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VERITAS



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am

Wednesday & Friday
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,
5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

Pray the Rosary

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Before 10am Mass on Sundays

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253



FIRST SIGN

Face Masks are mandatory,
and encouraged for those 12 years and over.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon Ps 65: 4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING

First reading - Isaiah 62:1-5

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

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.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

Cont...interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

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

GOSPEL

Gospel - John 2:1-11

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice
that quenches my thirst.

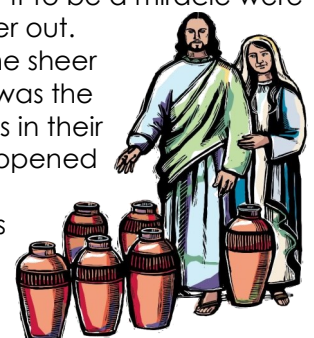
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WATER INTO WINE

The miracle at Cana was almost a secret one; at the time the only people who knew it to be a miracle were the servants who drew the water out.

But what did strike home was the sheer abundance of new wine. That was the sign that confirmed the disciples in their new following. Their eyes were opened to the absolute newness and abundance of life in Christ. "This was the first of the signs given by Jesus. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples

believed in him." Excerpt from a homily by Fr Columba Ryan OP



If you wish to receive communion on the tongue please wait and join the end of the communion line.

Unfortunately, COVID-19's Omicron variant has dashed hopes for a contained virus and a more relaxed and enjoyable summer with friends and family.

Let us pray this week for all those who are sick and isolating, for those who are still unable to join family because of travel restrictions, for our over-stretched health workers and for all those struggling economically.

THE SERVANTS KNEW

*Second Sunday of the Year.
Fr Euan Marley OP guides us
to see how our lives can become part
of Christ's transforming work.*

Some people have a lot of magic in their lives. Tables are magically set, heating just works, clothes are cleaned and ironed, and the most of the things they need just appear. At Christmas the magic works overtime. All sorts of delightful things spring up as if from nowhere. Where does it all come from? How did these delights get here? There is an easy answer to this and it is in the Gospel of today. "The servants knew where the wine came from." So isn't there any magic then? Is it just the product of hard work by the people throughout the ages who have to serve.

That isn't quite what the Gospel today says. The full quote is, "The servants who had drawn the water knew." There is magic in this story but there is also hard work and hard service. It inverts the normal order of things. Normally it is those who are receiving service to whom it all seems very miraculous. In this story it is those who serve, those who usually understand the process, because they are part of the process, who see that something wonderful has happened. It wasn't easy to do as it took a lot of work to draw up so much water from a well, which is what the servants are being asked to do. It wasn't clear why they were doing this. Why things are done, was not for servants to know, only how things were done, but this time the servants would be the ones who didn't know how. The steward, the master magician of the feast, would be puzzled by the order the wine came in but not where it came from. The guests would just be happy to receive more wine. The servants alone would know that this wine had seemed to come from nowhere. Not entirely from nowhere, since it had been water and one thing the Christ never does is to cause things to pop into existence. He came to redeem and transform creation and so his miracles are always a restoration or a transformation of something which already existed. In fact to simply create new things would be to cast doubt on the fundamental goodness of God's creation.

The miracle is called the first of the signs, but commentators have puzzled over how a sign which no-one noticed could be a sign. How did it reveal the glory of Jesus? I think we need to ask who the sign was for? The passage ends by saying that the disciples believed in him, so we could say that the sign was for them. We could say that the sign was for the servants who knew

Cont...where the wine came from. This is true but it is also true that the servants were part of the sign. The whole miracle of Cana was not that water changed into wine but that servants should be instruments of the changing by Jesus of water into wine. There are many miracles recorded in the Gospels which Jesus carries out on his own but this miracle, like the miracles of the multiplication of loaves and fishes, is a miracle which requires the co-operation of others.

It helps us to understand why the Eucharist is not, as some would have it, a magical rite. The magician seeks to control reality, to be its master. The Eucharist is an act of service. If the Eucharist were magic, the presiding priest would be in control of the elements. Instead, like the servants at Cana, the priest is himself one of the elements of the miracle, along with the bread and wine, placing himself under the power of God. There used to be a rite of ordination, where the ends of the stole were wrapped over one another by the Bishop, who would say, "Receive the yoke of the Lord, for His yoke is sweet and His burden is light." The Greek word for servant gives us the modern word, 'deacon', and no-one becomes a priest who has not first been a deacon. This miracle was the first sign because it teaches us the first lesson. If you want to see miracles, you must serve.

HOMILY NOTES

From "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God" to "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee": from the divine work of creation to a Galilean village of no particular note at all – and to an event as humanly homely as a wedding where the wine runs out.

So, what is really happening here in this simple village wedding at Cana is a revelation of God's presence among his people in this loving way.

The Catholic tradition has long found in the Cana miracle a foundation for the sacramental understanding of marriage. We call marriage a "sacrament" because in the human commitment and love that it celebrates and seals it functions as a sign disclosing the presence and faithfulness of God.

This wedding at Cana is the first of the two occasions where the Mother of Jesus appears in John's Gospel (the second presents her standing at the foot of Jesus' cross [19:25-27]). Despite her Son's initial rebuff, she urges the servants to "Do whatever he tells you". These servants are in some respects the heroes of the episode. At her prompting, they act in faith and so become immediate witnesses to the miracle: the transformation of mere water into "the best wine". Miracles do not precede faith and give rise to it. Rather, those who are prepared to act or "walk" in faith (like the Royal Steward in the second Cana miracle are the ones who really "see" miracles – see them, that is, as disclosures of the divine presence, the "glory" of God, in ordinary human reality.

Excerpt Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

2022

2021 has been a year during which we have all been reminded of the importance of well-being and resilience in our lives. Times of adversity and challenge can teach us a lot about ourselves and what we need to thrive. Let us make 2022 a year of meaning, purpose, connection and joy.

Cont...We need to build in time for recovery, not just on our vacations, but between vacations - Many people in 2021 have spoken of their need to "escape" from the stressful or burned-out lives they were leading. Why don't we put more of our time and energy into designing the sustainable life we want, instead of accepting one we need to escape from?

We can't practice self-care without self-acceptance

Self-acceptance is essential to self-care and our overall well-being. If we can't accept ourselves, our well-being is going to suffer, regardless of how diligent we are about our other physical and mental health practices.

Don't let well-being become just another item on our to-do lists - 2021 was a big year for well-being. But one trend was that well-being can become just another stress-inducing task we feel guilty about. The whole point of bringing more well-being into our lives is to lower our stress, not add to it. Well-being shouldn't be a benchmark but a mindset, something we design into our day. As we start the new year, define well-being in a way that works for you.

Human connection is the key to our hybrid future

Whether we're back in the office, working from home, or doing some combination of those, fostering human connection is essential — in companies, in teams, and in our own lives. Close relationships are the single biggest factor in our happiness — more than money, fame and other outward forms of success. While technology allows us to virtually connect in our hybrid world, it's human connection that allows us to thrive.

HUMOUR AND CONTEMPLATION

'Have you ever considered the relationship between laughter and contemplation? Or should we say between good humour and contemplation? It may be a fruitful exercise. When people speak of contemplation the idea often comes across that it must be quite an awesome business.

'Awareness of God, of His presence, of union with Him, ecstatic moments and all that; not the kind of happening that we would usually associate with a good laugh. And yet perhaps for most of us a good laugh is one of the commoner describable experiences nearest to the experience of God. What does this mean? Well, genuine ecstasy is very close to genuine joy and genuine joy overflows and expresses itself almost spontaneously in genuine laughter. A good laugh is a wholesome and a holy thing.

'In laughter we experience a closeness to each other that is unique - at the level of spirit it could be said that a smile and a laugh (or loud smile) unite people in a quite extraordinary way. We are taken up at once into the wonder-filled joyful awareness of both *being* and of *being-in-God's-careful-powerful-hands*. We see the other person as highly lovable and for a moment a beam of the greatness of that person and the greatness of God slips into our consciousness.'

Ralph Wright OSB

WELCOME A FOREIGN STUDENT

The Australian National University has many students from other nations. Often they find themselves quite isolated during their studies. If you would like to welcome a foreign student or students to your home for a meal or some other occasion then please contact us under the heading: Foreign Student Hospitality email chaplaincy@anu.edu.au.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ FR BERNIE

May your birthday be full of blessings and God's graces.

May you find happiness in everything you do. Wishing you a Happy Birthday.

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Burke, Frank Zobec, Carol Hallam, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Barbara Wilson, June Pollard, Anne Corver, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mimma Gia, Bob Hackett, Joe Schimizzi, Awny El-Ghitany, Margaret Sullivan, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Una Bell, Peter Catlin, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Bernard Druett, Denis Lawrence, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Patricia Zorzi, Gwen Gleeson, Neville David Caulfield

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord. Dominic Strangio, David Pembrey, Matty Hurley (Boorowa)

ANNIVERSARIES

In Loving Memory - Maureen Dawes

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. You are welcome to join in.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. - Meet at the door of the office at 7.30pm OR join us online using Zoom. Zoom details are - <https://zoom.us/j/91493407836> [pwd=eVBQR0hnZ05CL1YzWU93YmJLNm53UT09](https://zoom.us/j/91493407836) The Meeting ID is 983 138 1937 and the passcode is 815443.

ROSTER 22 / 23 January 2022

Saturday 5.00pm

Acolyte - M. Tran Reader - P. Farrelly

Sunday 8.00am

Acolyte - K. Linard Reader - N. Clarke, G. Thompson

Sunday 10.00am

Acolyte - J. Wade Reader - J. Cooke, S. Coles

Sunday 5.00pm

Acolyte - L. Kim Reader - M. Proctor

LITURGY ROSTER

The Liturgy Roster is now available in the Sacristy. The roster at this point is only until March. More volunteers are required especially Acolytes for the Vigil and 5pm Masses. If you are able to help please contact the office.