

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 2 Thess 2:14

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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Breaking Open the Word

GIFTED FOR OTHERS

When the people of Israel searched for a fitting metaphor to capture the joy and celebration of the time of the Messiah, they made use of the image of the wedding feast (cf. Matthew 22:1-10; Luke 14:15-24). It was a time when good spirits, food, and rejoicing were in abundance. As Jesus works his first sign at Cana we see the blessings that accompany his presence. Not only does he bring the new wine of the kingdom, but the best wine has been left till last! When Jesus responds that his hour has not yet come, we are reminded that this is but the beginning of the banquet and that Jesus' hour will not finally come until he is lifted up on Calvary.

Paul never met Jesus during his earthly ministry but his experience of the risen Lord convinced him that the Messiah had come and that the messianic banquet had well and truly begun. The abundance of spiritual gifts that had been poured upon the Christian community of Corinth bore eloquent testimony to that. The problem that concerned Paul was that all these gifts would not become a source of competition and divide the community. The variety of gifts within the community was not to be a sign that some community members had been blessed more than others. Before the Lord, all of us are of equal worth and every person is called to use the gifts they have for the common good.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 JANUARY 2022

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.

16 Jan 2022
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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES	Sat: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am and 5.30pm	CONFESSIONS Sat: 4.30-5.15pm *Or by appointment
WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon: No Mass	Tues: No Mass	
	Wed: 12 noon	Thur: 9am	
	Fri: 9am St Agnes	Sat: 9am	

**ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON:** All the earth shall bow down before you, Oh God, and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, Oh most high.

**COMMUNION
ANTIPHON:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Mary Maher, Gwen Tufrey, Joe Chetcuti (Malta), Kevin Hamilton,
Sr Geraldine Maher OP.

Anniversaries: Mary Sampson (2/1), John O'Brien (3/1), Pam Davy (nee Barry) (6/1), Terry
Sweeney (7/1), Ivan Lillcrap (18/1), Rod Kelly (20/1), Lawrence Vella (23/1).

Deceased: Richard Bowler, Bernard Blanch, Irwin Brady, Shirley Burke, Aileen McDonnell,
Jack Sampson, Pat Smyth, Hugh O'Brien, Dalis O'Brien, Andrew Tickner.

Sick: Shirley Hobbs, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Maria Mood,
Sophie Littlejohn, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison,
Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

PADDY'S CORNER:

Jesus waked into a bar and requested a wine.
What would you prefer said the barman, red
or white? Jesus looked disturbed and after
some thought replied:
"Just give me water and I'll decide
later....."

Meanwhile a group of nuns were returning
from their Sunday lunch. Mother superior
detected alcohol on their breath and insisted
they do a breath test as they were on duty
that night. All came back with a reading. 'We
have all only had water they proclaimed'.
Mother Superior was heard stomping down
the corridor, cursing at the top of her voice
"Good Lord! If I hear this one more time,
the taps are sealed off!!"



"Jesus! HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING WITH THE TAPS AGAIN?"

*Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely,
remembering Whom you are trying to follow*



NSW STATE COVID RULES: **PLEASE NOTE**

- ** YOU MUST REGISTER TO ENTER USING EITHER QR CODE AT ENTRANCE
OR PAPER REGISTER ON ENTRY TO CHURCH.
- ** FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY WHILST INSIDE.
- ** ONE PERSON PER TWO SQUARE METRES ALLOWED AT EACH MASS.
- ** SANITISE HANDS ENTERING AND LEAVING.

COVID SIGNING IN: We ask that if you are using the QR code for signing in that you DO NOT
also sign in on the paper sheets. The Service NSW App is the preferred method and links with
any notifications of close or other contact locations. The parish will endeavour to contact any of
those who do use the paper register should the need arise, however this is double handling
should the QR code also be used. (and double alerts for the person contacted). Please still feel
free to greet those on the table and collect a bulletin and only sign in if you have not used the
Services NSW mobile app. Thank you for your co-operation.

COUNTRY MUSIC: Whilst we acknowledge the festival has been postponed should any visitors
still be enjoying our great city, we wish you a safe and enjoyable time and hope you may get to
see many of the other great attractions our area has to offer.

CHRISTMAS DUES: Your generosity in this challenging time has been greatly appreciated.

LENT: While we seem to have only just packed away the Christmas decorations it is only six
weeks until Lent is upon us. Keep this in mind if you are wanting to participate in any program
even though we realise they could well be by virtual means.

SAVE THE DATE: Sr Kathryn has asked that we all save the date Saturday 5 March 2022.
Something special is coming ... watch this space for details.

NEW YEAR ROSTERS: As we begin 2022 we would love to see more volunteers assist with
what can be done during Masses, particularly readers, cleaners after Mass and counters.

COMING EVENTS:

2 Mar 22 Lent begins

19 Mar 22 Diocesan Men's Gathering

5 Mar 22 Save the Date Special Event TBA

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642
(contactless option) **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 16/1/22

Vigil: R P Bamford D Bolitho
9am Sun: R S Brown O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team 17/1 G&M Thrift; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 22/1 M Vella & R Pace
Altar Linen E Jackson

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 23/1/22

Vigil: R Volunteer P Bamford
9am Sun: R G Clout A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team O & J Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 29/1 S Brown, V Griffiths
Altar Linen: E Smyth

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years.
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

