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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 16 January 2022

The wedding at Cana is yet another epiphany. The purpose of this sign is not simply to provide additional wine for the wedding guests but to reveal Jesus' glory and to draw his disciples to believe. All that Jesus does and everything that God reveals is for the same purpose - that we begin to believe.

The believing to which the gospel calls us lays a suitable and solid foundation on which the entire liturgical year builds.

Few of us ever witness the kind of dramatic signs like that reported in this gospel. Nevertheless, we are called to the same faith response because faith is not in the sign but in the person of Jesus.

John calls the mighty deeds of Jesus 'signs.' He is very selective in reporting these signs, including only seven in chapters 1:19-12:50 (The Book of Signs). Of these, the wedding feast at Cana is the only sign for which there is no comparable story in the other gospels.

In John's gospel signs are ambiguous: they invite but do not compel faith. Often spectators in the crowd are divided in their assessment of Jesus: some see a sign and believe (5:33; 11:45), others see a sign and conclude that Jesus must be destroyed (5:15-16; 11:46-53). Ideally signs lead people to see beyond the wonder of the event (e.g., the water turned into wine) to see instead the revelation of Jesus' glory. And seeing Jesus' glory, people respond by believing in him. Thus, this first of his signs sets up the ideal pattern: a sign manifests Jesus' glory and moves people to believe.

This Sunday's gospel story is the third Sunday in a row in which the gospel has presented some kind of public revelation or manifestation of Jesus. The series began with the Feast of the Epiphany in which Jesus is revealed as the gift of God given for the salvation of Jews and Gentiles alike; last week's gospel of the baptism confirmed Jesus' identity as the Son of God; this Sunday's 'miracle' at Cana 'revealed his glory'. In the Old Testament 'glory' refers to God's visible radiance which God manifests instead of an actual visible appearance which would overwhelm people (Exod 33:20). When Jesus 'revealed his glory', he gave a 'sneak preview' of what will be fully revealed in his death/resurrection/ascension. Ideally the response to this revelation - like the response to all his signs - is that people believe. John expressly states this in the conclusion: 'Jesus did many other signs in the presence of [his] disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name' (20:30-31).

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This Week's Readings:

First Reading

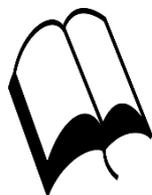
Is 62:1-5

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel

Jn 2:1-11



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Parish Information

Parish Diary:

Monday 17 January

Saint Anthony (M)

Tuesday 18 January

6:00pm Mass @ Manly

Wednesday 19 January

9:00am Rosary @ Manly

9:30am Mass @ Manly

Morning Tea after Mass has been suspended until further notice.

Thursday 20 January

Saint Fabian (OM) and Saint Sebastian (OM)

Friday 21 January

Saint Agnes (M)

Saturday 22 January

5:00pm Mass @ Manly

Sunday 23 January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am Mass @ Gumdale

9:30am Mass @ Manly

Reconciliation

Saturday's: 4:30pm - 4:50pm

No appointment required.

Children's Liturgy:

Sunday 16 January

Safeguarding and STOPLINE

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:

Les Sellwood: 0401 382 085

STOPLINE Contact: AOB@stoline.com.au

This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Child Safety and Protection of Vulnerable Adults policy is situated in the foyer of the church.

Parish Pastoral Council

Les Sellwood (Chair), Pam Chapman, Bruce Corrie, Helen McNamara, Julia McLean and Laurent Fontaine

Please Pray for Our Sick:

Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Sr Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Irene Gavril, Rosa Maria Santos, Dawn O'Sullivan, Leon and Roz Thomas, Maura Poots, Angela Geraghty, Hugo Callan, Joan Francis, Angela de Weger, Terry Coles, Ted Chapman, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Barbara Peet, Delia Chapman, David Schilling, Margaret Taylor

For a name to be included in the 'Prayer for our Sick' list, the Privacy Act now requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative.

Anniversaries:

Anne-Marie Arthus, Russell Barton, Kevin Bourke, Floretina Brewer, Jim Clair, John Costello, Cecil Crew, John Cronin, Daphne Eddleston, Mary (Molly) Evrat, Camelo Fazio, Paul Jackman, Patrick Leben, Dulcie Maher, Jennifer Lynas, Agnes Veronica (Ronnie) Mason-Johnson, Hilary Maloney, Jessie Massie, Fletcher McCormack, Sr Paula McGrath, Keith McGregor, Colin Moir, Doris O'Donnell, Brian O'Sullivan, , Mark Purdon, Donna Pytko , George Reading, Millicent (Vera) Reed, Jean Rosenstengel, Joseph (Neill) Sheppard, Theodore Shepherd, Hubert Smith, Douglas Southern, Eric Steeden, John Wade, Lilli Wargin, Aleida Wishey, William Spann, Maria Skubis, Luzdivina Lozano, Jean Hine.

This Week's Roster

Saturday 15 January

First Reader: Denise D.

Second Reader: Denis H.

Third Reader: Nola S.

EMHC: Mikaela A.

Sunday 16 January

First Reader: Mark R.

Second Reader: Nola S.

Third Reader: Robert A.

EMHC: June M.

Counting Group: A

In This Month's Catholic Leader:

The Christmas Issue is available at the back of the Church for \$4.00

- Room at the inn for all this Christmas – Emmanuel City Mission throw open doors for extended hours
- Pope reading signs of the times – education, work and dialogue between generations
- Family of 11 escapes house fire 'by the grace of God'
- Pam Betts immensely grateful for a career spanning 42 years in teaching and education
- Grandmother right at home with friends on the streets
- Christmas messages from all Queensland Bishops
- Pope expresses concern for decline of democracy across the globe
- Former orphan Brendan Scarce counts his blessings in new book
- Veterans advocate gives heartfelt insight into own personal trauma
- Tim Sherlock has a gift for music and shares it

Parish and Community Announcements

Morning Mass on Thursdays and Fridays at Manly

Fr George would like to add a Mass to Thursday and Friday mornings at Manly. To assist us in the process of adding this Mass we have developed a short survey which provides our community with the option to provide us with their input regarding the available times. We have also included some questions regarding Mass attendance which will allow us to update our attendance data. To complete this survey please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2JRNX72>. If you do not have access to a device to complete this survey, please contact the parish office for assistance.

Nominations for Liturgy Committee and Parish Pastoral Council

Strong communities are created and maintained by actively community members. If you would like to contribute to the maintenance of a strong SJV church community, please consider nominating for the Liturgy Committee or Parish Pastoral Council. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to participate, share ideas, and learn from the experience of others. For more information or to nominate please contact the parish office.

Replacement of Noticeboards in the Church Foyer

In the coming weeks we will be replacing the noticeboards in the Church foyer. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by this process.

Vaccination Requirements for Volunteers

As you may have seen in previous newsletters, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has made the decision that some specific volunteer roles will require COVID vaccination. These specific volunteer roles include: Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word and the Sacramental Program, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick who attend hospitals, nursing homes and/or private homes and local safeguarding officers. Volunteers do not have to be vaccinated under this policy where that position is solely related to activities that are purely domestic, social, recreational, religious or private in nature, including Mass. To meet the requirements, we require evidence of your vaccination. This proof can be provided in the form of a COVID-19 Digital Vaccination Certificate or an Immunisation History Statement as a PDF. To provide your vaccination certificate or for information on how to provide this or if you have any questions please contact the parish office on 31312610 or manly@bne.catholic.net.au. We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

January Baptisms

This month through Baptism we welcome Ziggy Baker and Isla Hall. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they begin their faith journeys.

Knight of the Southern Cross

Winners of the final Silver Circle draw are: 1st Prize of \$200 with Ticket No 10 is Daphne Knights, 2nd Prize of \$100 with Ticket No 96 is Peter Rawstron and 3rd Prize of \$50 with Ticket No 31 is Lew Doyle. Congratulations to the winners and our sincere thanks to all who have supported the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross through this fundraising Silver Circle. Our next Silver Circle will be out early in 2022.

COVID-19 Restrictions

Restrictions as of 11/01/2022:

- Masks are mandatory in indoor settings. Choirs and singers are not exempt. As singing remains a high risk activity, cantors must keep their masks on at all times during the liturgy.
- Hospitality is a high risk activity during this peak infection time. **For this reason, all Morning Teas in our parish have been suspended until further notice.**
- Mass Capacity: 1 person per 2 squares → approximately 150 people.

For more information regarding the current COVID-19 restrictions as well as the most up to date health advice please visit www.covid19.qld.gov.au

This Week's Readings

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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.

Next Week's Roster

Saturday 22 January

First Reader: Laura F.

Second Reader: Maureen B.

Third Reader: Jane O.

EMHC: Nola S.

Sunday 23 January

First Reader: Jasser N.

Second Reader: Anne S.

Third Reader: Colleen S.

EMHC: Mark R.

Counting Group: B

For the Children

The miracle at Cana

The miracle is a sign of God's power and glory, a remarkable and amazing event that cannot be explained. Today we hear how Jesus performed his first miracle by changing water into wine.

LET US PRAY Lord Jesus, help us to turn to you in times of difficulty and place our trust in your goodness and love.

Next Children's Liturgy: 6th February



Next Week's Readings

First Reading Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

Second Reading 1 Cor 12: 12-30

Gospel Lk 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

