

All Hallows' Five Dock



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | Sunday 16th January

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a
spirit of service,
that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Message from Fr Richard

Dear parishioners,

Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana is one of the best-known stories in the Bible. Jesus and his mother attended the banquet, but the wine ran short. At the insistence of his mother, Jesus performed the "first of his signs" and sparked faith among his followers. The sign revealed the Kingdom and its Messiah. This first sign was to be a model for other signs in John's gospel and template for our celebrations in sacrament. The point of this wedding feast is that it is a foretaste of the final wedding-feast of heaven.

The water turned wine has many meanings. First and foremost, God's kingdom was to be a feast with endless wine and merriment. Secondly, water has a baptism motif, while wine is Eucharistic. Both foreshadow the water and blood (wine) that flow from Jesus' side at his death. Thirdly, the nature of the new wine (the new revelation of Jesus) is superior to that of the old wine that ran out (the old revelation of Law and the prophets).

This gospel reminds us that God is always with us and knows our needs. It reveals that God is generous and loving and wine is a fitting image of his care, but his greatest generosity is sending his own Son among us. It is this gift of the Christ that we thank the Father for every time we gather for the Eucharist and we celebrate his gift in our banquet of bread and wine.

Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana, gives us the faith and hope to know that you can always make a change for the better in our lives, and the love to live by what we receive.

With best wishes -
Fr Richard



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Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday - 3pm - Eucharistic
Exposition and Adoration

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday.



Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

Supporting our Parish





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Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 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 splendor 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.</p> 	<p>(R.) Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 people in fairness. (R.) 	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Times 1st Reading: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30 Gospel: Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel
<p>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.</p> <p>Reflection by Dianne Bergant</p> <p>The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division. One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.</p>