

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am & 11 am
Working Holy Days: 10 am
Monday to Friday: 10 am
Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm
Fr Colin Doocey Adm. Pro Tem



Recently Deceased

Fred Levis, Menloe Gardens
May the light of heaven surround him always.



Baptisms

Stephanie Lorna Desmond.
Isabelle Pearl O'Brien.
We welcome him into the Christian Family



Do Whatever He Tells You

There is a promise in the first reading this Sunday that God will not 'grow weary of Jerusalem' or people. You know how we grow weary of some people after a while. You might feel these days with someone else or with the world. God never reaches that point with you.



It says that 'you shall be called 'My Delight'. Our hearts will beat a little faster when someone whispers such words in our ear. That is what prayer is about when our hearts suddenly hear a whisper of love that 'you are no longer to be called Forsaken or your land the Abandoned'. God is with you.

The gospel of the wedding feast of Cana is very familiar. There are beautiful lines there too. Mary turns to the stewards and says to them, 'do whatever he tells you'. It's as if Mary whispers in their ear like ours. This weekend, we might be weary, but we are in the right place, listening to the right person in Jesus Christ. Mary's word to us is the same as in the gospel, 'do whatever he tells you'.

The end of the gospel reading is powerful too. It says that 'he let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him. It is not as if they believed because they saw a written proof but their hearts could see that this was real. Imagine, the weather might be miserable, we are in difficult times and someone whispers in our ear that we are not forsaken. We take heart this weekend and look to the future assured in the loving words of Jesus and Mary.

Fr. Michael

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DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE TABLE

A WEDDING TOAST

Richard Wilbur

(written for his son's wedding)

St. John tells how, at Cana's wedding feast,
The water-pots poured wine in such amount
That by his sober count
There were a hundred gallons at the least.

It made no earthly sense, unless to show
How whatsoever love elects to bless
Brimms to a sweet excess
That can without depletion overflow.

Which is to say that what love sees is true;
That this world's fullness is not made but found.
Life hungers to abound
And pour its plenty out for such as you.

Now, if your loves will lend an ear to mine,
I toast you both, good son and dear new daughter.
May you not lack for water,
And may that water smack of Cana's wine.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY...

Irish Catholic. (1) Cannes to show documentary on priests on path to sainthood. (2) Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA — Teaching the endless interest of the Bible (3) British Tribunal — National Health Service harassed nurse for wearing cross (4) David Quinn: Pope was absolutely right about pets and children (5) Jason Osborne: Irish psychiatrists speak out against assisted suicide and euthanasia

Messenger. (1) Fr. Kevin O'Higgins SJ : The prophetic social teaching of Pope Francis. (2) John Scally: When Mozart stole from the Vatican. (3) The Faber Youth Movement is flourishing

Tablet. (1) France — Presidential hopefuls chase the elusive Catholic vote. (2) Archbishop Eamonn Martin urges investment in young people. (3) The Malines Conversations — The Limits to Papal Authority

Catholic Voice. (1) Christopher Monckton: Many reasons for hope in 2022. (2) Fr. James Grant: The Catholic Collapse in Australia — A warning to all. (3) Anthony Hofler: Culture-change and Legal change — Which comes first?

Anam Cara West Cork the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 18th January at 7:20pm in the Munster Arms Hotel, Bandon. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents.



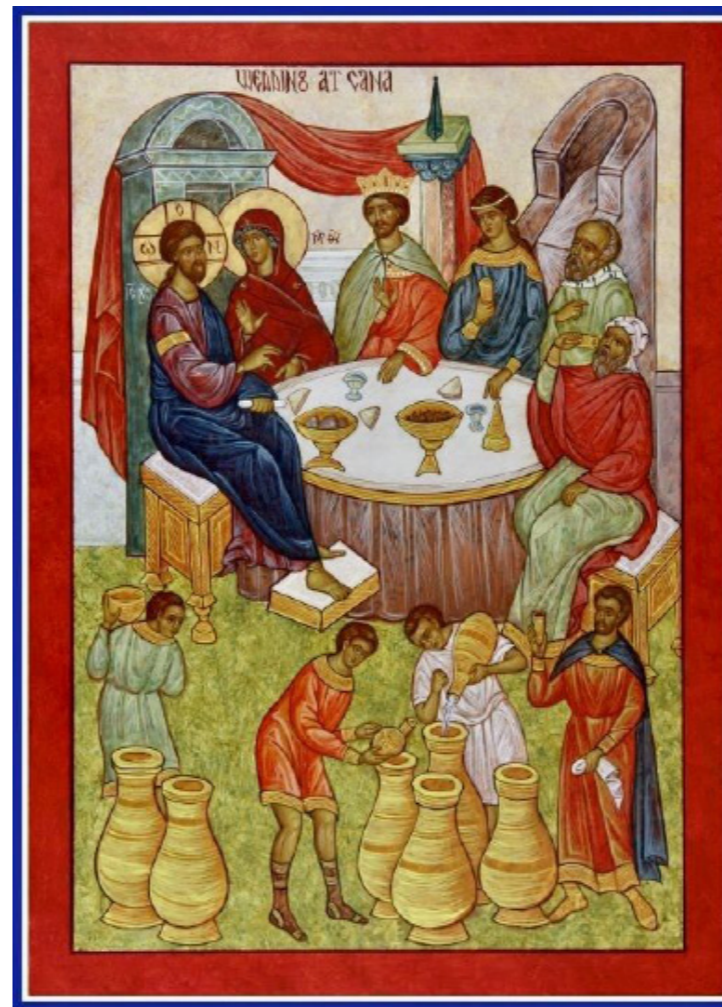
CHRISTMAS DUES

For those parishioners who didn't receive the envelopes by post, there are some available in the church.

Thoughts

The theme of "epiphany" continues with the Wedding Feast of Cana. The story is extraordinarily rich in biblical resonance and Gospel echoes. In the YouTube video, the quantity has been converted to litres... "about 100 litres" per jar. To be only slightly more precise, three or four measures would be somewhere between 75 and 115 litres. In any case, a lot! Abundance rather than precision is what matters, in this highly symbolic story.

The miracle story corresponds in some way to the foundational scene in Mark 1:14-15. To use a musical metaphor, John modulates Mark into different keys, bringing out themes important to him: love, joy and celebration. A good place to start on the synodal pathways!



PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

There are now 2 Defibrillators located in the Parish, one in the village & one outside Murphy's Circle K Petrol Station. The code to operate both is **2017**

You may be using your mobile phone for Mass, if so, please ensure it is on silent. If not, please switch it off. Thank you



MINISTERS

New Ministers of the Word and Eucharist Rota is available for collection in the sacristy.

Thought for the day

The (extra)ordinary experience of "everyday" love is itself a sacrament. As such, it mediates the love of God and gives us both an experience and a language by which we make speak of God, God who is love itself.

Prayer

Open our eyes to recognise you at the heart of the "everyday" love which sustains and inspires us: whoever lives in love, lives in God and God in them!

K O'Mahony OSA

Reflections

1. The marriage imagery puts all the emphasis on love, an emphasis found richly in this Gospel, in St Paul and, of course, in Jesus' own teaching. Go back to significant experiences of being loved and how these have opened your own heart to receive and to give in love.

2. The wine symbolises true joy in believing— a bit of a challenge these days, but central nevertheless and even lifegiving. Where do you find your springs of joy?

3. "Do whatever he tells you" is a strong invitation to conformity to Christ on the path of discipleship. What have been the important points on that path? And where am I now?

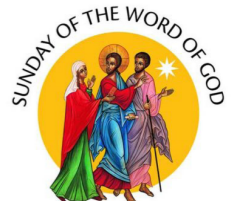
PRAYER

God of wonders, at Cana in Galilee, you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ and summoned all humanity to life in him. Show to your people gathered on this day your transforming power and give us a foretaste of the wine you keep for the age to come. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION W/E 15TH/16TH JANUARY. Diocesan Needs Quarterly Collection.

As we continue the season of Christmas, we in Cork Scripture Group would like to wish you all every blessing this new year. May it be filled with peace and joy.

As you know, a few years ago, Pope Francis inaugurated the Sunday of the Word of God which will be held this year on **Sunday 23rd January**. We know that because of Covid restrictions it is difficult to meet up in person but we hope you will find some ideas on our website that you may be able to use.



For more information and resources on Scripture related topics please feel free to visit our website corkscripturegroup.com or email us on corkscripturegroup@gmail.com.

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