

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



Matthew 22:1-10

'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

Reflection

The first people invited to the feast make excuses and choose to stay where they are. So the invitation is opened to everyone — "both bad and good." Jesus reminds us that God's invitation is not just for a select few; there is a place for everyone.

As Vincentians, we are called to do the same: to notice the people who might feel overlooked or left out and make sure they know they are welcome. Sometimes that might mean inviting someone to join Youth SVP, including someone who is on their own, or simply making the effort to talk to someone we don't usually speak to.

Being welcoming is more than saying "everyone is welcome" — it means noticing who isn't yet part of the group and doing something about it.

Activity

The Talking Table is a simple but powerful way to create space for conversation, prayer and belonging. Inspired by the table at the Last Supper, it reminds us that Jesus always makes room — for questions, for friendship, and for those who might otherwise be overlooked.

That sense of making room matters deeply today. In 2025, one in four adults reported feeling lonely at least some of the time, rising to two in five among young people (ONS, 2025.) That means in a group of 30, 12 people will probably be feeling lonely. Loneliness is not always visible, but it is widely felt.

This pack helps you set up a Talking Table anywhere, creating small but meaningful moments where people can pause, notice one another, and connect heart to heart.

Call to Action

How could you invite more people to join your talking table? Perhaps you could choose to include some colouring or board games?

