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19 January 2025 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND

6:00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass 7:30am Morning Prayer 8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir 6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer

6:30am Mass

11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)

Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon

12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer 8:00am Mass 8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am) 5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Monday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (Sept - April)

Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

First Friday Devotions: 7:00pm in Chapel True Life in God: Last Friday @ 6:00pm in the Cloister Cafe

OTHER GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 11:30am Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

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"There was a wedding at Cana..."

AS I MENTIONED in last weekend's bulletin, we have before us in this weekend's Gospel the third of the great manifestations of Jesus to the world as Saviour, this time by virtue of the first, and perhaps his most well-known, of his miracles, the turning of water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, the account of which we hear only in the Gospel of John.

There is a great deal of symbolism in the account of this miracle, not least of which is the fact that the miracle takes place at a wedding feast, symbolic of the kingdom of heaven. We must not overlook the



importance of Jesus turning water stored in Jewish ritual vessels, representing the Jewish Law, into wine, representing the New Law embodied in Christ. There is plenty more we can examine that is of important symbolic significance in this famous Gospel passage, but time and space restrict us in this regard.

Let us understand that with whatever angle we approach this text, the one thing that is undeniable is that change occurs, and significant change at that!

And perhaps change, the creation of something new and better, is one of the most valuable take aways from this Sunday's Gospel. For the Christian, change is something that is continually striven for and indispensable for living as we are called to by Christ. Our faith is not about mere external observances but rather an internal change, a change of the heart, which then prompts us to change our behaviour, observable by those we encounter. Without seeking to align our hearts more and more with the heart of Christ, we simply cannot be truly Christian. As mentioned above, the change is not a one-off event that we can tick off and believe that's all that is needed. A regular examination of our consciences will determine both the extent and nature of the change that is needed.

But this is not change for our own benefit. Christianity is missionary-focused and so the change that we allow the Holy Spirit to effect in us is not solely for our benefit but for the benefit of others too. It is often said that the most effective form of evangelism is simply our Christlike behaviour, most particularly when that behaviour runs counter to societal norms. When we allow the Holy Spirit to change us in ways that are necessary, this can become a catalyst for others to reflect on their own manner of being and so assess how their lives might be more meaningful and joyful by opening their minds and hearts to God.

Miracles, such as the one that we are contemplating this Sunday, are all about change. Whatever miracle we wish to consider, we will find that change, usually unexpected, is at the heart of it; indeed, the change is what makes the event a miracle. Whether it is turning water into wine, healing the sick, raising the dead or multiplying food to feed huge crowds, the change that takes place makes the miracle what it is.

As so it is for us.

Let us pray that the miracle of change in our hearts, made manifest in our behaviour, be a true catalyst for change in others – and thus for the world.

Wishing you a blessed year in 2025, Fr Robert

THE BULLETIN

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays after the 11:00am Solemn Mass. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary. Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

Jubilee 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." He states: "The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

The Jubilee commenced a few weeks ago on 24 December and will conclude on 06 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Bishop Vincent also notes the following for the information of the faithful throughout the Diocese of Parramatta:

"In our Diocese of Parramatta, I invite all to participate in the many events that will be taking place. In particular, I invite everybody to take a personal or small group pilgrimage to one or all three of our pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year:

- St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
- Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa
- The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville

A Jubilee Indulgence is granted to those who make a Jubilee pilgrimage during the year. For those who cannot make a jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances, you are invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of your daily lives, and participating in reconciliation, prayer, and the Eucharistic celebration."

There are some prayer cards around the cathedral with the Jubilee Prayer printed on one side and information about the plenary indulgence on the other side. If these are not available when you read this, we will endeavour to get some more sent to us. In terms of more information about indulgences, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n.1472 - n.1479. Essentially, to gain the indulgence one must:

- · Have complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
- Have sacramentally confessed their sins in Confession;
- Receive Holy Communion;
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Exciting news – Alpha launching on Pentecost Sunday!

As we continue to celebrate the Jubilee of Hope, we are thrilled to announce that our parish will launch the Alpha program on Pentecost Sunday. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith, and meaning in a welcoming and open environment, where conversations about Jesus Christ, our true hope, are central.

In preparation for this significant public launch, we are beginning training for our specially selected Alpha leaders. This pilot program will kick off later this month, allowing our leaders to experience Alpha firsthand and grow in their roles to guide others on their faith journey.

We ask you, as a parish community, to pray for our Alpha leaders during this important time of formation. May they be filled with wisdom, compassion, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they prepare to serve in this ministry of hope. Stay tuned for more updates as we approach this exciting milestone for our parish!

PARISH NOTICES

Early arrivers for Mass

I noted recently that some parishioners, especially on Saturday morning, are arriving very early for Mass, sometimes more than an hour before the scheduled start time for Mass.

Whilst this might not seem a problem, please note that the chapel is normally scheduled to open half an hour before Mass starts. This means that if you arrive early, you may have to wait outside. The parish **cannot** guarantee your health and safety under these circumstances. Should you have a fall or suffer a medical emergency, there may be no one around to assist you. Also, there is the possibility, however remote, of a vulnerable person being the victim of crime when alone around the cathedral precinct.

I urge all those who come to Mass here, on whatever day of the week, to arrive no more than half an hour before the first scheduled Mass of the day for the sake of their well being.

Thank you for your cooperation. Fr Robert

Join us for the Red Mass

All parishioners are warmly invited to the Red Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, a special celebration seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for those in the legal profession. The Mass will take place on **Monday 03 February at 7:00pm.**

Come and pray with us for justice and wisdom in our community.

We look forward to seeing you there.

RSVP to Donna or via the Cathedral App.

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Gift Shop Reopening Delay

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the gift shop will delay its opening till **Tuesday 28 January.**Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Social Justice Prayer Hour

The parish Social Justice group invites all parishioners to an hour of prayer in the chapel on **Thursday 30 January from 7:00-8:00pm.**The prayer hour will reflect on important saints and church members delivering social justice ministries, plus offer an opportunity to pray for mission discernment of the parish social justice group. All are very welcome!

Cathedral Choir in recess till February

Our magnificent and hard-working choir will be in recess after this Sunday and will return on **02 February.**

I know I share the sentiments of all our parishioners in wishing the members of our choir, along with our organists and our Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick, a restful time away from their duties here at the Cathedral. I want to thank them for all they did to enhance our recent Christmas Masses to say nothing of all they do each week in this regard.

We look forward to their return in a few weeks' time. Fr Robert

Volunteers needed....

Join our Media Ministry Teams!

Are you passionate about storytelling, content creation, or connecting with others? St Patrick's Cathedral is excited to announce two opportunities to serve through media and communication: the Social Media Group and the St Pat's Matters Magazine Team.

Each team will be made up of four dedicated individuals, and we are currently seeking two volunteers for each group to help us bring these initiatives to life. Whether you're tech-savvy or a creative thinker, this is your chance to use your talents to make an impact!

Social Media Group

Help us engage our community online by creating dynamic content for our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. We're looking for:

- Content creation (writing, photography, videography)
- Graphic design (Canva Pro)
- Social media management

St Pat's Matters Magazine Team

Be part of producing our parish magazine, filled with inspiring stories, reflections, and parish news. Join us as a:

- Writer or editor
- Photographer
- Designer for print layout (Canva Pro)

Both teams will have kickoff meetings soon, where we'll share our vision, provide training, and brainstorm ideas. Whether you prefer working behind the scenes or directly engaging with the community, there's a place for you here.

Get Involved!

Interested in joining one of these exciting teams? Contact Mili at manager@stpatscathedral.com.au and let us know which team you're interested in and how you'd like to contribute.

Your time and talents can help us reach more people, share our faith, and strengthen our parish community. We look forward to hearing from you!

Vivaldi - The Four Seasons

4 Concertos for violin, strings and basso continuo.
Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany)
Bookings at www.trybooking.com/CXASN or tickets at the door 30 minutes prior to the concert (cash sales only).

Date: Tuesday 04 February at 8:00pm **Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Display of material

Some people have been leaving multiple copies of pamphlets and flyers in the narthex of the chapel. Please note that if you wish to leave a promotional flyer, religious or otherwise, for display anywhere at the cathedral, permission from the Dean must be sought. Note too, that if permission is granted, the material will only be allowed to display for a limited time. Thank you for your cooperation. *Fr Robert*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

RCIA team and enquirers

Sick: Susan Jhun Jhun Uwala, Emerlinda Sarreal, Bernardo Dado, Monica, Sam Galea, A J Thomas, Apo Policarpio, Michael Lilley, Fred Harb, Shirley, Patrick Slatter, Felicitas Appathurai, William Lelyveld, Martina Galea, Chris Doughty, Antoinette Bourchdan, Ramza Ibrahim, Frank Davino, Fr Bob Bossini, Fatima Rodricks, Ray Love, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Naleen, Stephen Sensak, Clara Cabezas, Espirita Isidro, Poor & needy, Miguel Custodio, Mouzel Del mar, Naleen, Tian & Raveen, All poor & sick, Franz Tito, Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Arternio Patacsil, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Leonardo Close, Agnes, Bernadette & Joaquin Patacsil, Thanksgiving for 2024, Jann Kirystel Sequia & family, Leonardo Perez, Mary Rose Perez Tito, Franz Tito, Michael Perez, Bernabe Patacsil, Joaquin Patacsil, Santiago & Antonio Tito, Agnes Patacsil, Anita Ramirez, Joaquin Patacsil, Bernabe Patacsil, Paul Peters

Deceased: Elias Koura, Nancye Benzie, Jose Barredo, D Herft, Lucy D'Mello, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Jose Barredo, All souls, Michael Phong Huynh, Karam Karam, Houda Chehade, Le Thu Cuc, Philip Punla, Reynaldo Saquilayan

Anniversaries: Bernard & Gracie Rodricks, Judy Gallagher, Thuy Huynh, Paul So Nguyen, Marie Saldanha, Danny Doulub, Philip Vas, Maximina Manlangit, Boulos & Jamel Saba, Robert Dearie, Boulos & Jamel Saba, Adelina Fernandes

Perpetuals: Wendy A Smith, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Paul Mahoney, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter & Annette Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Mark Fletcher, Royan & Andrews families, Don & Pat Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

Nicolai Danaila Aubrey Fleming
Rafael Nirthanakumaran

WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couple recently married here...

Emma Awad & Jayden Haddad

POPE FRANCIS'

Prayer Intention for January



For the right to an education

"Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected."

From Pope Francis...

Bluesky post dated 15 January "May the #Jubilee2025 be for Christians and non-Christians alike an opportunity to rethink the relationships that bind us as human beings and political communities. Let us overcome the logic of confrontation and embrace the logic of encounter, in order to build a future of peace."

Saint of the Week

20 January - Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi (1903-1964), Priest

Father Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi was born in Nigeria in 1903. He was brought up by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) and trained as a teacher and a catechist. Later he decided to join the seminary and in 1937 he was ordained a priest. In 1950 he left his Diocese in order to go to England where he joined the Cistercian Abbey of Mount St Bernard, near Nottingham. He had been singled out as the ideal candidate to be trained in England and then return to establish a Trappist Monastery in the Diocese of Onitsha in Nigeria. Fr Tansi lived the monastic life with great faith and humility. Absorbed in prayer, he was a living example of patience and charity. Early in 1964 he was diagnosed with aortic aneurysm and died two weeks later on 20 January 1964. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in March 1998.



Information: Universalis

"Quote of the Week"

"Our lives are of great worth if we accept with good grace the situation Providence places us in, and go on living lovingly."



Takashi Nagai (1908-1951) Catholic physician and survivor of the atomic bomb over Nagasaki

Did You Know...?

...that the "Thrones, Dominions, and Powers" that we often hear mentioned in the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, are actually different levels of angels?

According to the theologian *Pseudo-Dionysius* (c. sixth century), there are nine levels of angels, divided into three orders. The lowest are Angels, Archangels and Principalities; the middle order is

made up of
Powers, Virtues
and Dominions; the
highest Thrones,
Cherubim and
Seraphim.







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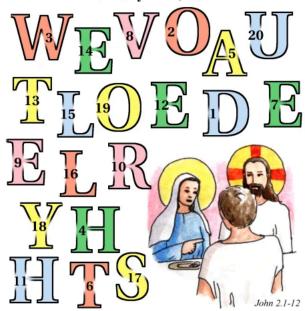
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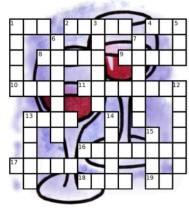
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19th, 2025



Do you know what Mary said to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

The Miracle at Cana Crossword



ACROSS: 1. How many water jars were at the wedding at Cana? 2. "_____, what has this to do with

us?" (Jesus' words) 4. What had been water was

8. Mary and Jesus were invited to the wedding

9. "Do whatever He _you." (Mary's words) 10. Jesus "Fill the jars with

water.'

11. Who filled the jars with water?

at the wedding. 13. They had run out of

else serves the good wine first, but you have

__ and His disciples were also at the wedding.

18. Mary turned to Jesus _____ she saw there was no more wine.

19. " whatever He tells you."

DOWN:

- 1. Jesus did this first of His in Cana in Galilee. 3. The of Jesus was at a wedding in Cana.
- 5. Jesus also there.
- 6. They were guests at the
- 7. The water wine.
- 12. "Everyone else the good wine first, but you have saved it until now."
- 13. They filled the jars with
- 14. Cana in Galilee was Jesus did His first public miracle.
- 15. "You have saved the wine until now."

Mary asks Jesus for a Miracle



In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!

Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!

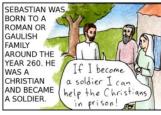


Answer to front page: Do whatever He tells you. Answer to front page: Do whatever He tells 10.said Answers to Crossword: Across: 1.six 2.woman 4.now 8.feast 9.tells 10.said: 1.servanis 13.wnter 16.everyone 17.serus 18.wnter 14.where 15.good 3.mother 5.was 6.wedding 7.became 12.serves 13.water 14.where 15.good

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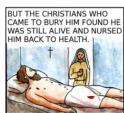














WHEN HE HAD SEBASTIAN WENT TO THE EMPEROR HIMSELF AND TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS WRONG TO KILL THE CHRISTIANS.

AT FIRST THE EMPEROR THOUGHT SEBASTIAN WAS A GHOST, BUT WHEN HE REALIZED HE WAS REALLY ALIVE HE HAD HIM BEATEN TO DEATH WITH CLUBS. THIS STORY REMINDS US NOT TO GIVE UP ON OUR FAITH EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE VERY HARD. IF YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP, JUST THINK OF SEBASTIAN!

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