

Parish Press

Sunday January 19th, 2025

Sentence

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. John 2.11

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God,
whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee:
help us to believe and obey,
so that, as our Saviour promised,
we may be filled with the wine of new life
and show forth his joy and love;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings

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| Isaiah 62.1-5 | Page (OT) 536 |
| Psalms 36.5-10 | Page (OT) 396 |
| 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 | Page 133 |
| John 2.1-11 | Page 71 |

Today's services are

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Holy Communion Service followed by morning tea

This week we pray for all who live in St James Avenue, Mont Albert

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. (Isaiah 43.2)

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Mark's Reflections

This morning in our Gospel reading we have the well-known story of the Wedding at Cana, the first public miracle of Jesus' ministry, taking place at a wedding feast in Cana. The scene is filled with human joy and celebration, as a couple begins their life together, surrounded by family and friends. However, an unexpected problem arises: the wine runs out. This would have been a great embarrassment to the hosts, as running out of wine at a wedding was considered a significant failure of hospitality.

Mary, noticing the problem, turns to Jesus with a simple but profound statement: "They have no wine." Her words are not just a request but an invitation for Jesus to step into the situation, even if it seems outside of his usual mission. Jesus' initial response, "My hour has not yet come," might sound dismissive at first, but it actually points to a deeper understanding. "My hour" refers to the moment of his ultimate glorification through his death and resurrection, suggesting that his actions, even in moments like this, are always tied to the larger picture of God's plan.

Yet, in a compassionate act, Jesus performs his first miracle, turning water into wine, and not just any wine, but the best wine of the banquet. The quality and abundance of the wine reveal God's generosity and His desire to bless the lives of those who trust in Him. This miracle is a sign of the coming kingdom of God, a kingdom characterized by joy, abundance, and transformation.

What does this miracle tell us about Jesus? First, it shows that He is concerned with the ordinary needs of human life. Jesus doesn't just attend to spiritual or extraordinary needs; He cares about the practical details of our daily lives—whether that's a wedding feast or the quiet needs we have in our own hearts. He shows us that nothing is too small for God's attention.

Secondly, the miracle points to Jesus as the new wine, the one who offers something far better than what came before. The transformation of water into wine can be seen as a symbol of the new life that Jesus offers through His death and resurrection. He transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary, just as He transforms the lives of those who follow Him.

Finally, the response of the disciples is significant: "They believed in Him." This miracle, though simple, deepens their faith in Jesus, revealing His divine power and the beginning of their understanding of who He truly is. Jesus' signs are not just displays of power but invitations to believe in Him and trust in His promises.

As we reflect on this passage, we are invited to bring our own needs to Jesus, trusting that He cares about every part of our lives. In a world that often feels lacklustre or broken, this miracle reminds us that Jesus brings the best wine—the abundance of grace, joy, and transformation—that can only be found in Him.

Reminders

- **Wednesday Services are back!**
- **Family Communion Services begin again on February 2 with the 'Blessing of the Backpacks'**
- **Choral Evensong on Sunday February 2 followed by wine and cheese**

SAVE THE DATE:

Women's Breakfast Group

The Women's Breakfast will be held on the following dates this year: 29th March, 31st May, 30th August & 29th November (High Tea 2-4pm).

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast will be held on the following dates this year: 8th March, 10th May, 12th July, 13th September, 8th November, they are 8.30am -10am at Chit Chat.

Holy Trinity Sunday Morning Tea Roster 2025

Morning Tea roster sheets for 2025 are on a clipboard in Trinity Kitchen (if you don't receive a copy from Di Weetman). Thank you to all who have so willingly offered to help again in 2025.

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, William Stewart (Stu) Parry, Robyn Foskett, Thelma Fiddymont, Rachel Hayman, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Pam Dewar, Edith Jenkins, Sue Hand, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Hayden Daley.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Olive Mullins, Mervyn Brumley, Norman Dodd, Gwenyth Craig-Brown, Jessie Rutledge, Eileen Goldsworthy, Ian Dewar, Francis Campbell, Marvine Walkinshaw,

Hope25 Prayer

You call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;
by your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service;
that through our words and actions the same Spirit may
bring many who are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope that we can have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.

Amen

This Week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday

9.30-12.30 Office Hours

Wednesday

10am Service of Holy
Communion followed by
morning tea

Thursday

9.30-12.30 Office Hours
10am Parish Prayer Service

Sunday

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Australia Day Service
followed by morning tea

Readings this week

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| Monday | Mark 2.18-22 |
| Tuesday | Mark 2.23-28 |
| Wednesday | Mark 3.1-6 |
| Thursday | Mark 3.7-12 |
| Friday | Mark 3.13-19 |
| Saturday | Mark 3.20-21 |
| Sunday | Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 |
| | Psalm 19 |
| | 1 Corinthians 12.12-31 |
| | Luke 4.14-21 |

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