlam	Pray for us
Blessed Nicholas Garlick	Pray for us
Blessed William Richardson	Pray for us

0 Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help Pray for us