

St Andrew's Church

Epiphany 3

Newsletter for Sunday 24th Jan 2021

10.00am Mass on Zoom

Celebrant and Preacher; Brother John

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

Genesis 14:17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him one tenth of everything.

Gospel

John 2; 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



You have kept the good wine until now. (John 2:10b)

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for people who are sick or in need of prayer: Val and Ray Ryder, May and Hilton Joseph, Harry, the Ogunya family.

For those who have recently died: Mohamed Taha, Eric Homer, Bol Deng, Lyn Snook, Florence Aderemi, Keon Lincoln.

Anniversary of death: Joan Walter, Noel Kennaby, Frank Eden, Harold Wild.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, remind us afresh today of your transforming power; your ability to take something ordinary and turn it into something special. Take, then, our ordinary worship, and, by your Spirit, make it into something beautiful to you, bringing you glory and stirring again our hearts within us. Take our ordinary lives, and by your Spirit once more create us anew, so that our lives will speak not of our weakness but of your saving love and gracious power, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Nick Fawcett

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Alphonse Liguori

Saints' Days this week

Monday 25th January; Conversion of St Paul

Tuesday 26th; Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

Thursday 28th; Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher 1274.

Saturday 30th; Charles I, King and Martyr 1649.

You might like to Google these people and read about their contribution to Christian history.