

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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# Reflections on the Gospel

## THE TRUE BRIDEGROOM REVEALED

In the village culture of Palestine in Jesus' day it was the responsibility of the bridegroom to provide wine at a wedding. To have the wine run out before the end of the celebration would be a grave embarrassment both to him and his family, a failure remembered for generations.

Doubtless, it was concern on this score that prompted the Mother of Jesus to draw the problem to her Son's attention. His initial hesitation to act reflects a tendency appearing elsewhere in the Fourth Gospel (see 7:3-6; 11:3-6). Jesus does not respond immediately to human prompting. He is following a divine agenda set by the Father.

Eventually, Jesus does remedy the situation, providing not only wine in abundance but 'the best wine, kept till last'. His miraculous provision of ordinary wine then functions as a 'sign' disclosing a deeper reality: namely, that he is true Bridegroom at this wedding, fulfilling God's promise, as recorded in today's First Reading, to become the Bridegroom of Israel forever (Isaiah 62:2-4; see also Hos 2:14-16; Isa 54:4-8; Jer 2:2; John 3:29; etc.).

This is what the evangelist is referring to when he states, that Jesus 'let his glory be seen at Cana in Galilee'. He revealed himself to be 'the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth' (1:14).

The Catholic tradition, in its sacramental understanding of marriage, has long found in Jesus' presence at this simple village wedding in Galilee a divine pledge to be present at all weddings and to enrich all marriages with the superabundant and unfailing 'wine' of God's love.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 JANUARY 2019

## 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.

**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. **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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## Plenary 2020/ Plenaria 2020

A whole Parish dialogue on the questions of the Plenary is scheduled for Wednesday 27 February at 7.30 pm in the Clifton Centre. All Parishioners are invited to come for this important session so together as an Australian Church we can be more fully God's people engaged in understanding God's desire for us.  
 Please pick up an article by Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, entitled "The Kingdom Within."

È previsto un intero dialogo parrocchiale sulle domande della Plenaria

Tutti i parrocchiani sono invitati a venire per questa importante sessione così insieme come una Chiesa australiana possiamo essere più pienamente le persone di Dio impegnate a comprendere il desiderio di Dio per noi.

Per favore, prendi un articolo di p. Noel Connolly ssc, dal titolo "The Kingdom Within".

Please look at some of the responses we have had so far and add your thoughts in the book in the foyer.

## After School Sacramental Program 2019

Please register your interest for 2019. The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$200 per sacrament per child. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office.

Confirmation classes commence on Tue 12th Feb 2019 @ 4.30-5.30pm.

Last enrolment date : 5th Feb 2019  
 Family faith night on Tue 5th Mar at 7.30pm  
 Commissioning Mass on Sat 9th Mar at 5.30pm  
 Sacrament of Confirmation on Fri 3rd May 2019 at 7pm

Reconciliation classes commence on Tue 21st May 2019 @ 4.30-5.30pm.

Last enrolment date : 14th May 2019  
 Commissioning Mass on Sat 1st June at 5.30pm  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sat 27th July at 10.30am

Eucharist classes commence on Tue 6th Aug 2019 @ 4.30-5.30pm.

Last enrolment date : 30th July 2019  
 Commissioning Mass on Sat 10th Aug at 5.30pm  
 Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sat 26th Oct at 5.30pm

All classes : 4.30pm—5.30pm in the Parish Office.

## MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Angelo Pagano, Stephen Foo

Death Anniversaries : Vincienzo Morfuni, Concetta Authier, Elsie Belleville, Filippo D'Angelo, Joseph Anthony Papalia

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

## PARISH DIARY

Tue 22nd Jan @ 9.15am—Mass  
 Wed 23rd Jan @ 9.15am—Mass  
 Thurs 24th Jan @ 9.15am—Mass  
 Fri 25th Jan @ 9.15am—Mass  
 Sat 26th Jan @ 9.15am—Mass & Confession

## RCIA:

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do as Catholics? Or What it means to be Catholic? Have you questions about the sacraments, faith or prayer? Have you wondered about the place of suffering, conscience and the practice of faith? If you have these or other questions, then do come along to The Parish RCIA Evenings. Contact: Martin Teh (5.30pm Mass) or Gabriella Grande (9.00am Mass). Look out for the 2019 program.

## Scripture Studies :

The 2019 schedule of meetings will be out soon. We will be studying St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Paul by the time of his visit to Corinth was aware of the great disunity among Christians. This study is timely given the challenging times we live. Come, reflect and pray with St. Paul for our Church, for Christian unity and for our world as we explore his writings together. May Christian unity begin with us first in our family at St. Clement of Rome.

Contact: Mark Gregor, Sue de Bortoli (9.00am Mass)  
 Martin The (5.00pm Mass)

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION AND ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday 7 February, 6.30–8.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

On the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita of Sudan, the Church marks the International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking. Last year, the Victoria-Tasmania Catholic Anti-Slavery Working Group was created with ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) and the dioceses of Victoria and Tasmania. Its goal is to finally end the scourge of modern-day slavery in our communities. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, the South Sudanese Catholic Community and the broader community will mark this important day with Holy Hour at 6.30pm followed by the Vigil Mass of St Josephine Bakhita at 7.30pm.

Enquiries: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)

## THE LENTEN JESUS DISCERNING THE WAY

On the first Sunday of Lent we meet Jesus in the wilderness and we are offered the opportunity to join with him on a Lenten pilgrimage. This journey is one of discernment, a time to reorient and recommit ourselves to listening to the call of God in our lives.

Annual Lent/Easter planning day entitled "The Lenten Jesus: Discerning the Way" which will take place on Saturday 16 February, 10am - 3.30pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Details regarding keynote addresses, workshops and booking information can be found via: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZVXG>

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5:30pm	Sun 9am	
19/20 January	Sacristan <i>COMMENTATOR</i> Reader Special Ministers	John Bruce Paul Sammut Jacinta De La Cruz Maree Marsi May Teh Martin Teh	Francis & Gloria Ng Tim Landsberg Rocco Gagliardi Chris Zordan Trish Atherton Grace Canatelli Anne Fusca Rita Gagliardi Fulvia Gerasolimo Gabriella Grande
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## Harvest Journeys

### Pilgrimage Opportunity

Imagine travelling in the footsteps of Jesus from Bethlehem to Jerusalem or celebrating Mass in the centre of Lake Galilee! Harvest Journeys are offering an opportunity for parishioners to travel as pilgrims on a journey of faith in 2019, allowing the Holy Spirit to renew us in 'words that cannot be easily explained'. Harvest Journeys offers a range of pre-arranged pilgrimages such as :

- \*Footsteps of Jesus—The Holy Land
- \*Visitations of Mary—from Fatima to Lourdes
- \*Treasures of Italy
- \* St Francis & Rome
- \* St Paul & the early Church

If a pilgrimage to the Holy Places is your dream, contact Donrita Reefman on 0411 702 068 or [donrita@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:donrita@harvestjourneys.com) for more information.