



16 January 2022

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

The Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. (Isaiah 62:4)

Faith in Focus

An open invitation

When an invitation to a wedding drops through the letter box onto the mat it never fails to perk us up. A sure sign that you need treatment is when the prospect of going to a wedding gets you down!

Because the bible is not concerned to give us a day to day account of Jesus's life we tend to get only an occasional glimpse into his personal, social life. But the wedding at Cana is an exception. We all know the story. The wine runs out. Jesus tells the waiters to pour out from the water jars, and the new wine turns out to be better than the expensive stuff they served at the start of the meal.

Where do we go next? Well, we could talk about the compassion of Mary who wanted to spare embarrassment to the groom's family. Or we could talk about the fact that Jesus's wine outclassed the normal brew. Perhaps we could mention the fact that Jesus and his family had a perfectly normal social life like anyone else. Or, of course, we could talk about the miracle.

But if we do talk about the miracle, the first of Jesus's 'signs' as St John calls them, then we can't stop in Cana. Because John tells us that Jesus worked

these signs in order to provoke a reaction in people. When the water was turned into wine Jesus let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him.

Cana hailed a new age, a new stage in which God would overturn the accepted norms of society and usher in a messianic time, the wedding of life in which God's intervention is a daily event. God never stops issuing us with invitations to this wedding, to see the wonders that he performs in this world of ours. In fact, the Church refers to the celebrations of heaven as the 'wedding feast of the Lamb'.

The wedding is a symbol of integrity, festivity and loving security. And today Isaiah tells us that God has a permanent invitation for each of us to this wedding of life. No longer will we be forsaken or abandoned but we will be on God's guest list under the name 'My Delight'. Wherever we live will be called 'Marriage-Land'. And all of this is because 'The Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding'.



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Parish Office at Holy Name: Open Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement. Baptisms take place on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11.00 am at St Philomena's, and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.00 am Mass at Holy Name. Please see Father John at a weekend Mass.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from 5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Please contact the parish office.

Hospital Visits: If you wish to see a priest please let the hospital staff know.

Mass Requests: Please complete the pre-printed envelopes and place in the Mass intention box or with weekly collection. Please also specify the reason for the intention, i.e. recently deceased, anniversary etc. For a particular day, please request early.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.



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QR code



Scan this QR code for a website where the readings can be found. If the QR code does not work, download a QR code reader from App Store or Google Play store.

Readings at Mass

1st reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Response to the Psalm: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £1,077.76

Baptism

Congratulations to Leo Kirby and Mason George Leather-Bains who celebrate the sacrament of Baptism at 11 am Mass at Holy Name on Sunday.

Pax Christi: A message from our Archbishop

A message from the National President of Pax Christi, Archbishop Malcolm.

‘This last year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other. The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times.’

A retiring collection will be taken at the end of Mass.

Service at the Cathedral

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Joint Service on Sunday 23 January at 3 pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral. A service of Choral Vespers with the Choirs of Liverpool and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedrals. All welcome.

The latest 'Churches Together' newsletter is on the parish website.

Volunteer for CAFOD

CAFOD are looking for volunteers:

- In the parish, where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.
- In local schools, where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. Full support, resources and regular training provided.

For more information contact Colette at cbyrne@cafod.org.uk or 07779 804242.

Mass intentions

Mass intentions are generally said in the order they are received, and Mass intentions requested in July are currently being said. To be fair to those who have already requested an intention, if you would like a particular date, please submit the request a minimum of 6 months in advance.

Universal Synod 2023

To participate in the worldwide listening process, you can download the discussion questions and submit your responses at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023

Archdiocesan recruitment

The Archdiocese is recruiting for a Parish Administrator at St Oscar Romero, Seaforth Village. For further details and to apply www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

Psalm sheets

For those who cannot attend weekday Mass, we are looking at the possibility of putting the weekday Psalm sheets on the parish website. To gauge numbers, please contact the parish office if you would be interested in this.

Celebration party

A free 'thank you' celebration party is planned for the evening of Shrove Tuesday, 1 March in the Holy Name Social Club. All welcome.

To help with catering arrangements, please sign up on the sheets at the back of church if you would like to come along. This is a party and not work, there is no need to bring your own booze 😊

Synod 2020: Deanery reps

The new Dean is establishing a Deanery Synodal Council to take the Synod 2020 proposals forward at a deanery level. Sr Kathleen has agreed to join. A further representative from our churches is sought. Please see Father John at Mass if you are interested.

Counters at Holy Name

Some additional volunteers to help count the weekly collection at Holy Name would be a help. Generally, one hour a week. If you are interested, please see Father John at Mass. Training will be provided as required.

Numbers Galore

Numbers are 14 and 28. One winner, winning £80.

Word for today

The Eucharist is God's wedding feast at which we are invited to be the bride. God provides food and drink for our inmost needs, with such choice fare that cannot be matched elsewhere.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 15th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Sunday 16th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Frances Lowe, lately dead
	11.00 am	Holy Name	David Rankin, RIP (Birthday remembrance)
Monday 17th			No service
Tuesday 18th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Derek Hindley, anniversary
Wednesday 19th	11.45 am	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Joan Coburn, RIP
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Paul Baker, lately dead, RIP (Followed by Novena)
Thursday 20th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Thomas M ^c Loughlin
Friday 21st	10.00 am	St Philomena	Robert Earle, RIP
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 22nd	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Mary George
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am	St Philomena	John Ord & Cathy Fracleton
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: Paul Donafee, Veronica McIver, Joan Coburn, Gerald John Ventre May they rest in peace</p>			
<p>COVID-19 guidance: When coming to a church service a face covering must be worn unless exempt or children under the age of 11</p>			
<p>Mass is uploaded daily to https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26</p>			

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Bank name HSBC plc
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