

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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New Testament Commentary Brendan Byrne SJ



asks the bridegroom why, contrary to best practice, he has not served the best wine first but kept it to the last (vv. 9-10). In making this criticism, the steward reveals ignorance of the true source of this 'best wine'; he thinks it came from the bridegroom. But we know who the real provider was: namely, Jesus.

By providing for this wedding superior wine in abundance, Jesus reveals himself to be the true Bridegroom of Israel. He fulfils in this way the promise beautifully expressed in the First Reading, taken from Isaiah (62:1-5). God speaks of his relationship with Israel as that of a bridegroom to his bride:

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 ... as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

So what is really happening here in this simple village wedding at Cana is a revelation of God's presence among his people in this loving way.

This wedding at Cana is the first of the two occasions where the Mother of Jesus appears in John's Gospel (the second presents her standing at the foot of Jesus' cross [19:25-27]). Despite her Son's initial rebuff (a characteristic of the Johannine Jesus [see 7:1-10; also 4:48; 11:5-6]), she urges the servants to 'Do whatever he tells you' (vv. 4-5). These servants are in some respects the heroes of the episode. At her prompting, they act in faith and so become immediate witnesses to the miracle: the transformation of mere water into 'the best wine' (v. 9b). Miracles do not precede faith and give rise to it. Rather, those who are prepared to act or 'walk' in faith (like the Royal Steward in the second Cana miracle [4:50]) are the ones who really 'see' miracles – see them, that is, as disclosures of the divine presence, the 'glory' of God, in ordinary human reality.

The Second Reading develops Paul's sense of each and every believer as a person to whom the Holy Spirit has communicated a distinct gift for the building up of the community. Believers do not build up the community. That is the work of the Spirit, operating through the gift given to each one. Leadership in the Christian community involves helping each one to discern and develop their gift, and then seeing that all work in harmony – much as all the instruments in an orchestra, under the baton of the conductor, make their contribution to the one harmonious sound.

It is surely one of the wonderful things about the Fourth Gospel that after the exalted theological statements of the Prologue (1:1-18) we move so soon, as in today's Gospel, into the story of the presence of Jesus and his mother at a wedding (2:1-11). From 'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God' to 'There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee': from the divine work of creation to a Galilean village of no particular note at all – and to an event as humanly homely as a wedding where the wine runs out.

The sequence stems from the incarnational thrust of John's Gospel. At the centre of the Prologue we read: 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us (literally, 'pitched his tent among us'), and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as only Son of the Father, the fullness of grace and truth' (1:14). At the end of the wedding story, the evangelist comments in regard to Jesus, 'He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him' (2:11). The reference to 'glory' makes the connection. The point is that the glory of God, of which the Israelites had a distant and terrifying glimpse at Mt Sinai (Exod 19:16-25; 24:16-18; 40:34), is now, because of the Incarnation, displayed and made accessible to human beings in the person of Jesus – specifically, in such human occasions as a village wedding where the wine runs out. God has 'pitched his tent among us' in this remarkable sense.

This means that what is really important in the Cana episode is not so much the miracle itself – Jesus' miraculous provision of wine – but what the miracle, as a 'sign' in the Johannine sense, reveals concerning the presence of God. At a Palestinian wedding, responsibility for providing wine devolved upon the bridegroom. That is why at the end of the episode the 'steward' (we would call him the 'MC')

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 9.00am	Carlos Sivalingam	Jean Pavey
	Sun 7.30am	Br Basil Hickey	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Elicia Eng	Giselle Shankar
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Sharon & Ryan Moore	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi

Parish Calendar		
Jan Mon 17	8.00am	Communion Service (St Anthony) Church
Tue 18	8.00am	Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time 2) Church
Wed 19	8.00am	Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time 2) Church
Thu 20	8.00am	Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time 2) Church
Fri 21	8.00am	Mass (St Agnes) Church
Sat 22	8.00am	Communion Service (Weekday in Ordinary Time 2) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
Sun 23	7.30am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C) Church



The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life and the Diocese of Rome are organising the 10th World Meeting of Families, which will take place in 2022 from June 22 to 26.

As the Holy Father underlined in his recent video-message presenting the event, the Meeting will take place following a never-before-seen and multi-centric format. While Rome will in fact remain the main designated location, each diocese will be able to be the centre of a local meeting for families and communities, thus allowing everyone to feel like protagonists.

For more information please check our website for the documents and links if you are interested to participate.



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
All proceeds go to the Parish
This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits.



Tai Chi Group

There will be no Tai Chi Class as of Monday 13th December and will recommence first week of February 2022.
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224



Divine Mercy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.



Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry

Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord.
The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.
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Columbarium Niches

Thanks to those who reserved their niches in St Pius X Columbarium it enabled us to pay for the project. There were a number of generous donations to help pay for the Statues, tree containers, materials for the making of benches and tables, plants etc. We thank the parishioners who have supported the project.

If you are interested in making a reservation for a Niche please contact the office via email. - Columbarium Committee

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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

Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10.

(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 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

2 Thessalonians 2:14

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.

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus isn't interested in listening to his mother at first. But he seems to rethink the situation. After some thought, he goes ahead and does something that she probably would approve of.

When was a time that your mother or father or some older relative was trying to get you to consider an option, and you just didn't want to go along with their idea? But later, when you thought about it, you came to understand his or her point of view and did what he or she wanted you to do? How did it work out?

Jesus' first miracle wasn't very splashy. Most people didn't even know what had happened. The waiters kept it low-key and didn't make a big deal about the wine that had just been water in the six jars only moments before. Mary doesn't seem to say anything more about it, and Jesus also plays it cool. Yet the needs were met – without a lot of fuss.

When was a time that you took matters into your own hands to take care of a pressing need, but did it in a very low-key way?

Was there a kind of delight to such a secret act of kindness – a kind of self-satisfaction that comes from inside? Why is that?

Next Sunday Readings

23 January 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

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

CHILDREN'S CORNER

When the wine ran out at a wedding at Cana, Jesus performed his first miracle by turning the water in six stone jars into wine. After seeing this, Jesus' disciples put all their faith in him. Write down some of the ways that you show your faith in God.

