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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

19th/20th January 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: Page 127: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11
Next Week: 3rd Sunday of the Year: Page: 129: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30;
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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The Gospel today talks about a wedding in Galilee. At a wedding usually the bride and groom take pride and place, but not in this case, importance is given to one of the guests - Jesus.

In Galilee, as in most rural Jewish communities, a wedding would be a most enjoyable and longed for occasion. It would often last for days, families and friends would accompany the newlyweds eating and drinking, dancing and singing. On this particular occasion Mary, mother of Jesus, suddenly breaks terrible news; "*They have no wine.*" This was really a tragedy, much more than we can imagine. The celebrations are meant to last for days; people had prepared and were looking forward to this moment as a break from their hard lives for a long time. For a young couple, running out of wine at their wedding would be considered a curse that would accompany them for the rest of their lives.

Wine was an indispensable element at a Jewish wedding. For those simple people wine was the most expressive symbol of love and joy. Tradition itself declared that God gives "*Wine to gladden the heart of man*" (Psalm 104). What kind of wedding would it be without love and without joy? How could the celebrations continue with sad and empty hearts?

On the patio there were six stone water jars. They're massive. The jars are set in a fixed place full of water for the purifications that the Jews would carry out. They represent the religious piety of that simple agricultural people who wished to live 'purely' before God. Jesus transforms the water into wine, ALL OF IT. His intervention is symbolic; he would continue to introduce more love and joy into that religion.

How can we even pretend to follow Jesus without caring more about the love and joy between us? What could be more important than this in the Church and in the world? Nothing could be sadder than to say of a Christian community - "They have no wine."



Fr Peter

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon;
Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am;
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May this year the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY AND TUESDAY GROUPS

The Sunday Group will meet on **Sunday 20th January** at 10am in St Lawrence's School for their First Holy Communion preparation.

The next class for the Tuesday Group will be on **Tuesday 22nd January** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION

The first preparation Class for Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 24th January** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Parents are also expected to attend this first meeting.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 23rd January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

PARISH NOTICES

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 29th January** at 7pm in the Presbytery.

PROCLAIM

There will be a Proclaim Spring gathering supporting the setting up and development of Parish Evangelisation Team for the formation of Missionary Disciples and development of Missionary Parishes. This meeting will take place at St Mark's Catholic School, 106 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EJ on **Saturday 16th March** from 9.30am to 3.00pm with Bishop John Wilson. The event is free, tea and coffee will be provided. Bring your own lunch. We initiated a Proclaim group three years ago in Feltham and if anyone is interested please speak to Deacon Colin Macken so that he can register you for the meeting (email: colin.macken@rcdow.org.uk).

LENT

The Diocese will be producing a new six week faith sharing resource for Lent 2019 – **Rejoice and be Glad**. *Rejoice and be Glad* invites those who share in it to discover what it means to be a joyful missionary disciple of Jesus Christ. We have a few people who have expressed interested in leading a group in their home or at Church. If anyone else is interested in leading a group or in joining a group, please put your name on the list in the by 25th January as the books have to be ordered on the 28th January.

FOR THE YOUTH

YO! (YOUTH OUTREACH)

Meefing, **Friday 25th of January** at 7pm in the Parish Centre to plan next Yo! event and activities. Newcomers welcome. (age 15-25 give or take).

YOUTH EVENT

We are excited to announce that CYMFED Flame Conference is returning to Wembley Arena on **2nd March 2019**. This is the biggest Catholic Youth Event in the UK and as such we are hoping it will be a fantastic day! Many exciting speakers have already been announced such as Pastor Robert Madu, Tim Hughes, Guvna B and Girl's got Faith's Emma Borquaye to name a few. The day is expected to be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our shared faith on a grand scale. If you are interested in joining thousands of other young people, tickets will be £20.00 per person. Please pay your money in an envelope marked "Flame 2019" with your name and contact details to the Parish Office no later than **1st February 2019**. Thank you. Lloyd Gashu

HOUNSLOW SUMMIT

The Westminster Youth Ministry invite youth groups and Confirmation groups age 14-18 to their next event which will be held at SS Michael & Martin Church, 94 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EH on **Friday 22nd February** from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Anyone who is interested please speak to Jordan for details.

OTHER

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – 20-27 January

This annual gathering of Churches Together in Feltham, Hanworth and Bedfont to celebrate the end of the Week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place at St Mary's Church, Bedfont TW14 8JR on **Sunday 27th January at 4.00pm**. All are very welcome to come and worship together with our fellow Christians. The theme

this year is based around Deuteronomy 16:18-20 – "Justice, and only justice you shall pursue..."

THE SHELTER PROJECT HOUNSLOW...

...is currently providing up to fifteen homeless men with a hot evening meal, night shelter and breakfast at Church venues in the Borough. Extra volunteer 'shift' cover is needed at St Michael & St Martin Church, Hounslow and at Turnham Green Church, Chiswick on Saturday nights to Sunday mornings and Sunday nights to Monday mornings. Dates and times are listed in the porch. If you are able to offer help, please contact Cha on 07947 652234. Many thanks in advance.

CAFOD

What is your New Year resolution? Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering in schools for CAFOD?

CAFOD Westminster is looking for volunteers who care about global poverty, can work with children and young people and are able to travel to schools in their local area to deliver a short presentation on an aspect of our work. Don't worry, you don't need to be a global expert or a trained teacher! We offer all our volunteers a full training programme (2 days in February and April), ongoing support and a wide range of exciting materials and resources to get you up and running. For more information contact Chris Driscoll on 01277 218730 / 07776 493162 or email wschools@cafod.org.uk

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Terence Michael Aldridge RIP, Joseph Ballantyne and, Baby Roque Estrochio Pacheco RIP who died recently. Please also remember in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

BABY ROQUE ESTROCIO PACHECO RIP

His funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 23rd January** at 9.30am. There is no Morning Prayer today.

TERENCE MICHAEL ALDRIDGE RIP

His funeral will take place at Ogden Chapel, Hanworth Crematorium on **Wednesday 23rd January** at 1.20pm

The funeral of the late Eugenia Chappory RIP took place on Wednesday 16th January.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Ray Palmer RIP (Anniversary) Sacrament of Reconciliation John Igboanugo Junior RIP (21 st Birthday Remembrance)
Sun 20 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Diego D'Souza, Lily Coutinho and Janet D'Souza RIP In Thanksgiving Ndangang Family Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Fernando Cesar Soares RIP
Mon 21 st	09.30	Lino De Bragança in Birthday Thanksgiving
Tues 22 nd	09.30	Deceased members of the Keaveney Family RIP
Wed 23 rd	09.30	REQUIEM MASS – BABY ROQUE ESTROCIO PACHECO RIP
Thurs 24 th	09.30	Deceased members of the Nguyen Family RIP
Fri 25 th	09.30	Holy Souls in Purgatory RIP
Sat 26 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 15.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Bernardine Doran (Intention) (with presentation of the Benemerenti Award) Mass in Tagalog for the Filipino people Sacrament of Reconciliation In Thanksgiving – Rodrigues Family
Sun 27 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	Emily Theobalds RIP (First Anniversary) Declan Duggan RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Diego D'Souza RIP

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

12-13 January: Envelopes £857.49 Loose £1,052.86
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