



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Sunday, 19 January 2025

“GOD’S GIFTS ALIVE IN CONCERN FOR OTHERS”

Today’s Gospel, the first miracle of Jesus, is with many threads - the insight into the relationship between Mary and Jesus - the miracle itself - the fact that the miraculous wine is better than the original - the fact of Jesus honouring the young couple in this way - an indirect reference to the sanctity of marriage, and the truth that family is the basic unit of society and so on. Let me try to underscore two significant messages for our faith life. Honor and shame are two most basic elements in Mediterranean culture; they were the primary concern for everybody. A man’s social status as a person with honour is closely linked to this ability to maintain or improve the economic position in the family. The preoccupation of men with honour is a strong element in the culture of the area.

This cultural background explains the dynamics of today’s gospel story. The bridegroom’s honour is at stake. Failure to provide enough wine for the guests would have ruined his reputation in the rural hamlet of Cana. Upon the notice given by Mother Mary, Jesus discretely acted to save the honour of his host. As we read in the letter to the Hebrews, Jesus is our strength when we are weak; He is our direction when we are lost; He is our Peace when we find ourselves in chaos and confusion; He is our stronghold in our limitations etc. It all needs a personal experience of Jesus in our life.

Secondly, the relationship between Mary and Jesus: How come Mary knew that Jesus could do the miracle? Good mothers know their children. They know the hidden talents and potentialities of their children. There are many young men and women who have gone on to accomplish great things in life because their mothers believed in them and encouraged them.

One striking factor in both of them is to prioritize the needs of others. Mother Mary never asked Jesus to use his divine power to multiply the bread, turn the water on the dining table into wine, or double the money to make ends meet. In the case of Jesus, He knew he had this power to perform miracles. After his forty day fast in the desert he was hungry and the devil suggested to him to turn some stones into bread and eat, but he did not do it. Yet, he went out and multiplied bread for crowds of his followers.

What do we understand from their actions? God’s gifts to individuals are not meant primarily for one’s own benefit but for the wellbeing of others. The gifts of praying, singing, teaching, caring, sharing, encouraging, supporting, motivating, writing etc, if we use them for the common good, we will begin to see miracles. Concern for others is the beginning of miracles. (Source duly acknowledged)

1 Peter 4:10 says “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” Each one of us should use whatever gift we have received to serve others. We must put your gifts to work. Building the church is a collective, collaborative effort. Our unique gifts, skills and talents are not just for our own benefit but for the sake of all God’s people (and that’s everybody)!

What are your gifts? What are your skills? How can you use them to pitch in, and help build our Holy Name of Mary community?

How can you invest them even further and be an instrument that with others can help heal the world and the planet?

God’s blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10

R: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. **R**

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

*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.

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

*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.

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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.

Communion Antiphon:

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.



Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Candlemas Day - 2nd February

To have a candle blessed for Candlemas, please bring a candle to our parish's Candlemas celebration.

Congratulations
Anika, Bartholomew and Diana
who receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday 19/01/2025
We welcome these children
to our Parish.



Please continue to pray
for the completion of the project
of the Parish Admin Office
and Priest Residence



FUNERAL SERVICE OF BEVERLEY MOORE
Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to her husband Bruce and the family.
The funeral service will be held at
Castlebrook Crematorium on Friday 24th January at 2pm.

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Lawrence
Joan Nayler
Danilo De Los Reyes
Sandra Ylagan

Recently Deceased

Beverley Moore
Peter Nicholsan

Anniversaries

Masha Bozic
Buck White

PARISH ROSTERS

25/26 January 2025

	<u>Computer Operators</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Cleaning Ministry</u>	<u>Altar Society</u>
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Sue Farrugia Len Farrugia	Harriet S	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	Lawrence Tsang	Monica Jung	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
Sun 8.00am	Naom Younis	Gail Dick Anne Marie Lyons	Maya R Tara C	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Francis Mathew		
Sun 10.00am	Delilah Rodrigues	Jessica Tapiador Joseph Andrews	Angelina B Joanne J	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

1/2 February 2025

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Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Mark Salter	Eli Ogrizek Anne Marie Hewkins	Oscar G Isabella W	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Dominic Rodrigues Lynette Rodrigues	Susan Boulous & Family	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Gabiella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Ron Della Vedova Anton Fernando	Maya R Cristian A	Barbara Rosario Lina Flores	Frank Camilleri		
Sun 10.00am	Juvy Austria	Lorna Argal Sam Markarian	Ava E Isabella C Tashnie W Tashen W	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga	Lawn and Garden	Robert Spinetti	Children's Liturgy Sunday 2/2/2025 at 10am

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME (SECOND COLLECTION)

If you would like to support the Parish through the Planned Giving Programme (Second Collection)

please complete the application

form located at the back of the church.

Parishioners are encouraged to increase their contribution to the second collection via Direct Debit or Credit Card.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



GROUP

We are working to engage young people aged between 12 and 35 to join our group.

We encourage our youth to come onboard.

If you would like to join us, we invite you to write your contact details on our Youth Group Register located at the back of the church.

The next Youth Group Meeting will be announced shortly.

For more details please contact:

Nazli Guler on 0426 243 016



2025 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

This year we start our sacramental program with the Sacrament of Confirmation which is offered to children in Year 5 onwards who have received their First Eucharist.

If you are considering enrolling your child for the program, please provide all required documentation to the parish office.

*Please note that enrolment is completed by attendance at the compulsory Parent Information evening.

BELOW ARE DATES FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025:

Confirmation - Wed 21st or Friday 23rd May.

Completed enrolment form to parish office - Friday 7th March

***Parent Information Evening - Thursday 13th March**

Commitment Mass - 22nd / 23rd March

Reconciliation - Thursday 26th June

Details for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the First Holy Eucharist to follow.

First Eucharist - 21st Sept. 12 noon

Enrolment forms are located at the back of the church.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Every Wednesday 7:00pm

ROSARY at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Maritza Graciela
Parish Secretary
Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri
9:30am to 5:30pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator	Lynette Rodrigues
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator	Allison Markarian
Lectors Coordinator	Glenys Oxlee
Senior Server Coordinator	Anton Massillamany
Finance Chairman	Ron Della Vedova
St Vincent De Paul President	Ron Della Vedova
Rydalmen Coordinator	Mark Bannister
Social Celebrations Coordinator	Nancy Grugan
Parish Pastoral Council Chair	Allison Markarian

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