

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – Jan 16th January, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website.
Updates are also available from the diocesan website. See details of this week's changes below. **QR check-in still required.**

Wedding at Cana in Galilee

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you (John 2:1-5)."

RECENT DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: John Mulcahy, Anne Packer, Charlotte Campbell, Margaret Collins, Michelle Dorney (Bending), Mary Cox, Ann O'Brien, Nora Burke, Elizabeth Drew & (Baby) Robert Stewart.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: John Jess

Jan 23rd: Gerrard Family

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Sue Mahony

Jan 23rd: Gerrard Family

Assembly Leader

Today: Angela Gerrard & Anne Beer

Jan 30th: Jim & Sue Mahony

Special Minister

Today: Therese Jess

Jan 30th: Ann Beer

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

Jan 23rd: Naomi Gerrard

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Jan 23rd & 30th: Bernadette Franc & Therese Jess.

Church Grounds

Jan 23rd & 30th: Bill Franc & John Jess.

Newsletter:

January – Carmel Milenkovic 0407320759

MASS TIMES – for next week

January 23rd: MASS 8.30 AM
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exploring the Word

In the Gospel of John, this is the first public act of Jesus, and it is the woman, his mother, who initiates this first display of his divine origins when he 'let his glory be seen'. Her total trust that he will respond to her observation helps to explain why we look to Mary as a model of faith and discipleship. Jesus takes the symbol of the old rituals of Israel—the water for ritual cleanliness—and transforms it into something new. This is a recurring motif in John. Another recurring theme is that of 'the hour' of Jesus. In John's Gospel, 'the hour' will not be finally fulfilled until the supreme moment when Jesus shows the fullness of his love for both his Father and for all people; the moment when he is 'lifted up' on the cross. This story is about much more than the performance of a miracle at a wedding feast. In the performance of this sign, Jesus reveals something of the power and glory of God operating in and through him, and it is this revelation of the glory of God that has a transformative effect on his disciples as they come to believe in him. The miracle at Cana announces the richness of the gifts of God that Jesus has come to dispense, and for the disciples and for all who come to believe in Jesus, this is a life-changing event.

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- Ritual cleanliness was very important to the Jewish people. It was the custom to wash thoroughly before eating or drinking, after coming in from the marketplace or the road, in case they had come into contact with someone or something that may have rendered them 'unclean'.
- In John's Gospel, Jesus performs only seven 'signs', and each is designed to reveal something of who he is. Here he ushers in the messianic banquet, a symbol of the Messiah often used in the Jewish Scriptures.
- This is the third of the 'manifestations' of Christ, read in succession over the last three weeks.

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 JANUARY 2022

GIFTED FOR OTHERS

When the people of Israel searched for a fitting metaphor to capture the joy and celebration of the time of the Messiah, they made use of the image of the wedding feast (cf. Matthew 22:1-10; Luke 14:15-24). It was a time when good spirits, food, and rejoicing were in abundance. As Jesus works his first sign at Cana we see the blessings that accompany his presence. Not only does he bring the new wine of the kingdom, but the best wine has been left till last! When Jesus responds that his hour has not yet come, we are reminded that this is but the beginning of the banquet and that Jesus' hour will not finally come until he is lifted up on Calvary.

Paul never met Jesus during his earthly ministry but his experience of the risen Lord convinced him that the Messiah had come and that the messianic banquet had well and truly begun. The abundance of spiritual gifts that had been poured upon the Christian community of Corinth bore eloquent testimony to that. The problem that concerned Paul was that all these gifts would not become a source of competition and divide the community. The variety of gifts within the community was not to be a sign that some community members had been blessed more than others. Before the Lord, all of us are of equal worth and every person is called to use the gifts they have for the common good.

FIRST READING

Isa 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the

hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded' for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v. 3

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**
2. Proclaim his help day by day, / tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, / give the Lord glory and power, / give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. / O earth, tremble before him. / Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' / He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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