

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 FIRST "SIGN"

This Sunday we move from Luke's Gospel, the primary Gospel of our year, to John's Gospel and a scene at the commencement of Jesus' ministry. It is full of rich symbolism. The setting is a wedding feast to which Jesus, his mother and disciples have been invited. The feast is reminiscent of God's covenantal marriage with the Israelites on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-24). This relationship is like a marriage in which the imagery of redolent, juicy wines celebrates its delightful intimacy (Isaiah 25:6-9). For John, Jesus is the living reminder of God's desire for humanity expressed initially in the Old ('first') Testament.

But there is a problem, as Jesus' Jewish mother points out: "They have no wine!" At her invitation the absence is addressed. She directs the servants to respond to whatever Jesus tells them. This dynamic, of responding to Jesus' word, lays at the heart of faithful discipleship. He directs them to fill with water the six stone water jars intended for ceremonial ablutions. Together, the jars hold around 90 to 100 litres of water that later becomes wine of the best quality, and in a great quantity, by today's metric system, 12 dozen bottles. A connoisseur's delight!

To interpret the story solely as a miracle is to miss the point. John calls it the first of Jesus' "signs" in the Gospel. A "sign" points to something deeper. This sign symbolically underscores God's joy with humanity revealed through Jesus and symbolised in a wedding feast with an extraordinary quantity of exquisite wine.

Fr Michael Trainor

# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

19 JANUARY 2025

## 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.**

## RESP PSALM

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

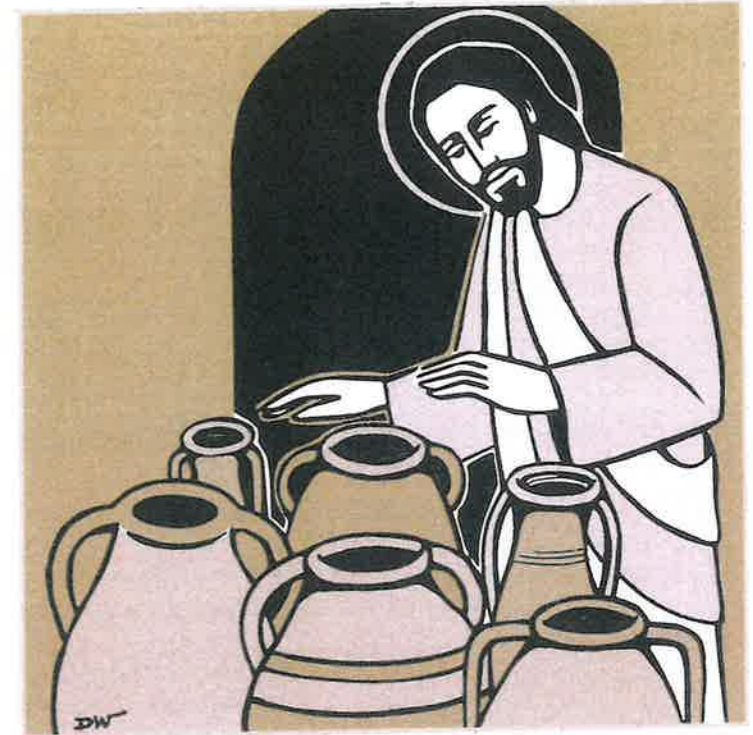
**R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all  
the nations.**

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



*Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available to celebrate during mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month*

[CatholicMarriagePrep.com](http://CatholicMarriagePrep.com)  
 <hello@catholicmarriageprep.com>

St Patrick's Cooma Mass  
 Mass Sunday's at 10am  
 Cooma Reconciliation available as requested following Mass  
 Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm

St Patrick's Weekday  
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am  
 Except Third Friday of Month for  
 Nursing Home Masses Feb '25  
 Yallabee Lodge  
 Sir William Hudson

Adaminaby -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday month  
 Next date =TBA (priest A/Leave)

Nimmitabel  
 Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 \*5pm Sat Vigil Mass  
 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla  
 Liturgy of Word  
 LITURGY 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale- Annual Leave  
 Sunday's until 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2025  
 Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

\* CHANGES During A/ Leave

Roster	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Acolyte	Richard Cmunt
Usher	Joan Simpson
Reader/Commentator	Jo-Anne Brown Mike Introna
Special Minister	Joan Simpson
Childrens Liturgy	Kellie Summerville
Linen	.....
Church Care	26 <sup>th</sup> C Byrne J Upton P Stewart
Hospital	Volunteer required please

\*Week day Mass resume next week-  
 Tuesday Thursday Friday 10am \*

We welcome Fr Xavier from Tumut Parish to join us for the next 2 weekends whilst Fr Mark has time away from our Parishes

FR Xavier can be contacted in emergency on 0481 194 114

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeyer

### Next weekend Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / C	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27
Gospel	Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21



*We have **Devices TAP n Go** available in Church entrance for your cashless*

*donations*(Archdiocese split 70/30: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> JUST TAP! The **New Smart Device** at door has

the option to Choose donation \$ amount

Please

*Pray for our Recently Deceased,*

*"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":*

Lola Povey -Funeral Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am with Fr George; Colin Love graveside service Tue 21<sup>st</sup> 1pm, Shirley Blyton, Don Tozer, Maree McIntosh

*Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends.* Frank Pusswald, Lloyd Reed, Marie Fletcher

*Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence"* Colin McMillan, Joel Stone, Walter Neumeyer in Germany

**Fr. Mark is away at this present time with a foot infection. Fr Mark is taking leave to recuperate until mid February.**

**Fr Kose is on annual leave from 13<sup>th</sup> Jan for holiday to his homeland, India –returning week of 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 as**

**We welcome Fr Xavier from Tumut Parish to assist us with Parish duties until Fr Mark's return. Further relief will be advised when to hand.**

### POPES INTENTION JANUARY

Pope Francis' January 2025 prayer intention highlights the vital role of education in fostering human values, particularly for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war. He emphasises that education should not only equip children with skills for work but also nurture their growth into compassionate and wise individuals who can contribute to a better world. This vision underscores education as an act of respect, welcoming, protection, and integration, offering hope and stability to those facing insecurity and displacement.

### POPES INTENTION JANUARY

**For the right to an education.**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war; that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

### Jokes:

**The parish priest asked young David:**

"Which Bible story do you like best, my son?"

David replied "The one about the fellow who just loafs and fishes."

.....  
 An angler felt guilty about fishing on Sunday. He said to his companion "Maybe we shouldn't really be here. Perhaps we should have gone to Church."  
 Companion's replied "Well I certainly couldn't have gone. My wife's sick in bed."