



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel below, we read from the Gospel of John. John does not record many of Jesus' miracles, so why is this miracle of changing water into wine given so much importance?

It is important for us to know that, although divine, Jesus was also human and enjoyed human happiness. In the Gospel, Jesus helps out the unfortunate bridegroom whose wedding celebrations are on the verge of disaster because they're about to run out of wine. Jesus' miracle brings joy to his own mother and gives a joyful celebration to the whole village.

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This miracle also reminds us about the joy of heaven, which is often described as a wedding-feast to which we are all invited. Jesus came to bring joy to everyone in every age. Happiness comes and goes, but the joy that comes from close friendship with Jesus stays forever.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **JOY**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 16th January 2022



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there with Jesus and his disciples. When they ran out of wine, 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; 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 the best wine. 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.

Adapted from John 2:1-11

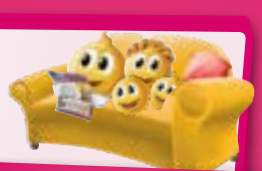
The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in Church - all are warmly invited.

"If we are close to Jesus, we will
have joy in our hearts and a
smile on our face." *Pope Francis*



God wants us to be filled with joy – Jesus came to make our joy complete. In the first of his many miracles, Jesus changed the water into wine and brought great joy to the wedding celebration. For us too, Jesus changes our lives when he enters into our hearts and homes; he makes the ordinary special and life more joyful.

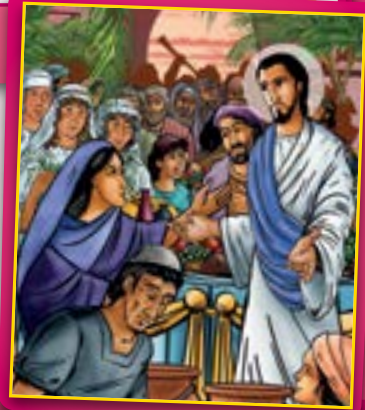


1 Our Special Time Together

Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

Jesus was celebrating at a wedding in Cana. Jesus' mother, Mary, noticed that the wine had run out. She told Jesus, knowing that he could help, and said to the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you". So Jesus told the servants to fill six stone jars with water. They did that, and when they tasted the water, they found the water had become the best wine.

What did Mary say to the servants? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? Look at the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ...

JOY



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Loving God & Each Other

"Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy." *St Teresa of Calcutta*

Joy is something we all desire. We don't have to search around for joy; it comes from within. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the joy that Jesus brings when we put our faith and trust in him. Ask your child what the word 'joy' means to them. Each of you say who or what makes you feel joyful. When do you feel joyful? When was the last time you brought joy to others and what did you do? Who is the most joyful person that you know?

"You will always have joy in the evening if you spend the day fruitfully."

Thomas à Kempis

A joyful heart is a sign of God's Spirit within us. When we follow Jesus by loving God and others, we are filled with joy. What can we do to help bring joy to our home, school or community in this coming week? Perhaps we can: give lots of smiles; give someone a gift or a 'thank-you' card; remind someone that they are loved by God; cheerfully do what our parents or teachers ask us to do; try to be like Jesus by helping someone who may be struggling.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to experience the **joy** that you bring, and to share that **joy** with all those that we meet. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

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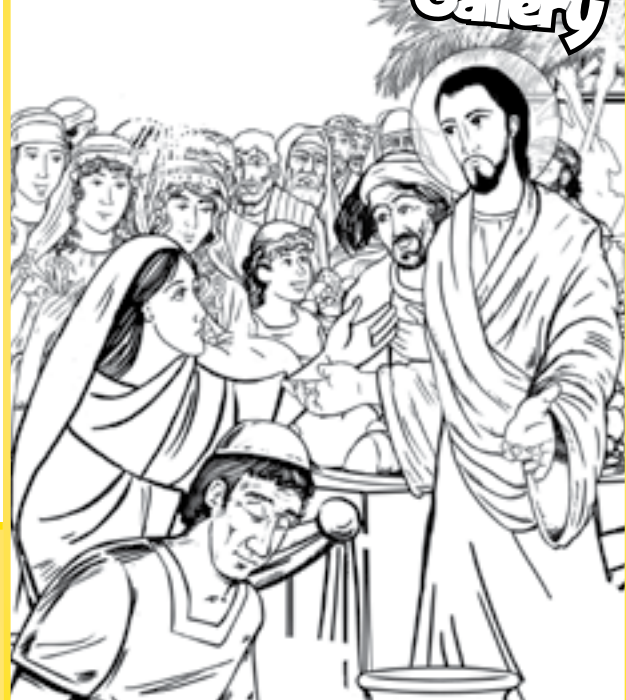
BEST WINE

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **o c d** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Mary noticed that the _____ had _____ out and said to the _____, "Do whatever Jesus _____ you".



Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Tomorrow, Thursday 13th January, we celebrate the Feast of the joyful St Hilary of Poitiers. Even St Hilary's name comes from the Latin word for happy or cheerful. Find out more by clicking [here](http://wednesdayword.org) or visit the Children's Section at: wednesdayword.org (see 'SAINTS FACTFILES').

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

