



ONE MISSION, TWO CHURCHES



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - 19th Jan. 2025

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Wednesdays,

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10am – 2pm

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5pm (SL) & 6.30pm (ST)

Sunday: 8:30am (SL), 10:30am (ST), 5pm (ST), Vietnamese

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. 6:30pm(SL*)

Wed. 9:15am(ST)

1st Wed Mass of Anointing @10am

Thurs. 9:15am(ST)

Fri. 9:15am(SL*)/6:30pm(ST)

Sat. 9:15am (SL*)

*Rosary after Mass at SL

RECONCILIATION

SL: Tues 5:30-6:10pm

Sat 9:45 - 10:15am

Sat 4:30 - 4:50pm

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:10pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & EVENING PRAYER

SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:30pm

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:30pm

Isaiah 62:1-5, Ps 95:1-10, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. Gospel Reflection on John 2:1-11.

Meditation: Do you recognize the glory and presence of the Lord Jesus in your life? God often reveals his glory to us in the most unlikely places - in a cold stable at Bethlehem, at a village, wedding party in Cana, on a bloody cross at Golgatha, or on the road to Emmaus. In today's Gospel reading we see the first public sign and miracle which Jesus performed. The Lord Jesus brought great blessing and joy to a newly wedded couple and their wedding party. First by his presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness; but giving the best to last was unnecessary and unheard of. In the Old Testament wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God (Deuteronomy 7:13; Proverbs 3:10, Psalm 105). That Jesus would miraculously produce 120 gallons of the best wine (many times more than needed) shows the super abundance of the blessings which he came to offer. This miracle signifies the "new rich wine" of the Gospel and it points to the "wine of the new covenant" and the "bread of life" which Jesus provides for his disciples in the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of the age when he comes again in his glory. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for his people. God's kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of his love is revealed in the person of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He became flesh for our sake, and he died for our redemption, and he rose that we, too, might be raised up and glorified with him. Do you thirst for God and for the abundant life and blessings he offers to you?



The touch of the Lord, by Ephrem the Syrian (306-373AD)

"Why did our Lord change nature at the beginning of his signs, if it was not to show that the divinity that changed nature in the interior of the jars was the same that changed nature in the womb of the virgin? And at the conclusion of the signs, he opened the tomb to show that the insatiable nature of death would not keep hold of him; he confirmed and ratified these two uncertainties of his birth and of his death. As to their nature, these waters we returned into the [fruit of] the vine; their stone vessels were not changed within their own nature. They were a symbol of his body, which was wonderfully conceived in a woman, and in a marvellous way by [the intervention of] no man within the virgin. He thus made wine out of water to teach about the manner of his conception and birth. He called upon the six jars as witness to the one virgin who gave birth to him; for the jars conceived in a unique way that was not customary for them, and they brought forth wine, and then they did not continue to produce [it]. Thus did the virgin conceive and give birth to Immanuel, and then she ceased and did not continue [to give birth]. The offspring of the jars was from smallness to grandeur, and from vileness to excellence, for from water came good wine. In this case [the birth from the virgin], however, it was from grandeur to weakness and from glory to contempt. Yet in the case of these jars, they were for the purification of the Jews, and our Lord poured his instruction into them, to teach that he came in the way [found in] the Law and the Prophets, and he transformed everything by his teaching, just as wine [was made] from water." (excerpt from Commentary on Tatian's DIATESSARON 5.6-7)

SHARING THE TRADITION: Marriage is one of the seven sacraments of the Church, and this gospel text has a particular significance. 'The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence' (Catechism of the Catholic Church §1613). What is the sacramental understanding of marriage? Reflect the way that the love of God can be seen to be mirrored in the love of husband and wife for each other.

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Next Week Daily Readings 20 - 26 January 2025

MONDAY, Jan 20: Hebrews 5:1-10, Psalm 109:1-4, Mark 2:18-22.

TUESDAY, Jan 21: Hebrews 6:10-20, Ps 110:1-10, Mark 2:23-28, St Agnes, virgin, martyr

WEDNESDAY, Jan 22: Hebrews 7:1-17, Ps 109:1-4, Mark 3:1-6.

THURSDAY, Jan 23: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Ps 39:7-17, Mark 3:7-12.

FRIDAY, Jan 24: Hebrews 8:6-13, Ps 84:8-14, Mark 3:13-19, St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

SATURDAY, Jan 25: Acts of the Apostles 22:3-16, Ps 116:1-2, Mark 16:15-18, The Conversion of St Paul

SUNDAY, Jan 26: Nehemiah 8:2-10, Ps 18:8-15, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Taken from ORDO 2025, Liturgy Brisbane, ACBC 2024)

WE WELCOME THE YOUTH MISSION TEAM TO ST TIMOTHY'S

Youth Mission Team Australia (YMT) is one of Australia's leading youth ministry organisations, consisting of 3 teams across the country. Each team is comprised of 6 young men and women who defer career or tertiary studies for 12 months to volunteer as full-time youth ministers in schools and parishes. The ministry of each team is managed by two paid staff members. The Melbourne Youth Mission Team, with their office now based here in the parish, will spend 2025 running retreats and reflection days in Catholic high schools, as well as a weekly youth group, quarterly youth retreats and an ongoing mentoring program. For more information about the work of Youth Mission Team, you can visit their website: ymt.com.au



ymt.com.au

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 5pm SL
6.30pm ST
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST
5pm ST

18 and 19 Jan

Mia Perang
Volunteer
Peter McKeown
Volunteer
Thuy Vu & Van Truong

25 and 26 Jan

Mia Perang
Volunteer
May McKeown
Volunteer
Ha Cao & Chi Nguyen

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 5pm SL
6.30pm ST
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST
5pm ST

Edna Lee
Volunteer
Margaret Gearon
Volunteer
Hoang Nguyen

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Volunteer
Volunteer
Volunteer
Hoang Nguyen

SLIDE OPERATORS

Saturday 5pm SL
6.30pm ST
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST
5pm ST

Volunteer
Michelle Chen
Volunteer
Lee Min Yee
Toan Tran

Volunteer
Michelle Chen
Volunteer
Lee Min Yee
Toan Tran

SL WELCOMERS 18/19 JAN

5:00pm Volunteer
8.30am Volunteer
10.30am Volunteer

SL CHURCH CLEANING

No cleaning roster
during January

SL CHURCH FLOWERS

No roster during January

ST CHURCH FLOWERS

January - Parishioners

SL WELCOMERS 25/26 JAN

5:00pm Volunteer
8.30am Volunteer
10.30am Volunteer

ST CHURCH CLEANING

25th Jan @ 8am
Hoang Nguyen, Anico Yee,
Dzung Vu & Trong Nguyen,

ST COUNTERS

This week Team 2:
Raj & Violet Fonn
Next week Team 3:
Peter Deayton & Kelvin Chen

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

All who are sick, especially Josephine Alexander, Grace Dimattina, Margaret Hogg, Bernadine O'Meara, Kit Bing Fan, Kathryn Holmes, Therese O'Donoghue, Stewart Davis, Jerry Donoghue, Mark, Margaret Hayes, Charmaine Bancroft and all those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.

All who have died, especially John Di Natale who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Angelina Italiano, Horacio Monzon, Clara Borg, Bien Tenorio, Eileen Schelleman, John Digby, Lawrence & Catherine McCarthy, James Boris Battle, Alice Naughtin & Arthur Hall. May they rest in peace.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025:

For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Please use the link below to access the prayer intentions:
catholicnewsagency.com/news/261269/pope-francis-prayer-intentions-for-2025

MAJI PILGRIMAGES: Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025. 1. Streams of Mercy (May), 2. Italy & Poland (May), 3. Marian Shrines (June), 4. Shrines of our Lady (August), 5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October). The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For itineraries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

Resources

THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK: On The Journey This Week: Fr James Arblaster says the miracle of turning water into wine signifies Jesus as the true Bridegroom inviting humanity into a divine union. Mother Hilda's story of Anthropologist Margaret Mead. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Pete Gilmore, and Mark Raue. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

The First collection is for the priest and retired priests.

The Second collection is for parish expenses

ST: Last week's Presbytery Stewardship Envelopes: \$162

Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes: \$225

Vietnamese Donation: \$191.55

SL: Last week's Presbytery Stewardship Envelopes: \$303.60

Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes: \$362

Parish Groups & Contacts

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ST: Corrie Quimbo

SL: Margaret Gearon

Baptism Preparation

ST: Mary Italiano

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Hoang Nguyen

Andy Tran

Vietnamese Youth

Theresa Nguyen

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ST: Barry Silvester &

Michael Kawalewski

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Steve Kilroe-Smith

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Theresa Nguyen, Mary Italiano,

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Janette Clark

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Bernard Negline

SL: Hall Hire

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SL: Greg Grant

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ST: Margaret King

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SL: Megan McLean

Church Linen

SL: Beryl Chelliah

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ST: Des Connors, Leo Watson,

Anico Yee & Vietnamese Community

SL: Darren McLean

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ST: Mary Italiano & Theresa Nguyen

SL: Lina & Maria Mafi

St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

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SL: Tony Lobo &

Steve Kilroe-Smith

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!

Response to the Psalm: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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



TRY ALPHA: No matter what background, faith, or walk of life, we ALL have questions, and we all deserve a safe space to ask them. Alpha is that space.

Alpha @ St Luke's Blackburn South is starting on Feb 12th 2025, Wednesday 7-9pm. It's free and everyone is welcome. Use this QR Code for registration or visit the Alpha table in the Church foyers for more information.

The Reason for Our Hope: Pope Francis' Vision for This Jubilee Year of Hope

(II of II)

Last week, we reflect on Pope Francis vision on Hope that does not disappoint and that Hope is for all people. This week we shall continue to reflect Francis' ideas that we are singers of Hope and Shining the Light of Hope.



Singers of Hope. Why is Pope Francis so confident that there is hope for everyone? Because the hope he is pointing to is not based on someone's situation or their talents, jobs, or finances. It's not based on anything that anyone can produce on their own. Rather, in his homily announcing the theme of the 2025 Jubilee, he said,

It is this hope, based on Christ who died and rose again, that we wish to celebrate, ponder and proclaim to the whole world in the coming Jubilee. . . . This hope has nothing to do with mere "human" optimism or the ephemeral expectation of some earthly benefit. No, it is something real, already accomplished in Christ, a gift daily bestowed upon us until the time when we will be one in the embrace of his love. (May 9, 2024). He urges us to fix our eyes on the Lord and his goodness so that our hope can be rekindled, deepened, and enlivened. Even if we consider ourselves already hopeful, there is still more we can receive from the Lord. And we'll need it! The Holy Father is calling us to proclaim our hope to the world around us: *Dear brothers and sisters, . . . let us lift up our hearts to Christ, and become singers of hope in a culture marked by much despair. By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to sing of hope, so that its melody can touch the heartstrings of humanity and reawaken in every heart the joy and the courage to embrace life to the full.* (Homily, May 9, 2024)

So yes, we'll need a hope that runs deep in our hearts. We'll need a hope that fills us with joy because we see how glorious our future can be. We'll need a hope that looks at every person with the eyes of Christ—and sees them as the precious, unique, wonderfully made, and captivating work of art that they are. We'll need a hope that fills us with love for them and teaches us to treat them with great dignity and honor as we share with them the good news of Christ.

Shining the Light of Hope. Jesus has given us every reason to hope. By his cross and resurrection, he has redeemed us from sin and death. But he has done even more than that. By surrendering to death the way he did, he has redeemed even our suffering. Because he became like us in all things but sin, he knows what we are experiencing—and he walks with us through it, showing us how to stay close to him, no matter what happens. He has filled even our loneliness and sadness with the light of his love! All so that we can know his healing touch and so that we can become beacons of hope in a world darkened by sadness and sin.

So as we enter this Jubilee Year, let's take to heart Pope Francis' words of encouragement. Let's dwell on them and take them as our own so that we can "always be ready to give an explanation" for our hope (1 Peter 3:15): Christian hope—as St. Peter writes—is "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" (1 Peter 1:4). Christian hope sustains the journey of our lives, even when the road ahead seems winding and exhausting. It opens our eyes to future possibilities whenever resignation or pessimism attempt to imprison us. It makes us see the promise of good at times when evil seems to prevail. Christian hope fills us with serenity when our hearts are burdened by sin and failure. It makes us dream of a new humanity and gives us courage in our efforts to build a fraternal and peaceful world, even when it seems barely worth the effort. Such is hope, the gift that the Lord bestowed on us in Baptism. (Homily, May 9, 2024)

https://wau.org/archives/article/the_reason_for_our_hope/



We put our faith in Jesus

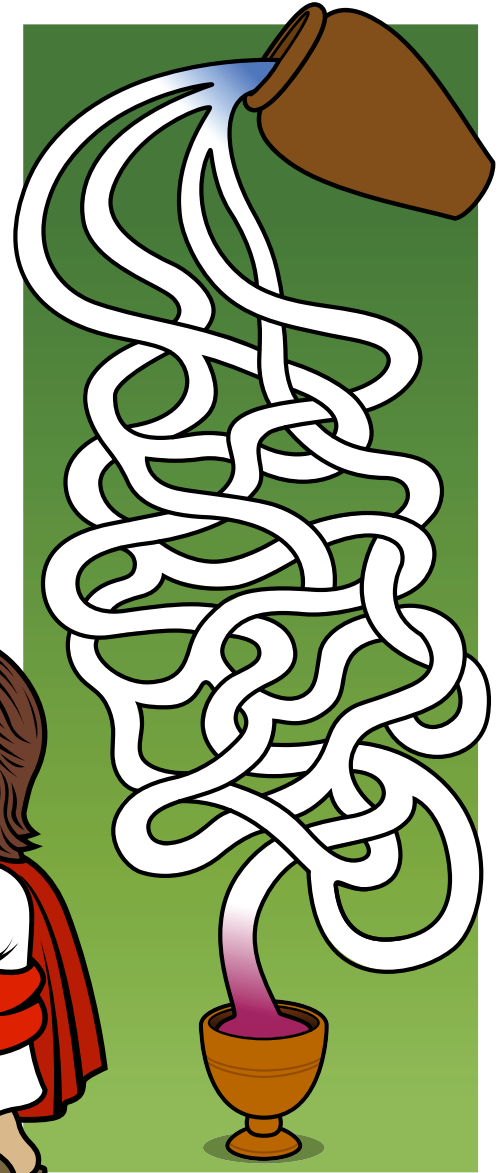


2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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.



Find the stream of water that turns into wine.



After the wedding at Cana, Jesus performed many more miracles. Draw Jesus performing three other miracles.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19 JANUARY 2025



COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

Since the Feast of the Lord's Baptism, we have just completed the first week in Ordinary Time. So the first Sunday is, yes, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time! Year C in the cycle of gospel readings follows the Gospel of Luke, but for this first Second Sunday, the gospel is always taken from John. He provides a transition from the Christmas Cycle. In Years A and B, the reading from John is about John the Baptist (again), but this year we are privileged to hear the story of the wedding feast at Cana.

The story of Cana has long been associated with the cluster of Christmas mysteries because, standing early in John's Gospel, it is again a story of revelation about who Jesus is. It is in harmony with the themes of Epiphany and the Lord's baptism. As the final sentence of the gospel says: *He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.*

A reading from the prophet 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.

First Reading

In view of the Cana gospel, a nuptial oracle from the prophet Isaiah has been chosen as the first reading. (It was also listed for the Mass of the Vigil of Christmas.)

The people of God are returning from exile to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. Isaiah imagines God speaking words of love to them, addressing them as a groom to his bride: *as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you!* These words are the glorious conclusion to the reading.

In the biblical tradition a new name meant a new identity. So, part of the consolation offered by Isaiah is to rename the city. No longer to be known as 'Forsaken' or 'Abandoned', instead it will be called 'My Delight' and 'The Wedded'. Isaiah looks forward to a new loving relationship with God.

Obviously, this is a text to be proclaimed brightly, with optimism and joy. The images are strong, the lines short. It is a precious opportunity for a reader.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1–3, 7–10

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds
to all the nations.

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

○ 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.

○ earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm

In the course of the year, verses from Psalm 95/96 are used in a variety of different combinations for the responsorial psalm. This psalm proclaims and praises God as king.

We sing joyfully to God because God helps us day by day and rules us fairly. A psalm like this cries out to be sung. But if the parish does not have a cantor, the reader will need to read it lyrically, making good use of the repetitions, *sing sing sing* and *give give give*. These can bring to the reading a musical quality.

The psalm celebrates God's marvellous deeds, the wonders God has wrought for us. Our response is to worship in awe (with trembling). A good reader will try to create for the assembly a sense of wonder, a sense of the sacred in God's presence.

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the 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.

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to 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.

Second Reading

From now until the beginning of Lent, the second reading is taken from chapters 12—15 of Paul's first letter to the Church at Corinth.

The Corinthian community was vibrant, diverse and divided. Paul writes to them about leadership in the community, corrects them on matters of sexual morality, and urges dignity in their worship.

The community was blessed with many gifted people, but regrettably there was competition and rivalry between them. Over the coming weeks, Paul will write beautifully about how all the gifts are complementary, urging harmony and unity in the Church.

Today, Paul explains how all the gifts come from the same Holy Spirit and all are directed to the common good. The list of gifts is not meant to be exhaustive. The text is an invitation to the listeners to discern the movement of the Spirit within themselves and to ask themselves how they are called to contribute to the work of the Body of Christ. The reader should have in mind the implied question for the people... and what about you? What is your gift?

The reader should put the emphasis on the various gifts, not the repeated word 'another'.

Gospel

This story is not about excessive amounts of wine and drinking to excess. Certainly, there is human interest in Mary and Jesus' care for the married couple in their embarrassment. There is a lesson in the intercession of the Virgin Mary before her son. But there is something greater here.

In the gospel of John, signs are a revelation of who Jesus is and what his mission is. In word and action, he has come to proclaim the coming of the kingdom of God. Often represented in terms of a wedding banquet, the messianic feast is characterised by abundant fine wine. Thus this 'sign' points to the kingdom of heaven and Christ's role in bringing it about. It is this that leads to the disciples' response of faith.

Jesus as the Christ has come to inaugurate a new covenant accomplished in his death and resurrection. The wine of the new covenant replaces the water of purification which represents the old covenant. As John wrote in the prologue to his gospel: *though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

Amen.

May he let his face shine upon us
and show us his mercy.

Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards us
and give us his peace.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on us and remain with us for ever.

Amen.

(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time I, Roman Missal p. 714)

An alternative translation of the scripture readings is given here from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). This may be particularly useful for those in parishes which use the NRSV Lectionary.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING (NRSV)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 62:1–5

The Lord says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

"The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

"You shall no more be termed 'Forsaken,'
and your land shall no more be termed 'Desolate';
but you shall be called 'My Delight Is in Her,'
and your land 'Married'; for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

"For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (NRSV)

Psalm 96.1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-10ac (R.3)

R. Proclaim God's marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day. **R.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods. **R.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in holy splendour;
tremble before him, all the earth.
Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!
He will judge the peoples with equity." **R.**

SECOND READING (NRSV)

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:4–11

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God
who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.
To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom,
and to another the utterance of knowledge
according to the same Spirit,
to another faith by the same Spirit,
to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
to another the working of miracles,
to another prophecy,
to another the discernment of spirits,
to another various kinds of tongues,
to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,
who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL (NRSV)

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 2:1–12

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.
Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,
“They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her;
“Woman, what concern is that to you and to me?
My hour has not yet come.”
His mother said to the servants,
“Do whatever he tells you.”

Now standing there were six stone water jars
for the Jewish rites of purification,
each holding about a hundred litres.
Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.”
And they filled them up to the brim.
He said to them, “Now draw some out,
and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine,
and did not know where it came from
(though the servants who had drawn the water knew),
the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,

“Everyone serves the good wine first,
and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.
But you have kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,
and revealed his glory;
and his disciples believed in him.
After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother,
his brothers, and his disciples;
and they remained there a few days.

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