

Sunday 16th January 2022

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.


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## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 16 Jan</b> 6.15pm (Vigil) .....	<b>2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Cheryl & Anthony Viegas [Good health]
8.30am	Jaime & Stella Camelo Ints [33rd Wedding anniversary]
9.45am	Tom & Eileen Haugh RIP
11.15am	Michael Griffin RIP [2nd anniv.]
5.30pm	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
<b>Mon 17 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>ferla</b> Dot Brady RIP (1st Ann.)
<b>Tues 18 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>ferla</b> Bill Byrne RIP
<b>Weds 19 Jan</b> 9.30am 11.00am	<b>S. Wulstan</b> Spencer Coomarewel RIP FUNERAL MASS Thomas Dolan RIP
<b>Thurs 19 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Sebastian</b> George & Mary Molloy RIP
<b>Fri 20 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Agnes</b> Pam Allday RIP 
<b>Sat 21 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>S. Vincent</b> Catherine Furlong RIP Betty Treacey RIP (1st Ann.) Errol Mark RIP (1st Ann.)
<b>Sun 22 Jan</b> 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> Francis Anselmo Fernandes RIP Kathleen Halpin RIP Michael O'Connell RIP Peggy Culleton RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH Mina Fortes RIP

## TODAY'S MASS



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. 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 fulfilment among us.

**First Reading: *Isalah 62:1-5***

God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

**Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10***

A song in praise of God's marvellous deeds.

**Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:4-11***

All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.

**Gospel Reading: *John 2:1-11***

Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Yes, this is still the age of miracles. We too would work them if we had faith!" -

St. Josemaria Escriva

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## DAILY MASS TIMES

**SUNDAY MASS:** 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday - Saturday 9.30am.

**HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 9.30am, 8.00pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. *and any time by appointment.*

**DIVINE MERCY:** Tuesday 10.30am.

**ROSARY:** Daily after Mass.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan *Noronha*, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan, Jocalyn Almeida, John, Kay Leathers

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Lilly & Olivia Van Rosse-Wray, Ava Rajkumar

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Thomas Dolan, Joy Cumberbatch, Kevin Dowd, Bridie Cunningham

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Michael Griffin (2nd), Dot Brady (1st), Errol Mark (1st), Betty Tracey (1st), Spencer Coomarewel,

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*In memory of Mary Steele RIP (Birthday remembrance)*

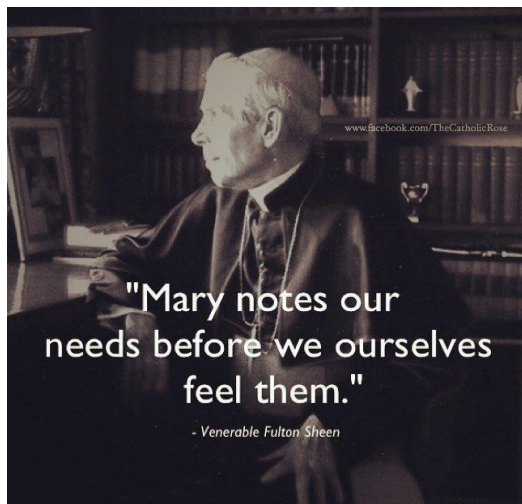
### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*In memory of Maire Crowley Rip  
-(Birthday remembrance)*

### POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:

*For true human fraternity*

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Do you recognize the glory and presence of the Lord Jesus in your life? God often reveals his glory to us in the unlikeliest of 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 wed 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 superabundance 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. As "Ordinary Time" begins once more let us thirst once more for God and for the abundant life and blessings that offers to us.

# NEWS UPDATE



Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and for considering others

**WELCOME** to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the Covid restrictions. You are no longer required to sign in though you can still choose to do so on the QR Code. Please continue, unless if you are exempt, to wear a face mask to protect yourselves and others. Under the present restrictions we are required to do so. There continues to be no required social distancing in Church. However the top left hand side of the church will be kept for those who wish to do so. We ask that you sanitise in and out of church but if you wish to sanitise before communion we ask you bring your own and do so yourself. **Above all be responsible to others, look out for each other and make sure if you feel ill or have been in crowded situations that you are tested.**

**KEEP ST GEORGE'S COVID SAFE:** If a member of your household has tested positive for COVID, even if asymptomatic (i.e. without symptoms), please refrain from coming to the church, in case you are asymptomatic yourself. Additionally, it may be helpful to know, that the Catholic Bishops have fully endorsed all aspects of the UK Vaccination Programme. The more people who are vaccinated, the less risk there is to us all.

**PLEASE BE PATIENT...** Mgr Jeremy has also been made parish priest of St William of York Stanmore. This is a temporary situation which should last no longer than the summer—hopefully earlier. It will mean he will have to be spending a bit of time there but hopefully there are enough priests to help out there at weekends in order for him to be around as much as he can. In Sudbury

**FUNERAL MASS of Thomas Dolan** on Wednesday 19th January at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS of Joy Cumberbatch** on Wednesday 2nd February at 11.00am followed by burial in Carpenders Park

**FUNERAL MASS of Bridle Cunningham** at 11.00am followed by burial in St Mary's Cemetery.

**THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—Candlemas.** Mass as usual at 9.30am beginning with the blessing of candles and procession.

**C O N F I R M A T I O N 2 0 2 2** - Thank you to all prospective Candidates & Parents/Carers who joined us for the Confirmation Information Evening last Monday (also collecting their Confirmation Information Pack). Thank you to Parents/Carers & Candidates for carefully completing the registration documentation and bringing all the necessary documentation, including a photocopy of the prospective candidate's Baptism Certificate, to the **Registration Evening on Monday 24th January at 7.30pm.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - Thank you to all those Parents/Carers who attended the session this week reflecting on our commitment to the Mass this term and how we can work together as fruitfully as possible to prepare the children for their First Holy Communion. Parents/Carers are reminded that the **first session of Part 2 for the children, on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm, will begin in the Hall. Entrance for the children will be from 6.55pm.**

**COLLECTORS** - Thank you to all those who generously help with the collection at Mass each week. We are searching for some more **generous volunteers** who would be happy to help with the collection at Masses. If you might consider helping, please contact our Welcomers Coordinator, Lucille Thomas, on 07886 575743 or [lucille.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:lucille.thomas@gmail.com).

**DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS**—I think you will agree that the Church continues to look splendid. Thank you to all those who behind the scenes have decorated the church and produced wonderful flower arrangements and decorations.

**COFFEE & TEA AFTER MASS** has now recommenced for those who wish and all the following Fridays. The café/Bar is looking very underused and we have a new updated coffee machine too. See you there! If you might consider helping please contact **Angela Traynor** at [angelatraynor@btinternet.com](mailto:angelatraynor@btinternet.com)

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am—3.00pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - We look forward to helping the Year 3 children learn about the Mass, during part 2 of the FHC Programme, as they prepare for their First Holy Communion in May 2022. We look forward to welcoming back **Parents/Carers only in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 25th January** as we prepare to accompany the children as fruitfully as possible in the coming months as they begin this next stage on their journey of faith.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS:** - The Children's Liturgy has started up again in the Parish on last Sunday at the 9.45am Family Mass. We are looking for new volunteers to help the younger children (4-7yr) reflect on Sunday's Gospel during Mass in a fun, creative & simple way. If you might consider helping once every six weeks, joining an established group of experienced Catechists, please contact Una Moran [una@bfmconsult.co.uk](mailto:una@bfmconsult.co.uk) or [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk).

**REPOSITORY:** Volunteers urgently required to assist in the Repository after all Masses. If you are able to help please contact Imelda on 07982683664.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** - Church cleaning takes place on **Mondays after the 9.30am Mass.** All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already help-

ing out.

**ALTAR SERVING:** - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

**RCIA**—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

**PLEASE,** when Mass has ended to ensure that your seat area is left clean and tidy, ready for the next Mass. It's particularly helpful to lift the kneelers so they are not walked on and so others can get in and out of the benches easily. Over the past two weeks, Newsletters, Mass sheets and spilt, food and loads of used tissues have been left in church for others to clear away. This is not helpful in the current climate. Let's look after our church and each other!

The Gospel passages about our Lady show her as the Mother of Jesus, following her Son step by step, playing a part in his redemptive mission, rejoicing and suffering with him, loving those whom Jesus loves, looking after all those around her with maternal care.

Just think, for example, of the marriage at Cana. Our Lady was a guest at one of those noisy country weddings attended by crowds of people from many different villages. But she was the only one who noticed the wine was running out. Don't these scenes from Christ's life seem familiar to us? The greatness of God lives at the level of ordinary things. It is natural for a woman, a housewife, to notice something was lacking, to look after the little things which make life pleasant. And that is how Mary acted.

Notice also that it is John who tells the story of Cana. He is the only evangelist who has recorded this example of our mother's concern for us. St John wants us to remember that Mary was present at the beginning of the public life of our Lord. He alone has appreciated the importance of that fact. Jesus knew to whom he was entrusting his Mother — to a disciple who had learned to understand and love her as his own mother.

*from St. Josemaria,  
"Christ Is Passing By,"  
no. 141*

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## 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!

## 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.

## First reading: *Isalah 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: Ps. 95:1-3, 7-10

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

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 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

*Allelula, allelula!*

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

*Allelula!*

## 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.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily  
in these mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial of this  
sacrifice is celebrated  
the work of our redemption is  
accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 22: 5*

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

## Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit  
of your love, and in your kindness  
make those you have nourished  
by this one heavenly Bread  
one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.