



PRECIOUS WOUNDS BULLETIN

The Five Precious Wounds Catholic Church,
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Mass Times: Saturdays 6 pm; Sundays 10 am & 12:30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10am.

Holy Hour: Fridays after Mass

Confessions: Fridays after Mass from 10:40 am to 11:20 am, Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (16th JANUARY 2022)

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 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!

First reading: 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.

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all
the peoples.*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all
the peoples.*

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

*Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all
the peoples.*

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

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.

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second reading: 1 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.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: 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.

Communion Antiphon: Isaiah 7: 14

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces

vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Covid-19

Please be advised that face masks are once more mandatory in church, unless you have a valid exemption.

Last week's collection

Planned giving £653.50. Loose plate £383.98. Our parish relies entirely on your donations to pay our bills, so thank you for making a difference! Many are now switching to making a standing order with their banks to make their weekly contributions. For more information, please visit our website www.preciouswounds.com and follow the link to making a donation.

Parish administrator

Fr Tony writes: I am delighted to announce that, following the recent recruitment process, a parish administrator has now been appointed. Her name is Violet D'Souza and she will begin working this Wednesday, 19th January. I know you will join me in making Violet very welcome.

This appointment has been made possible following a Gift Aid refund the parish has received from HMRC, which has been ringfenced for this purpose. So a big 'thank you' to all those who Gift Aid your weekly donations to the parish!

Office opening hours

Following the appointment of a parish administrator, the parish office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am until 2.30pm.

Funeral Mass of Patricia Kwakye RIP

Please note that the Requiem Mass of Patricia Kwakye will take place on Friday 28th January at 12.00pm. May she rest in peace.

Mass intentions

Arranging to have a Mass celebrated for someone's intentions, or for the repose of their soul, is a great act of faith and love. If you would like to book a Mass intention, please do so by phoning the parish during office hours (see above), by visiting the repository on Sunday mornings, or by taking a Mass intention envelope and putting it through the door or the presbytery.

Monthly devotions

We are pleased to confirm that the following monthly devotions will resume following a break due to Covid-19:

First Saturday Devotion – Rosary Group: first Saturday of each month at 4.00pm in the parish hall.

Divine Mercy Devotion – third Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in the parish hall.

Toilet refurbishment

The parish has received a National Lottery-supported grant of £10,000 to refurbish the toilets in the parish hall (those closest to the old bar). Work to appoint contractors for this project will begin in this week, with a visit from the diocesan surveyor.

Once this refurbishment is completed, we will again be able to hire the hall, and so improve the parish's financial position following the pandemic.

Planned giving envelopes

If you contribute to the parish through the planned giving scheme, but have yet to collect your weekly envelopes, please take them home with you today. They are available at the back of church.



First Holy Communion – Year 3 and 4

The next session for children in Year 3 and 4 will be today, Sunday 16th January, followed by sessions on 23rd

January and 6th February.

First Holy Communion – Year 5 and 6

Classes for year 5 and 6 children will take place on the following Wednesdays from 6pm-7pm: 19th January, 26th January, 2nd February, 9th February, 23rd February and 2nd March. These children will make their First Holy Communion alongside the Year 3 and 4 children in May.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

If you are a non-Catholic thinking about exploring the Catholic faith - or if you are an

adult who was baptised but never confirmed - then please consider joining our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme. The RCIA is an introduction to Catholic Christianity which can lead to the reception of the sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation. Fr Tony is hoping to start an RCIA programme early in the new year - please speak to him if you are interested.

Open House

There will be an Open House this Tuesday between 5pm and 6pm in the church, to see Fr Tony briefly without an appointment.

Tea and coffee after Mass

Tea and coffee will once again be served in the parish centre after each weekday Mass, beginning this Monday. Please note that we will meet in the larger hall, to ensure good ventilation and social distancing. Do join us if you can for a friendly chat and a cuppa!



10.00am Mass in addition to at the 12.30pm Mass. Please stop by to buy candles, gifts, cards etc. If there is something you would like that is not currently in stock, Michelle may be able to order it for you.

Altar servers

We are once again able to recruit new and old servers for Mass. If you would like your child to serve at the Mass, please give your child's details to Deacon Andrew after Mass. We expect a high standard from our servers. Children must wear black shoes and are expected to arrive 30 minutes before Mass begins to go through training each Sunday.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Try to find the words relating to today's Gospel in this wordsearch.

A	Y	T	R	I	H	T	S	E	B
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WEDDING	CANA	MOTHER
WINE	SIX	STONE
JARS	THIRTY	GALLONS
BEST	STEWARD	BRIDEGROOM



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.”

Saint Theresa of Calcutta, 1910-1997.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

**Sunday 16th January SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 62:1-5 The bridegroom rejoices in his bride

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 The variety of gifts given by the Spirit

John 2:1-11 The marriage feast at Cana

Monday 17th January St Anthony, Abbot

1 Samuel 15:16-23 Saul disobeys the Lord and the Lord rejects him

Mark 2:18-22 ‘Why do your disciples not fast?’

Tuesday 18th January

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Jesse's youngest son David is anointed king

Mark 2:23-28 The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath

Wednesday 19th January

1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51 The battle between David and Goliath

Mark 3:1-6 Is it against the Law to save life on the sabbath?

Thursday 20th January

1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7 Saul's envy and Jonathon's loyal friendship

Mark 3:7-12 Jesus warns the crowd not to make him known as Son of God

Friday 21st January St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

1 Samuel 24:3-21 I will not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed

Mark 3:13-19 He appointed twelve to be his companions

Saturday 22nd January

2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27

David's lament over Saul and Jonathon

Mark 3:20-21 Jesus' relatives are convinced he is out of his mind

