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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C



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.

Amen

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.

Reflection

In the Church's liturgical history, 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.

Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

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.



Celebration of Mass			
Friday 14 January	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday 15 January	5.30pm	Mass	Nympsfield
Sunday 16 January	10.30am	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday 19 January	9.00am	Mass	Dursley
Thursday 20 January	10.00am	Mass	Nympsfield
Friday 21 January	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley

LGBT+ Mass

Sunday 16 January, 3.00pm at St Nicholas of Tolentino, Bristol

A monthly celebration of the Eucharist for LGBT+ Catholics, families and friends

All are welcome

Across the Deaneries

The last year or so has been quite a challenge when it has come to catechesis in our parishes. If there has been a benefit to the pandemic it is that we are all far more adept at doing things online. Therefore we continue this new venture gathering catechists, experienced and inexperienced, to meet online to share ideas and to possibly receive a little bit of formation at the same time. These meetings will ensure a crossover of deaneries so that good practice can be shared across the diocese. The dates are below. If parishioners are unable to attend the meeting related to their deanery they are free to join another. The boundaries are fluid.

For parishioners to participate in the conversation, they just need to register through *Eventbrite link* for the meeting you wish to attend, a *Microsoft Teams link* to the session can be found there.

Stroud, Swindon deaneries:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/across-the-deaneries-tickets-221298739487>

Gloucester, Cheltenham deaneries:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/across-the-deaneries-tickets-221301818697>



Zoom details are
846 788 8220
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Parish Charity for 2022

Churches Together are trying to organise some support for Christian pupils at Rednock school. The Proposal (*Illuminate Dursley and Cam Churches Together*) is based on a Stroud Project to help pupils to get to know others with the same belief. The Parish Council have agreed that this is a worthwhile plan which could be adopted as our Parish Charity in 2022

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

For true human fraternity: For all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family

Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

Diocesan Prayer Link:

University / College / School Chaplaincies

Churches Together Prayer Rota:

Dursley Methodist Church

Parish Prayer Rota:

The congregation at Nympsfield