

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

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

CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
TRANMERE PARISH

RECONCILIATION

Workshops—

- Monday 3rd March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
 - Monday 17th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Celebration— Tuesday 25th March at 7.00pm

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Workshops—

- Monday 12th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
 - Monday 2nd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Rehearsal—Sunday 15th June after parish mass
Celebration— Sunday 22nd June 11:00am
Celebrant: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

If you have children who would like to join the sacramental program, please contact the Parish Office.
Tel: 8431 6932
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BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.



Parish Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 18/19 January 2025

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.

At the marriage feast of Cana Jesus turns water, set aside for washing, into wine of great quality. A new richness and abundance flows to the people from Jesus. We will partake of this richness if we, like the attendants at the wedding, follow Mary's instruction to 'do whatever he tells you.' As we receive the gifts he offers we are transformed in turn into a new creation.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

**ROSTERS— 25/26 Jan 2025
3rd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time**

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	11/12 JAN 2025
Open Plate	\$485.30
Planned Giving	\$508.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$993.30

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund :\$679.60



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:
Bill Browne

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
May the Jubilee2025 be for Christians and non-Christians alike an opportunity to rethink the relationships that bind us as human beings and political communities. Let us overcome the logic of confrontation and embrace the logic of encounter, in order to build a future of peace.

PARISH NOTICES

Thanks for the Morning Tea Team
It was a wonderful morning last Sunday that many members came and enjoyed our monthly community morning tea. Thanks to all volunteers who helped arrange, setup, and cleaning for the event. We look forward to seeing you all again next month.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Lefevre Catholic Community – Fr Julian Tenison Woods in the Philippines

Sunday February 16 from 4pm to 5pm at the Lefevre Catholic Parish, 253 Military Road, Semaphore.

Fr Julian Tenison Wood, a pioneer Australian scientist and priest, integrated faith and science in his life and ministry. Fr Roderik O'Brien will present an overview of Fr Julian's three voyages to the Philippines and the treasure trove of scientific papers and articles and correspondence he left for us. For enquiries, please call Sr Marie on 8449 6378. A certificate of attendance is available for professional development. Please register with Sr Marie prior to the event, and on the day.

Australia Day Mass

Sunday January 26 at 11am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

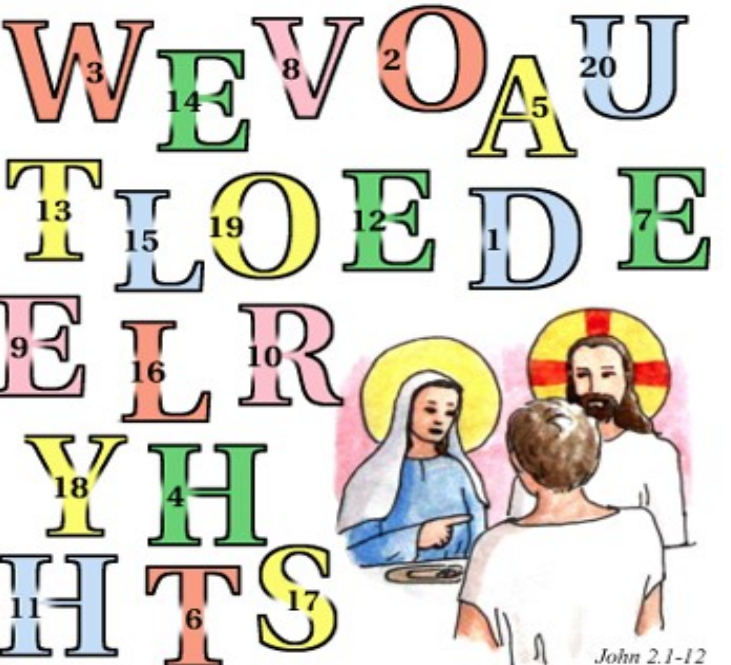
For more than 60 years a special celebration of the Eucharist has been held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral to celebrate Australia Day. We come together to celebrate and give thanks for this wonderful country and to recognise the richness and diversity of the people who call Australia home. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday February 8 at 10am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Each year, on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. This year Lourdes Day falls on a Tuesday therefore, it will be celebrated on the Saturday prior. All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

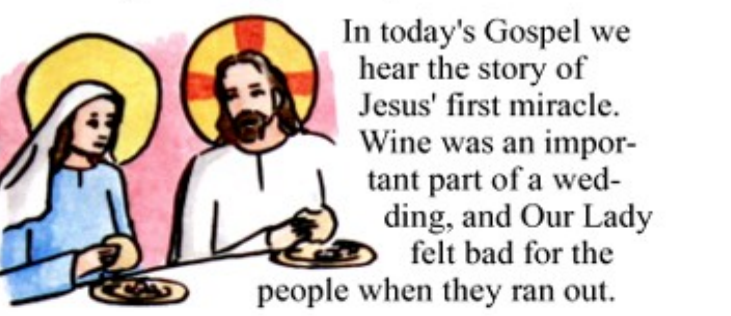
The Kids' Bulletin



Do you know what Mary said to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Mary asks Jesus for a Miracle



In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!

Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!



Answers to front page: Do whatever He tells you.
11.servants 13.wine 16.everyone 17.Jesus 18.when 19.do
20.signs
1.six 2.woman 4.now 8.feast 9.tells 10.said
3.mother 5.was 6.wedding 7.became 12.serves 13.water 14.where 15.good

JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATIONS

To be "pilgrims of hope" we need to communicate the Gospel of Christ through our words and actions. Communication is about bringing people together on a shared journey through stories and images that connect us. Communication is also about giving voice to the voiceless on the outskirts of humankind. Through truth-filled messages, we can build a more just and peaceful world and uphold the dignity of all people.

<https://nce.catholic.org.au/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/events/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope>

LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE
Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion

LOVE THE NEXT GENERATION
Saturday 8th of February 2025
10am - 12noon
Pennington Gardens
Opposite St Peters Cathedral, North Adelaide

\$5 Donation Parking **Free Tickets**
Adelaide Oval parking trybooking.com/CVHLE
Enter from Pennington Tce loveadelaide.org.au

Gates Open 9am
Don't forget to bring a drink bottle; and remember to slip, slop and slap!

PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT
NO megaphones or personal signs, Love Adelaide will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals & police and walk peacefully with love.

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Please follow the event guidelines.

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