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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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. 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.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray. . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said. . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 22:5

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. 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.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE FIRST “SIGN”

This Sunday we move from Luke’s Gospel, the primary Gospel of our year, to John’s Gospel and a scene at the commencement of Jesus’ ministry. It is full of rich symbolism. The setting is a wedding feast to which Jesus, his mother and disciples have been invited. The feast is reminiscent of God’s covenantal marriage with the Israelites on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-24). This relationship is like a marriage in which the imagery of redolent, juicy wines celebrates its delightful intimacy (Isaiah 25:6-9). For John, Jesus is the living reminder of God’s desire for humanity expressed initially in the Old (‘first’) Testament.

But there is a problem, as Jesus’ Jewish mother points out: “They have no wine!” At her invitation the absence is addressed. She directs the servants to respond to whatever Jesus tells them. This dynamic, of responding to Jesus’ word, lays at the heart of faithful discipleship. He directs them to fill with water the six stone water jars intended for ceremonial ablutions. Together, the jars hold around 90 to 100 litres of water that later becomes wine of the best quality, and in a great quantity, by today’s metric system, 12 dozen bottles. A connoisseur’s delight!

To interpret the story solely as a miracle is to miss the point. John calls it the first of Jesus’ “signs” in the Gospel. A “sign” points to something deeper. This sign symbolically underscores God’s joy with humanity revealed through Jesus and symbolised in a wedding feast with an extraordinary quantity of exquisite wine.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU. At the marriage feast of Cana Jesus turns water, set aside for washing, into wine of great quality. A new richness and abundance flows to the people from Jesus. We will partake of this richness if we, like the attendants at the wedding, follow Mary’s instruction to ‘do whatever he tells you.’ As we receive the gifts he offers we are transformed in turn into a new creation.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 65:4

The earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the



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 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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

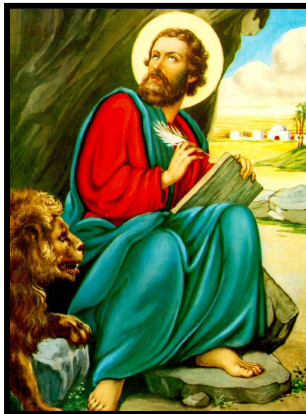
Jn 2:1-11

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.



St. Mark's Parish, Fawkner

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"I will not forget you... I have carved you on the palm of my Hand" (Is 49:15-16)

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00am.

Weekend Mass Times:

6:00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass.

10:00am: Sunday Morning Mass.

6:00pm: Sunday Evening Mass.

First Sunday of the Month:

Renewal of Marriage Vows.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30am and 5:15pm.

Or feel free to phone Fr. Colin.

Every Thursday of the Month:

5:30 - 7:00pm: Hope Café (Free Dinner).

First Wednesday of the Month:

7:00pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting.

First Saturday of the Month:

10:00 - 11:30am: Working Bee.

Parish Advisory Committee:

Fr. Colin Xavier, P. Wilson, A. George, L. Rahme, L. Grech, D. Abela, E. & A. Bathan.

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH, MASS TIMES

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am. Saturday: 5:30pm.

Sunday: 9:00am and 10:30am (Italian).



Are you planning a Marriage in the near future?

If so, in order to avoid disappointment, it is most important to first make an appointment with the Parish Priest prior to making any other bookings.



Do not leave your mobiles, purses, wallets, handbags unattended - others may think it is an answer to their prayers...

BEQUEATHING

Would you like to remember the Parish in your Will? Property, Money, Artwork, Plants...

There are many ways you can be remembered.

Do contact the Parish Office (03) 9359 3111 for further information. May God bless you!

ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

A warm welcome to new parishioners.

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

New to our Parish?

Changing address?

Need Thanksgiving Envelopes?

Please Complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to Parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____



PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more.

Help parents to be good examples to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

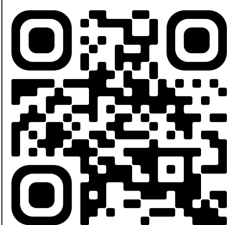
Encircle our families with your loving care.

To the sick and the weak grant health, to the aged bring serenity, and to those in sorrow, joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.

Amen.

QR CODE AND ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR THE THANKSGIVING PLEDGE



To make a thanksgiving payment, parishioners simply scan your CDFpay QR code with your mobile phone camera and follow a few easy steps. This QR code is unique to St. Mark's Church. Alternatively please make a direct transfer to our Parish Account.

Account Name: St. Mark's Church

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Account No: 825284554

Account Name: St. Mark's Presbytery

BSB: 083-347

Account No: 673272043

We thank you for your continuous support and help!



Next Weekends Rosters:

25th Jan (Sat):

6.00pm Reader: L. Peters.

Extraordinary Minister: T. Robbins.

26th Jan (Sun):

10.00am: Reader: D. Borg & P. Betham.

Extraordinary Minister: R. Mirabile, F. Cortara & G. Canfailla.

6.00pm: Reader: L. Pegorin.

Church Cleaning: 23rd Jan (Thu) Team 3:

A. Campana & D & S. Briamen.

Counters:

28th Jan: L. Grech.

8th Feb: J. Degran, E. & A. Bathan.

Thanksgiving: \$489 (Env) \$687 (Loose). Presbytery: \$172(Env) \$531 (Loose).

Thank you for your generosity & support.



all that's missing is U!

Pilgrim Virgin: 16th Jan - Robbins Family. 30th Jan - Genobile Family.

21st Jan (Tue): Memorial of St. Agnes.

24th Jan (Fri): Memorial of St. Francis de Sales.

25th Jan (Sat): Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.



"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."



POPE FRANCIS: 'WE MUST EMBRACE OUR PRIESTLY IDENTITY'

The Pope said "Our vocation is not an appendage or a means to other ends," but rather "is God's plan for our lives, what God sees in us, what stirs His loving gaze." It is, in a way, the love He has for us.

The Pope urged those before him to work for the good of others, offering a total gift of themselves, in order to present an offering to God through their service. The Pope stressed how important it is for priests to care for their interior lives, to "keep their fire alive" with great humility, and to embrace priestly fraternity.

The Pope said, priests are to have that desire to share everything he has, and to welcome when others correct him. Moreover, the Holy Father added, he is to do the same with them with candor, urging them to lead a life of deep piety with frequent confession.

The Holy Father also underscored the indispensable place of the Eucharist in priestly life, reminding that St. Brochero never neglected this, and entrusted those gathered to the protection of Jesus and the Blessed Mother.

Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, Your Son gave you as a Mother to all who believe in Him, we ask that you place each one of us, our families and our parish community under your protection and care. Intercede for us we pray, that our parish community may be renewed and our personal faith deepened. May our ears be open to hear God's word anew, to recognize his voice and his call in our lives. Awaken in us a desire to serve Him in one another and in the poor so that we may live each day in the power of His merciful love. In times of trial and difficulty, help us to entrust ourselves fully to Him, recognising that in these moments our faith is called to mature and grow. Remind us that because of your Son, the Word made Flesh, we are never alone on our life's pilgrimage and help us to see all things through the eyes of Him who has been revealed to us as the Way, the Truth and the Life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Next Weekend, Sunday 26, January is..... Australia Day. Fr. Arnold Heredia, a retired priest who has celebrated Mass here on a few occasions,

expressed his wish to celebrate his 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination in our Parish. Let us keep him in prayer.

We will have the Jubilee Mass here, at St. Mark's.

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1. What is the plan of God for man?

God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into his Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of his eternal happiness.

Further reading: CCC 1-25

"You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised [...] You have made us for yourself and our heart is restless until it rests in you." (Saint Augustine)

A COUPLE went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "seniors' special" was two Eggs, Bacon, Hash Browns, and Toast for \$2.99.

"Sounds good," the wife said..."but I don't want the eggs..."

"Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you're ordering a la carte,"...the waiter warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?"...the wife asked incredulously.

"YES!"... stated the waiter.

"I'll take the special then,"...the wife said..

"Great...how do you want your eggs?"...the waiter asked.

"Raw and in the shell,"...the wife replied.

She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!!

WE'VE been around the block more than once!...

Sounds reasonable

