



To know, love and serve Jesus  
by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission.

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.*

**16 January 2022**  
**Second Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

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

**First Reading** from the  
prophet Isaiah 62: 1-5

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3  
**Response:**

Proclaim his marvellous  
deeds to all the nations.

**Second Reading** from the  
first letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians 12: 4-11

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Holy Gospel** according  
to John 2: 1-11

**Communion Antiphon**

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

**Holy Gospel**

**John 2: 1-11**



*The first of the signs given by Jesus  
was at Cana in Galilee.*

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.

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## Mass times

### Sunday Mass times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm

### Weekday Mass times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am

Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

**Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online:** For all of the online Mass options—  
please visit <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

**Adoration Prayer with the Carmelite Missionaries Sisters:**  
every Sunday from 6.30—7.30pm

## Prayer intentions

*Please  
pray for  
the sick*

***For the sick & homebound:*** Linda Reetz, Bianca Heuvel, Mary & Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Dorothy Jones, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Christabelle Adina, Gloria Gonzales Prudente, Allan & Kelvin Marquinez, Amelias Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, Nelia Balingit, John Morgos, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doreen

Gibbons, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Erlinda Hermes, Aurelia Vertucio, Ofilia Mawson, Mary & Frances Raithi, Jeanna San Diego, Hugo Garzotto, Eileen Butcher, Josephina Duefries, Austin Taylor, Marisa Aquirre, Joan Wilson.

*May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.*

***For our recently dearly departed:*** Silvano Stocco, Geoff Jones, Angela Tomarchio, Jovicen Delanon, Harry Loche, Zephaniah John Klarnett, Rozalia Astalosh.

***Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*** Hilda Young, Ivan Astalosh, Therese Thompson, Resse Mangulabnan, Anthony Pinto, Pauline Marquinez,  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Bulletin notices



### **Alpha Come and See Pancake Night Tues March 1, 7pm at the Parish Hall.**

Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith, to ask questions, and to share your point of view. Come along, with a friend, for a night of pancakes, a film and discussion. Register via the parish office or email: [donna.ransom@dow.org.au](mailto:donna.ransom@dow.org.au)

### **Sacramental Preparation in 2022**

A Christian family lives within a wider parish community, which also has a responsibility to share its faith to nurture you and your child. Our parish will offer an opportunity of providing faith education for both adults and children. Specific dates and information about Sacramental preparation will be available on our website by the end of January 2022 or by calling the parish office.

### **An invitation to join electronic parish planned giving**

Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/> to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

**The Journey Weekly Podcast** On The Journey This Week: A Gospel reflection that says the purpose of the miracle is faith, and the first opportunity for faith from his followers. Mother Hilda on searching in dark places. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Darren McDowell, Pete Gilmore, and more great music! The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

**Youth Ministry Online** Have you seen Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong's (CYMW) online version of LIVE yet? Click on the link below for some great worship and challenges as you explore faith with some very awesome leaders! Enjoy!  
[https://dow.sh/cymw\\_youtube](https://dow.sh/cymw_youtube)

## **Gospel Reflection by Richard Leonard**

Church architecture often tells in stone the story of theology. By the ninth century as Christian Churches in Europe became longer and higher, a shift was occurring in theology as well. Coinciding with the engineering abilities of the builders, theologians reinstated a more severe and distant theology about God. God was 'immortal, invisible, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes'. Jesus had ascended his regal home in the tabernacle which over the centuries got further and further away from where the people stood or sat.

## Gospel Reflection by Richard Leonard

One of the extraordinary things that occurs in the layout of Churches of this time is that as the tabernacle goes back, the Marian altar comes forward, often half way down the church where people could have easy access to it.

Today's Gospel was used as the justification for this theological and architectural movement. Mary is seen to intercede on behalf of the bride and groom and ask Jesus to do what he can. This is the first sign in the Gospel of John and Jesus is reluctant to perform it, but because his mother asks, he does it.

The changing of the water into wine is not just a sign that Mary and Jesus like a good party! It is a sign of the Kingdom of God where joy and life are in abundance, where shame ends and all tears are wiped away. It is no accident that in John's gospel the mother of Jesus is present at this first sign and remains faithful until the end, right up to the culmination of all the signs: his being lifted up on the cross. Mary not only asks for a sign, she understands that it will cost something for Jesus to give it and for her to witness it.

So for us, the wedding feast at Cana is a taste of the fullness of life we celebrate here every Sunday. The Eucharist is always and everywhere a first course in the eternal banquet of heaven. But it is also an invitation to see beyond the signs, to the faithful relationships that require sacrificial love and years of fidelity.

All parents who sacrifice so much for their children, all spouses who remain faithful and good to their wife or husband, all friends who attend to their companions with devotion and care, share in the Kingdom of God and are the signs of Christ's presence in our world. Every time we are kind, Cana occurs again. Sometimes these actions can be very lonely and the cost can be high. Today's Gospel, and the traditions of the Church that flow from it, tell us we are not alone, especially when the going gets tough.

What I like best about our belief in intercessory prayer, in the healthiest devotions in honour of the Mother of Jesus and in our belief in the martyrs and the saints is that they take seriously the companionship of God's family that transcends time and space.

Through our common Christian faith we are connected to millions of believers who have battled with similar, and sometimes greater, struggles than we endure and yet remained faithful to the end. Led by Mary, who never wants us to feel ashamed or embarrassed, they are our cheer squad in the stands of heaven willing us on in the race of life, giving us a few pointers on the best preparation, the pitfalls on the way and how to maximise our performance as we strive to do our best and be our best.

Welcome to Cana where one course is richer than the last. And the wine only gets better with age.

