

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



16th January 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Faith not sight

When reading the New Testament, we can't help but feel amazed at the many miracles of Jesus Christ. The Son of God impressed His contemporaries by demonstrating the glory of His Father. He purified the lepers, restored the sight of the blind, and healed all sorts of diseases and illnesses. He forgave the sins of humans and came to the rescue of the suffering. In the Acts of the Apostles, it is written: *"...how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."* (Acts 10: 38).

But how did it all happen? What was the first miracle of Jesus Christ? His first miracle is described in the second chapter of the Gospel of John, which tells the story of when Jesus turned water into wine. Let's rediscover this episode of the Wedding at Cana, and learn about the power of the Lord.

The Bible tells us that Mary was also a guest at the wedding, and She was the one to ask Jesus about the wine. It shows the faith Mary had in Her son. She knew who was the right person to turn to among all the other guests: she believed Her son was the one who could resolve the situation.



With this miracle, the Lord Jesus teaches us that we must: *"live by faith, not by sight"* (2 Corinthians 5:17) When there is a gap between what our eyes see and what His Word says, we can be tempted to stop in our tracks and seek a more "logical" solution.

The disciples could have done the same, but they chose to believe that the water they drew was wine, and they took it to the master to serve Him. Let us also believe in His Word: *"therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). This way, we will be able to cultivate our kindness, our faithfulness, our joy... the most important virtues!

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 16th January, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am

11.00am

Tuesday 18th January, NO MASS

Wednesday 19th January, FERIA

10.00am

Thursday 20th January, NO MASS

Friday 21st January, ST AGNES, MARTYR

6.00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm

CONFESSIONS: After Mass or by appointment.

OUR PARISH

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SUNDAY READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Ps 65: 4

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

Gospel Acclamation - 1S3:9, Jn6:68

*Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your
servant is listening: you have the
message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 22: 5

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

PARISH NEWS

TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY - A DAY FOR PEACE

Pope Francis asks us to think about *'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'*. More information can be found on the Pax Christi website: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

REFRESHMENTS. Tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided in the hall after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday and 10.00am Mass on Wednesday. Please do join us if you can.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION. As the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, please continue to attend Mass when you feel confident to do so. The Sunday Obligation remains 'stretched' across the weekdays so if you find Sunday Mass too daunting at this stage then consider attending a weekday Mass when there are fewer people present.

PRAYER OF BLESSING. If you're not a Catholic, please feel free to join the procession for Holy Communion to receive a blessing. Slightly bow your head and place your hand on your chest, so the minister/celebrant will know.

VOLUNTEERS. I would be very grateful if one or two volunteers were able to undertake some sacristy duties. This would involve opening and closing the church and helping me to prepare for Mass.



Next weekend we take the annual second collection in support of your Cathedral in Portsmouth. Appeal envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocese. We have created a 'Give as you Live' page: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

You can donate directly into the bank account:

**PRCDTR Bournemouth
Our Lady Immaculate**

Sort code: 309304 Account: 00875075

Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially:

Marianne Copp, Patricia Kowalewska,
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,
Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici,
Marjorie Lee

My hour has not come yet...

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.

YOU ARE INVITED – BIG CHURCH DAY OUT

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th June 2022. Come and join the CELEBRATE community at Big Church Day Out. Join over 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together in the jaw-dropping surroundings of the Wiston Estate, Sussex in the company of some of the best Christian artists in the world.

Each year 500+ of the CELEBRATE community come together to enjoy fellowship, Mass, and the amazing church festival that is Big Church Day Out. As well as hosting Mass each day, the weekend includes community, activities and fun for all ages. From the Big Church Kids Tent and the Fun-filled Fête to the relaxing Tea Tent nestled in the beautiful gardens, to campsite community gatherings. There's something for everyone.

Booking your ticket through the CELEBRATE group you will receive a larger discount: Visit; <https://tickets.bigchurchdayout.com/south/join-us/groupplus/1694/celebrate2022>.