PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus revealed his glory at the wedding feast in Cana. With faith in him, let us pray for all people to be blessed with the wine of joy in God's kingdom.

READER

For Pope Francis and all religious leaders, that with one voice they will proclaim a powerful message of hope and healing for the world. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the people of Afghanistan and every land where daily life is a desperate struggle to survive, that the world community will support them with effective aid. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all the baptised, that they will recognise and use the gifts the Spirit has given them to build up the body of Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all couples preparing for marriage, that they will be able to celebrate their pledge of love happily with family and friends. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For married couples, that they would give thanks for the gift of each other and see their union as a sign and instrument of God's love for all. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are returning from summer holidays and resuming work, that they will face the year's tasks with good spirits and renewed energy. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will take their place gladly at the wedding feast of the Lamb. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER

Glorious God, in Jesus you bless us with the new wine of the kingdom. Help us share this gift of yours with all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord.