

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Catholic Parish Toukley/Lake Munmorah

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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

16th January 2022



"Water was turned into wine"

Today's Gospel passage explains the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee. It was a typical marriage celebration of Palestine. Everyone ate and drank and at a halfway stage of the celebrations, wine ran short, and the organizers were in great distress. The bridegroom's family was facing deep embarrassment. Mother

Mary came to know about their predicament and interceded with Jesus to help them out in their need. Mary was so sure of her Son that she told the people in charge to do just as Jesus tells them to do. What resulted was a great miracle. Twelve stone jars full of water were turned into wine and everyone continued to celebrate without a worry. This was the first miracle performed by Jesus.

In this miracle we learn that if we want miracles to take place in our lives, we have to invite Jesus into our lives. When in trouble, we must take our burdens to the Lord. Blaming each other for the failures and lapses is not a solution. When Jesus inspires us in difficult situations, we must put our faith in the Lord and follow His promptings. We should allow the grace of God to intervene in our lives. Any miracle in our lives should be an occasion for rejoicing and should lead us to a deeper trust in the Lord. Finally, the miracle at Cana affirms that in times of great distress and difficulties we should not lose heart but turn to Mother Mary to intercede for us and she will definitely help us. Let us take our crisis times as challenges and opportunities because Jesus can truly turn "water into wine" in our lives too.

Fr Tomy

Special Notices:

We welcome all parishioners and visitors.

COVID-19: QR code sign-in and face masks are **mandatory**. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased: Brian Lane, Nola Mansfield, Geraldine Jackson, Sr Margaret Keane, Mario Azzopardi

Anniversaries: Daniel Goonan, Lorna Simms, May Bailey, Frederick Jurd, Colin McIntyre

Remembrances: Carol Brown, Stephen Cappa, Greg Irvine, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Sick: Maria Petesic, Patricia Parker, Faye Roberts, Lisa Hart, Elena Mabini, Lucas Campbell, Noel McCool, Nenita Turner

Parish Office is open 9am-2pm Mondays & Fridays only during January.

Volunteer needed to be our Parish Caritas Ambassador

If you are interested in this role, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Catechists Needed!

If you are able to give some spare time to teach scripture lessons to children in one of our local Public Schools, please contact the Parish office for more information. Full training provided.

Thank you to Fr Carmello for saying Masses at St Brendan's while Fr Baby is away.

Reconciliation at St Mary's will end by 10am on Saturdays. If Father is unable to hear your confession, please see him for an appointment.

January Birthdays: John Van der Kroft, Eduardo Sedicol, Fr Baby.

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.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *cf 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

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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
First Reading - Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27
Gospel - Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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