

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Second Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year C

First Reading *Is 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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

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.
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name.
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.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.**

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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

*See 2 Thes 2:14*

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*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Cheiar**

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate  
Unsung Heroes

Today’s gospel ends: ‘He let his glory be seen.’ Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status. But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger’s directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment. The Divine Glory is not going to enter people’s lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster. We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naïve trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone’s life, so that His glory may be seen.

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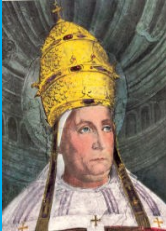
WHERE THERE  
IS  
*Great Love*  
THERE ARE  
ALWAYS  
MIRACLES

– Willa Catha

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 17th - St Anthony

Thursday 20th - St Fabian, St Sebastian



Friday 21st - St Agnes

Saturday 22nd - St Vincent



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Happy  
Summer  
Holidays



**Church**  
Cenacle Prayer Tues @ 4.45

**Mass- Goodwin Manor**  
Wednesday 19th January

**Pastoral Care Team Meeting**  
Tuesday 1st Feb 1-3pm  
Meeting Room

**Finance Meeting Wed Feb**  
2nd @ 5.30 pm Meeting Room

**Liturgy Team Meeting**  
Thurs 3rd Feb 4pm  
Meeting Room

**Adoration Friday @ 5.30pm**



Bench Ministry By Request

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

WATER INTO WINE

Because I believe it is beneficial to use my imagination when I am reading a passage from scripture, I try see if I can read the episode as a short drama. Where does the scene take place? Who are the main characters? What roles do they play? Any minor characters? Any extras? Is there any conflict or confrontation? (Always good for a bit of drama!) Is it resolved? Has it a social or a moral or a religious message?

Today's Gospel (*John 2: 1-12*) presents a problem that could happen at any rural Jewish wedding in the first century A.D. For whatever reason the supply of wine has run out. A social disaster for the groom's father who traditionally is responsible for arranging the marriage of the young couple and the wedding celebration. To fail to provide enough food and/or drink for the invited guests did not bode well for the bride's future.

I can imagine the murmuring and muttering starting among the guests as the servants are slow to re-fill the empty goblets. Mary, the mother of Jesus, good neighbour that she is, tells her son. While Jesus's reply may appear dismissive, “*Woman, why turn to me?*”, the fact that Mary then tells the servants: “**Do whatever he tells you,**” indicates that she expects Jesus will help. And help he does.

St John Paul 2 thought this miracle so significant he nominated it as the Second Luminous Mystery of the Rosary - Christ's self-revelation at the Marriage at Cana. John the Evangelist says of it “**This was the first of the signs given by Jesus .... He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.**”

The miracles that are recorded later in the four Gospels - those concerned with healing illnesses, feeding the hungry, controlling natural events, or raising the dead were quite public and news of them spread rapidly. Here, as far as we know, only the servants who obeyed Jesus's instruction to fill six huge stone jars with water knew what really happened.

We note Mary's initiative and the disciples begin to realise that Jesus had powers that were divine in origin. Later commentators have read the scene as a living parable.

God the Creator Father has sent his Son to take his Chosen People, the Jewish nation, as his bride. He wants them to enjoy life; to be happy, joyous and free like guests at a wedding feast. His teaching will be like new wine. A journey of joys and sorrows and luminosity lies ahead.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, it is a comfort to see You use the humble servants as co-workers to perform Your first miracle. Thank You for giving us the example of Mary, Your Mother, that we should turn to You for guidance when we see people who need our help.

**Joe Quigley**





**Pope Francis  
Monthly Prayer  
Intentions**

**January  
For true human  
Fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

**Tues 18th:** 5.30pm Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

**Wed 19th:** 9am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

**Thurs 20th:** 9.00 am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

**Fri 21st:** 9.15am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion  
5.30pm Adoration

**Sat 22nd:** 9am Mass 9.30am Reconciliation  
6pm Mass

**Sunday 23rd:** 9am Mass  
5pm Family & Youth Mass

**22/23 JANUARY**

**ROSTERS**

**Cleaning**  
17-21 Jan -Favetta O'Neill and Nugent  
24-28 Jan - Dave and Leonie May

**6.00PM MASS**

**Commentator:** J Quigley

**Reader:** J Mackay.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Y

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**Computer Screen:** K Conway

**REGISTRAR:** P O'Kelly

**9.00 AM MASS:**

**Commentator:** C Lowe

**Reader:** N Beatty..

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L

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**Computer Screen:** T Jackson....

**REGISTRAR :** M Lowe

**5.00PM MASS:**

**Commentator:** M Devine

**Reader:** B Maynard

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M

O'Neill

**Computer Screen:** J O'Sullivan

**REGISTRAR:** D Robinson

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out of food or wine, as Mary notices here that the depletion of wine has become a problem for the host. She makes an implicit request to Jesus *'They have no wine.'* (CCC 1613)

Mary appears perfectly confident that Jesus will respond favourably to her request. This incident gives us an earthly sign of her heavenly role in bringing our needs to her Son. Jesus turns water—symbolic of the rituals of the Old Covenant—into wine, symbolic of the gift of the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant. The wine he made was better than what they had before and was more abundant than they needed. Here is solid scriptural basis for the intercessory power of Our Lady, and for her role in the lives of Christians everywhere. It is timely that we encourage the faithful to renew devotion to Our Lady in their lives, and in the lives of their families; that Mary might intercede for them, guiding them to Christ, teaching them to be more like him (CCC 2617-2619, 2634-2636).

John singles out Jesus' action at the wedding at Cana as the first miracle of his public ministry; he uses the Greek word *semeion* (a sign) to describe miracles that are performed by Jesus that are outward signs of an invisible spiritual significance or spiritual reality—in this case, his “hour” of the Cross. Some light is thrown on this in Isaiah (25:1-9) saying that when the age of salvation comes, there will be a feast of fine well-strained wines, and all the nations will come to this feast, and that when they drink of this wine and eat of this sacrificial banquet, they will swallow up death forever and their sins will be forgiven. In Jewish tradition it came to become called the “messianic banquet”, the banquet of the messiah, which would be particularly characterized by super abundant wine.

Awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is present throughout John's Gospel. The language used in today's reading (Jn 2:1-11), when Jesus protests his mother's wishes saying that his “hour” has not yet come, is anticipating his passion; *a sign also of the final wedding feast of God and his people.* We see that language also when John reports Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and washing their feet (13:1-5); he writes that Jesus knew then that his “hour” had come, viz., the appointed time for his Passion and Death.

After Cana Mary is not mentioned until, along with her sister Mary, the wife of Clopas, Mary of Magdala, and the disciple whom he loved all stand with Jesus who, in his final hour, is near death on the Cross (19:25-27). Jesus entrusts his mother to the beloved disciple and the beloved disciple to her. Thus, the beloved disciple represents all disciples, indicating the relationship all we Christians now have with Mary mother of Christ and mother of the Church—our spiritual mother in Christ (CCC 963, 970). We see here the nascent Christian community which, from now on to the end of time, remains the power of God active in the Church, in a community of believers.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah (62:1-5) is a prophecy of the New Jerusalem, describing the Age of Salvation, in which the city of Jerusalem (Zion) would be made even more glorious than it was at the time of Solomon. Jerusalem is depicted as a woman, as a bride; and God, the Lord, is depicted as her groom, her husband, the divine bridegroom. Speaking to Jerusalem directly, he urges vigilance for the last day. It has a vivid Scriptural image, (sign) for the spousal relationship between God and his people: “Like a young man marrying a virgin, your rebuilder will wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you” (62:5). John will show that Jesus' provision of abundant wine for the wedding feast in Cana signifies that the day foreseen by Isaiah has arrived, and how Jesus himself is the bridegroom, who gives everything in love for his bride. “These [signs] are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name” (20:31; 1 Jn 5:13). (CCC 219, 1611)

In the second reading (1 Cor 12:4-11), Paul addresses the church he founded in Corinth (the capital city of the Grecian province of Achaia) along with Silas and Timothy c. AD 50 - 51. The Corinthians were a boisterous lot, tending to be a factional, divisive community especially around the charismatic gifts, with members acting in competition with one another for personal self-gratification rather than charitably for the unity of the community. Paul explains that as every good thing we have comes from God, we are to use our gifts and talents for the good of others thus allowing God to work through us as God's family in the world (CCC 249, 308). The judgement of the Church ensures that the common good is served by the charismatic gifts of the baptised (CCC 801, 873, 951, 1508).

*Fr. Martins*

The hosts of this wedding at Cana in Galilee had run out of an important ingredient for their celebration, and Mary intercedes for them. In ancient Judaism, weddings would last for a whole week (Judg 14:12; Tb 11:19)—the festival was seven days of feasting with family and friends gathered to celebrate the coming together of a bridegroom and his bride; wine is a symbol of joy and adds to the warmth of the celebration. So, it would be easy to run



We extend a very warm  
welcome to those who may be  
visiting our Parish over the  
summer.

We hope you enjoy our church and

**GATHERING**

**‘Nourishing our Spirit!’**

Conversation and Sharing with Loretta Parsley, local  
Aboriginal Elder at St Bernard's Church on Tuesday  
February 15, 9-am -12-45pm. **ALL WELCOME-** bring a friend!

A cushion helps re seating & shared morning tea.

**Cost= Free.** Funded by ‘ Mary MacKillop today’. Health  
Protocols will be in place, wear a mask, social distance,  
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**PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING**

will take on Tuesday  
afternoon February 1,  
1pm - 3pm in Church Meeting  
Room. **Guest speaker:** Fr Michael Dyer. **Topic:** ‘ Growing  
our Faith as Pastoral Carers.’  
Health protocols will be in  
place, wear a mask and use QR  
code or sign in.  
Shared afternoon tea.

**Bookings Essential**

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**THE ADDAMS  
FAMILY THE  
MUSICAL**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February.  
A fund raising event for the  
Sisters of Mary Queen of  
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with disabilities in  
Vietnam.  
Tickets \$30  
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Always a great night  
supporting a good cause  
and also our local theatre  
group

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**Death Anniversaries:** Sylvia Penberthy,  
Dorothy O'Hara, Patricia McLennan,  
Thomas Nagle, Malgorzata Colebrook,  
Edwin Lewis, Sue-Anne Clarke,

**We pray for the recently deceased in the**

**Parish Community:**

Dermott, Joan Herne, Dr Bryan Chester, Lorraine Grace, Waine Williamson, Pat Cooper, Theresa Humphrey, Linda Weatherall, John Mula, Eva Maria Easton, Allan Mitchell, Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist, Kevin Allen, Evelyn Young, Isobel Evans, Michaeline Hatton, Ingeborg Fissler, Danielle Kempton,

**Remembering the Sick:**

Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Kathryn King and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

**Prayer For A Pandemic**

**May we who are merely  
inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of  
working from home  
Remember those who must choose  
Between preserving their health or  
making their rent.**

**May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to  
go.**

**May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.**

**As fear grips our country.**

**Let us choose love.**

**During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbours.  
Amen.**

**Ursuline Sisters of Louisville  
Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church**

**Coffee Club**

**Resumes 3rd February**



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