



St Thomas More's Parish

*St Thomas More's Catholic Parish, a welcoming people of faith,
lives out God's Mission, embracing love, justice and peace.*

*We acknowledge the Giabal and Jarowair people, the Traditional Owners
who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship
of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country
and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: 19 - 20 January, 2019

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Today's liturgy invites us to take a detour into the Fourth Gospel and into a marriage scene that the evangelist John places at the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry. Marriage imagery appears from time to time in Israel's prophetic tradition, sometimes in quite confronting or alienating ways, especially in Hosea where God is imaged as male and Israel as God's faithless female spouse. In the first reading from the post-exilic prophecy of Third Isaiah, Jerusalem is the bride, once alienated from God and then fully reconciled with and embraced by God who is named as its "builder". Imaging God, who is neither male nor female, as faithful male and Earth or any facet of the Earth community as unfaithful female is problematic and calls for our critique.

The link between the Isaian passage and the marriage at Cana is fairly tenuous, although the juxtaposition of the two readings in the context of today's liturgy invites us to consider the intimate relationship that our Earth and its inhabitants enjoy with God, its "builder" or creator. God's delight is in Earth and in the Earth community, not simply in one city and one people of the Earth. The focus in the gospel story is less on the marriage, however, than on the symbolism of the abundance of wine at the marriage feast. The 8th century BCE prophet Amos had looked to a future time when the mountains would drip sweet wine, and the hills flow with it, a time when God would restore the fortunes of God's people (Amos 9:13-15). An abundance of good food and the best of wines is the image of future salvation deployed by another 8th century prophet, Isaiah (Isaiah 25). Today's gospel suggests that these prophetic dreams come to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth. Those who listen to his word and follow his instructions become agents of an extraordinary transformation. This "sign" reminds us to rejoice in the life-giving nourishment we receive every day from the God-given fruits of the earth.

The mother of Jesus features significantly in the Cana story. She is attentive to the integrity of the celebration and lets her son know when the wine gives out. This provides the opportunity for Jesus to speak of his "hour": it has not yet come. Jesus addresses his mother as "Woman". He will address her in precisely the same way when the "hour" of his death and handing over of the Spirit finally comes. This "woman" believes in him and invites the servants at the marriage feast to obey his word. While Jesus performs this first "sign" that leads his disciples to faith, the role played by this faith-filled woman casts her in the role of "witness to the light" and proclaimer of the Word that brings life.

(Reflection by Sister of Mercy, Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Theologian and Biblical Scholar)

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Parish Diary: 21 - 27 January 2019

Monday: 9.00am.....Mass
7.00pm.....St V de P
Tuesday: 5.30pm.....Mass
Tue to Sat 7.00am..... Mass at St Pat's
Wednesday 9.00am.....Liturgy of the Word
10.00am.....Open Door
Friday 9.00am.....Mass

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Mass: 6.00pm Saturday
8.30am Sunday
Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill: Bryan Flemming, Terry Tyers, Ned Sparksman, Michael Kelly, Mark Butlin, Pauline Dixon, Allan Wills, Damian Wyvill, Sara Mehari, Scott Murphy, Michelle Halpin, Christine Prescott, Toni Fitzgibbon, Camille Taylor, Patrick McNamee, Janice Lockhart, Dodie McGrane, Christene Andrews, Rita Sullivan, Maria Hunter-Robinson, Val Sharpe, Paul Turner, Ros Morton, Megan Ford, Ted Wormwell, Mary Buttin, Fr Brian Sparksman, James Babineau, Mort Edmiston, Bernie O'Keefe, Arleen Hansen, Fred Berge.



Gathering: Springs of Salvation

F Anderson

**You will draw water joyfully
from the springs of salvation!**

You are the God of my salvation;
I trust in you and have no fear!
You are the God of all my singing,
The one foundation of my life!

I will proclaim to all your people
The wonders you have done for me!
You are indeed a God of goodness,
You draw me gently to your heart.

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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 Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Psalm: Proclaim His Marvellous Deeds

C Smith

Response: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
O sing to the Lord. Bless His name. **(R)**

Proclaim his help day by day,
Tell among the nations His glory
And His wonders among all the peoples **(R)**

Give the Lord, you fam'lies of peoples,
Give the Lord glory and power,
Give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R)**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: "Our God is King".
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R)**

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Verse before the Gospel: Alleluia

The Apostles' Creed:

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

Prayers of the Faithful:

You delight in your people, O God.

Acclamation:

When we eat this Bread and Drink this Cup, we proclaim your
death, O Lord, until you come again.

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Communion: May We Come to Know the Lord

D.R. Gagnon

**In the bread may we be broken.
In the cup may we be outpoured.
May we come to know the healer,
May we come to know the Lord.**

Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life.

We come to the table to remember the Lord,
Who gave his life that we might live forevermore.

In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
May we be filled as we come to know the Lord.

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Thanksgiving: Song for The Journey

E Marshall

All of our life we will travel a journey,
Called into love by the heart of the Son.
Believing his way, we will walk with him only,
For he is our joy, our peace, our true delight.

**With you, Lord, we'll know the way,
For you are the light of our day.
You are strength in our need.
Forgiveness and freedom:
Let us trust in the Lord.**

Happiness shared as we travel our journey,
Invites us to live in the heart of the Son.
Together we walk as we follow him only,
For he is our joy, our peace, our true delight.

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Recessional: The Fullness of God

F Andersen

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power he can give!
May your hidden self grow strong!
And may you live strong in faith and built on love
Until you know how high and long,
How wide and deep the fullness of God!

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your mind that you may see,
Deep in your heart, what hope his call
now holds for you, His promise true:
To fill your heart with power to live the fullness of God!

Know the way you learnt from Christ, to live life anew!
Let your heart be drawn to him;
Let Christ renew the hope in you to grow into
Goodness and truth!

And living so, you'll come to know the fullness of God!
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