

“Do whatever he tells you.”



Holy Name Catholic Parish

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

35 Billyard Avenue Wahroonga 2076



16th January—2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

From Fr Paul

We reflected two weeks ago that the feast of the Epiphany opened up a series of manifestations or revelations of Jesus to us: there was the Epiphany feast of the Magi coming to the Christ child, followed last week by the Baptism of Jesus and today by Jesus' appearance at Cana.

Cana is not merely the story of a village wedding. For John, the story is rich in symbolism. Jesus is the host and bridegroom at a wedding feast between God and his people, and God is the one who provides "choice wines." Jesus is beginning his ministry, but he is also giving us a glimpse into the end times when we shall be at a banquet with our God and one another. At the wedding feast John tells us Jesus "revealed his glory" to his disciples, and they "began to believe in him."

In the Bible, glory refers to a person's inner quality or power that evokes respect from others. Glory is most appropriately attributed to God as we acclaim in the Sunday Liturgy, "Glory to God in the highest" – the prayer of the first Christmas.

The miracle at Cana reveals the inner qualities and true identity of Christ. It also helps us see the presence of God's glory in him. John is promising us there will be more to come, more "signs" (a word he uses often) that will manifest God's glory in Christ. We can read John's Gospel - with the gift of sight our baptism gives us – all the way to the glory revealed to us by Christ on the cross. So, when John tells us at the close of the Cana account, that Jesus revealed his glory to his disciples, he is already linking us to the passion narrative, when Jesus' "hour" comes.

John says at the end of his Gospel, my purpose in writing is that 'you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.'" (20.31)

May this prove true in each of our lives and in the life of Holy Name Parish. Every blessing as we get underway with the new year ahead.

Fr Paul



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	17 January	No Mass			St Anthony, abbot
Tuesday	18 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 2
Wednesday	19 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 2
Thursday	20 January	Mass	9.15am		Weekday, Ordinary Time 2
Friday	21 January	Mass	9.15am		St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Saturday	22 January	Mass	5.00pm		
Sunday	23 January	Mass	8.00am	9.30am 5.30pm	3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY Time

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie Brady (aunt of Jane Geier (O'Donnell) died 18th December), Dr Narlin Singh (husband of Maria, died 18 December), Bruce Smith (father of Mandy York) died in South Africa, 10 December, Denese O'Brien (died 3 December, mother and mother-in-law to Paul & Jenny, Jenny & John and Marianne and grandmother to Julia, Tim, Dominic, Madeleine and Brendan), Graham Baguley (uncle of Jo Toomey, died in UK), Margaret Sandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston died 30 November), Catherine Jones (friend of family of Fiona Vierboom, died on 27th November in Ireland), Bill McPhillips (brother & brother-in-law of Jennifer and Barry Clibborn, died 17 November, aged 82 yrs) John Fleming (friend of Patrick Kirkwood, died 11 November), Francisca Aloysious (Beloved grandmother of Janson Francis and Julitta Ponniah, great grandmother of Ivana, Jaron, Annah and Amy, and dear aunt of Ida Joseph, died in Columbia on 7 November, aged 93 yrs), Jim Dibben (father and father-in-law to Kerri & Mark Donovan and grandfather to Justin, Christian and Matthew, died 9 November), Brian Ritchard (died 6 November).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tod Walker (Lillas Roche's brother, 6th anniversary 20 January), Muriel Molnar (6th anniversary, 21 January), Joseph El-Daher (Denise Kassis' brother, 61st anniversary on 21 January, Joan Clarke (5th anniversary, 22 January), Patricia (Pat) Lynch, 5th anniversary, 23 January), Cheble El-Daher (father of Denise Kassis - 35th anniversary on 23 January), Lucy Machado (mother of Tony, 20th anniversary 13 January), Tim O'Brien (son of Jenny and Paul, brother of Julia, 6th anniversary, 8 January), Sylvia Arnett (mother of Max, 2nd anniversary 6 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Aaron Iori (9th anniversary on 1 January), Mario Severino (son of Sam and Elizabeth, 16th anniversary on 26 December), Paul Hunter (father of Julie Levins, 1st anniversary on 24 December), Margaret Couch (mother of Paul, 4th anniversary on 25 December), Tony Planas (husband of Rose, 21st anniversary on 28 December), Phyllis Wijundsera, (Charles mother, 1st anniversary 31 December), Caterina Randazzo (Bishop Anthony's mother, 1st anniversary 29 December), Ingrid Tighe (36th anniversary on 29 December), Joseph Sydney McElhenny (3rd anniversary 3 January), Elisha Foti - 9th anniversary on 4 January), Hilda May Cutler (grandmother of Jennifer Gregory—52nd anniversary on 24 December), Alois Babsky (uncle of Monica Caly, 1st anniversary on 16 December).

FOR THE SICK:

Max Arnett, Cyril Littrich, Greg McNally, John Clark, John Fisher, John Lyons (son-in-law of Halina Brzowzski), Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Paul Hotchkis (husband of Jane, brother in law of Paul and Gemma Couch), Trisha Lawrence, Ves McGrath, Sinead Joyce (friend of Dot & Mike Tighe), Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacomio, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

Please let the Parish Office know if you would like anyone added or removed from our list of Prayers for the Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and the Sick.

What do the Readings say to us today?

First Reading (Isaiah 62:1-5). We hear of a new wedding feast between God and his people.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). Though there are many spiritual gifts, they all come from the same Spirit, and should be used for building up the community.

Gospel (John 2:1-12). Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah. The changing of water into wine is a symbol of the old order yielding to the new.

The **First Reading** contains a message of hope for God's people at one of the lowest moments in their history. Jerusalem lay in ruins. The city's plight reflected that of the nation as a whole. Israel, once God's bride, was now like a widow bereft of children. However, God has not forgotten her. There will be a new wedding feast, and God and his people will enter into a new wedding covenant.

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, who replaced the old order with the new. This is symbolized by the changing of water into wine, as in today's **Gospel**. The miracle of Cana links this Sunday with the feast of the Epiphany and with Jesus' Baptism - all are epiphanies (or manifestations) of his glory.

John depicts Mary as involved at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and again at the end of it when she is present at the foot of the Cross. Mary is thus associated with the whole of his ministry. Her role is always to be seen in relation to that of her Son.

Reflection/Quote for the Week

John is careful to note that Jesus' first miracle (at Cana) is done in response to Mary's intercession (John 2:1-11). Mary, the icon of the bride and the counterpoint to Jesus the groom, is exactly the "persistent supplicant" Jesus tells us he is looking for in the Parable of the Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8).

She doesn't take "no" for an answer, but first taps Jesus on the shoulder and says, "They have no wine" and, after a seeming rebuff, goes with perfect trust to the servants and tells them, "Do whatever he tells you."

The bride—the second Eve confronting the second Adam —seeks the new wine of the kingdom. Indeed, she does so with just the 'stick-at-it-ness' her Son urges all his disciples to have. And the result is precisely what she sought: "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him" (John 2:11).

Mark Shea: *The Significance of the Wedding at Cana*



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8.00am— 8.30am *Silent Prayer*

8.30am— 8.45am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

8.45am— 9.00am *Rosary*

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

Mass is also celebrated:

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms

(Suspended until further notice)

Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 out of office hours

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020/2021: Gemma McDermott (Chair), Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Jason Scanlon (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee: Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

The Parish Bank Account Number: The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks, has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website. **SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?** If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number. There is no change to regular credit card contributors.

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is greatly appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located near the entrance to the church, next to the notice board. It is designed to be used by everyone. Please familiarise yourself with the use of this device at [AED Plus Step-by-Step Demo - YouTube](#) in case of an emergency.