

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

*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.**

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Unauthorised reproduction of this bulletin prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Fax 02 9394 3444. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and © 1966, by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co. Inc. are used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2025. No 2073. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

19 JANUARY 2025

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

FIRST READING

Isa 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your
God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the

hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded'
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v. 3

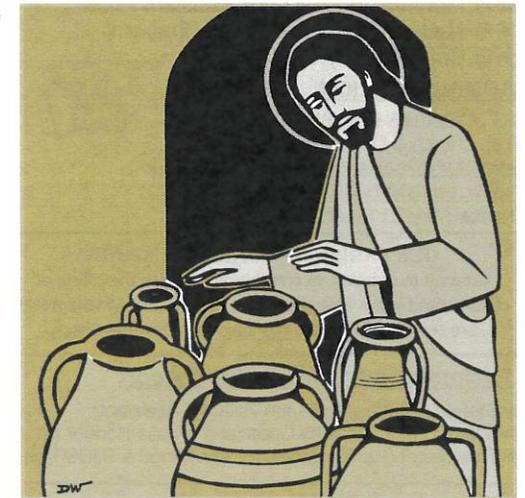
R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all
the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the
Lord all the earth. / O sing to the Lord, bless
his name. **R.**

2. Proclaim his help day by day, / tell among
the nations his glory / and his wonders among
all the peoples. **R.**

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.**

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

ADMINISTRATION

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE
 Tel: Church & Office 9826 9677
secretary@parishofsouthyarra.org.au
www.parishofsouthyarra.org.au
Postal: Box 21 South Yarra 3141



OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Steffy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Steffy Coosnapa ▶ Joss Honour (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, or by appointment.

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 19th January 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 18 th January	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 19 th January 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 20 th January Sts Fabian & Sebastian		
Tuesday 21 st January St Agnes	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 22 nd January St Vincent	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 23 rd January Bl Josephine Mary of Beniganim	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 24 th January St Francis de Sales	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 25 th January Conversion of St Paul	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

JUBILEE 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope'

The 2025 Holy Year has officially begun at Christmas. For information about the Jubilee Year take the printed leaflet at the church door or go to the Vatican website. <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va>



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **Parish Office** has reopened -Tues-Fri 9am to 5pm
- ▶ **RCIA** sessions recommence Thursday 6th Feb.

AUGUSTINE 'FISH FOR THE KINGDOM'



"The Lord made his disciples fish for him, and enclosed within his nets every kind of people. If the rich are to be believed, let them consider how many rich he has taken; if the poor, let them consider

the thousands of poor; if nobles, or kings, let them see all of them subjected to Christ; if the more eloquent, and wise, and learned, let them see how many orators, and scientific men, and philosophers of this world, have been caught by That same net, to be drawn from the depth to salvation." (Sermon 1)

JUBILEE 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope"



For those who are unable to visit Rome during the Holy Year, our own Cathedral of St Patrick's Melbourne and other selected churches will welcome pilgrims who wish to celebrate the Holy

Year and receive the indulgence offered by the church.

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9AM MASS 26 JANUARY



Australia Day is next Sunday and the feast day of St Thomas Aquinas, one of our parish patron saints, occurs Tuesday next week 28th January. Our

community celebration for Australia Day and the Feast of St Thomas Aquinas this year will be a coffee morning together from 10.15am at The Botanical Hotel 168 Domain Rd. All welcome.

PARISH BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome the family and friends of Phoenix Nnamah who is to be baptised in our parish.



MASS COLLECTIONS 12/01/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)
 1st Collection, CDF & bank deposits. \$ 877.15
Church (Parish Ministries)
 2nd Collection \$ 291.50
 Envelopes \$ 105.00
 Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$ 463.00
 Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 435.00
Thank you for your generosity



IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased



Anniversaries

- * Virginia Monagle
- * Joan Daly
- * Michael White
- * Pietro Taranto
- * Judith McHugh
- * Jozefa Szymczycha
- * Georgette and Habib Fares
- * Ettore Giorgione
- * Phoebe Mount
- * Mary White
- * Gregory Benoiton
- * Jorge Vargas
- * Colleen Phillips
- * Rudolf Szymczycha
- * Phillip Markovitch

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR QR CODE

Scan this QR code for a direct link to our parish website to access bulletins, the latest news and information on how to get involved in your parish.



BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

If you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or if you have questions about taking the next step, the Parish of South Yarra is here to accompany you. Please contact the Parish office for more details. 98269677



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Ellen Allery, Robert Huggins, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster,