



19 January 2025

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."

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of Mathew Mathew and George Mathew.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for the **intentions of Jeannette Gerry and family.**

Mass times in our family of parishes

Holy Name

Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 11 am

Our Lady & St Philomena

Sunday 9.30 am

Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4.30 pm and Sunday 10 am

Archdiocese of Liverpool
Parishes of Holy Name and
Our Lady & Saint Philomena

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Road, L9 6BU

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

Baptisms: By prior arrangement.

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.

Rosary: Before each weekday Mass.

Novena: After Wednesday evening Mass at
Our Lady & St Philomena.

Exposition: Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

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. Please also specify the reason
for the intention, i.e. lately dead, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please request early.
To enable more Mass intentions to be said in
the parish and not sent away, the Mass may
be shared unless you request otherwise.

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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Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

1st reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11



Psalm response

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among
all the peoples.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £1,118.18

Baptism

Congratulations to Rosie Florence Cowley
and Leo Oliver Cowley who receive the
sacrament of baptism at Holy Name on
Sunday 19 January.

Welcome

We welcome Oliver Liam Wildman to
Mass at Our Lady & St Philomena this
weekend as they will receive the sacrament
of baptism on Sunday 26 January.

Parish feast day

We celebrate our patronal feast of the
Most Holy Name of Jesus on Sunday 19th
January. In the liturgical calendar, the feast
of the Holy Name of Jesus is on January 3rd
and has been moved to the nearest available
Sunday.

After Mass on Sunday, in the room behind
the altar, refreshments of tea, coffee,
biscuits and cake will be available.

Epiphany blessing

Please take a copy of the Epiphany
blessing 20+C+M+B+25 for your home to
ask the Lord's blessing on you and your
family in this new year.

Sacrament of confirmation

If you are in year 8 (or above) and would
like to receive the sacrament of
confirmation, register at the Liverpool
Archdiocesan confirmation website
<https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk>. Registration is
open from 13 January to 17 March.

Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus

Most merciful Jesus, by that Precious Blood which You willingly shed for sinners, I beg You to wash away all my sinfulness and to look graciously upon me, a poor and unworthy sinner, as I call upon Your holy Name. Therefore, Jesus, save me for the sake of Your holy Name.

Could you be a Deacon?

Diaconate information evening on Thursday 30 January (new date) with the Archbishop. Refreshments from 7 pm, evening starts at 7.30 pm. At St John's Presbytery, 13 Powell Street, WN1 1XD

Vocations chat

For young people (17 - 30), an online opportunity to find out more about the vocation to religious life and priesthood. There will be some input from different Religious, opportunity to chat with other young people who are asking similar questions, and time for a Q&A session.

Register: <https://bit.ly/VocationsChat25>

Vocations weekend

A vocations weekend for women on the theme 'Discerning God's call in your life' takes place from 21 to 23 February in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus.

Are you wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more? You can stay for the weekend or just for the day on Saturday. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection, a chance to ask questions and meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or go to <https://fcjsisters.org>

Numbers galore

Numbers are 4 and 13. Three winners.

Mass for Jack Traynor

Many of you will know that Jack Traynor's cure in 1923 during the first Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923 has now formally been declared a miracle. Thus, the cure of Jack Traynor has now been recognised as the 71st official miracle to have happened at Lourdes, and he is the first person from England to be cured at the shrine.

We will, therefore, have a special Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated at 7 pm on Tuesday 18 February at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. A drinks reception will follow in the Cathedral Crypt. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form <https://forms.office.com/e/U9Vg0WK4pW>

As this is expected to be a popular event, the Cathedral need to know numbers in advance for both health and safety and catering purposes.

The archdiocese is looking into the prospect of sending free coaches from each deanery area. If you are interested in this, please note this on the form so they can gauge interest from every area. Please include your contact details so they can get in touch with further details.

If you are unable to access the form above, sign-up sheets are available in church. The names will be collated and a 'block bookings' for each church will be made online. **Please add your name to the sign-up sheets by Sunday 31 January.**

Catholic Pic

Unfortunately, printed copies of the January edition of the Catholic Pic have not yet arrived.

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently

Kathleen Clarke, Patricia 'Pat' Breen,
Carmel Louise Ventre, Fred Spike
May they rest in peace

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 18th	11.00 am	Holy Name	Holy Hour
	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Canon Mount Jean's intentions and parishioners Eddie Yanez, RIP
Sunday 19th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Porche (sick) intention Baby Kiraz, still born, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Jean M ^c Kane, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Linda Smith, RIP
Monday 20th			No service
Tuesday 21st	10.00 am	Holy Name	Theresa Stoneley Thanksgiving
Wednesday 22nd	10.00 am	Holy Name	Lynn Davies, lately dead Teri Kissock, special intention
	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Margaret Brayer, get well For all who helped at Christmas and with hampers <i>Novena after Mass</i>
Thursday 23rd	9.15 am	Holy Name	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00 am	Holy Name	New year wishes, Mrs Atherton and family Catherine Sharrock, RIP
Friday 24th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Special intention and thanksgiving Sr Kathleen, birthday
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 25th	<i>5.30 pm</i>	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Baby Robyn, Mass of the Angels, family intentions, lately dead, 8 weeks old
Sunday 26th	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes James Christopher Billington, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Bob Banks, lately dead
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Joseph Dann, lately dead David Taylor, lately dead

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