

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
BOGNOR REGIS AND SLINDON

We are followers of Jesus, on fire with his love,
sharing that love with each other and with the world.



The Great Banquet

All the content below is for you to make your own, please do read through it, pick what would work best for your children and would best engage them.

Rest assured of our prayers for your family and you this coming week!

This week in the gospel according to Matthew we learn a little about what Jesus says the Kingdom of heaven is like, and who God has invited to this party.

MATTHEW 22:1-10

1And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, 2"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, 3and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. 4Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' 5But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' 10And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Some conversation pointers, when talking at home about this –

God is the man hosting the party. To understand the final group who were invited to the Great Banquet we need to know that God promised in His word that He would send His Savior to the Jews first and then to all the Gentiles. ([Isaiah 65:1](#), [Deuteronomy 32:21](#), [Romans 15:8-12](#)) A Gentile is anyone who is not a Jew. You and I are Gentiles if we have no Jewish family members. The Gentiles are represented in Jesus' parable as the ones invited from the roads and country lanes. The parable that Jesus told the Pharisees would not have made them feel prideful at all. Jesus basically told them that because of their rejection of Him they were going to miss out on God's Great Gift of Salvation.

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This parable teaches us that we all have been invited to the Greatest Event ever! Jesus is teaching us that God has sent out His invitation for salvation to all.

Have you accepted God's invitation to follow his Son Jesus? If so are you trying to have a relationship with Jesus, communicating with Him each day?

Are you like the Pharisees and the religious leaders who thought they were good enough by keeping God's laws and didn't believe they needed to put their faith in Jesus to spend eternity with God?

Are you inviting others to join you at the Great Banquet? Do you tell them of King Jesus' great love and how He has prepared a way for them to live forever in heaven one day? You can invite them to the Great Banquet by sharing the Good News that Jesus died for their sins and rose again the third day. It is up to those you invite to say yes or no to God. Jesus teaches us in this parable that there is still room for more to come. Will you pray about who God wants you to share Jesus with this week?

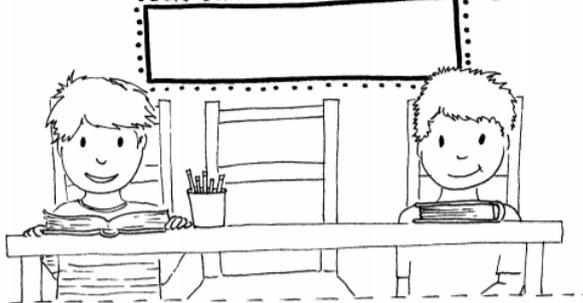
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YOU ARE INVITED

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS:



Activities to remind us about this message from Jesus

Print off and colour in the church invitations on bognorcatholicparish.co.uk/kids-church.

Think and pray on who you know you could go to Mass with (you could invite them, and go to Mass in person together) or you could share with them how to celebrate Mass online and meet with them on zoom/skype/facetime etc afterwards.

Jesus tells us to share His good news with others, we can share how He changes our lives with others!



Finish your time together focusing on this piece of scripture with prayer