

Lourdes. In each one, we see how Our Lady encourages us to come to her son with our needs and also to seek forgiveness. In a way, this tradition began at the Wedding at Cana, the first occasion when Our Lady asked her son to assist those in need. And, of course, the important thing to note is that Jesus responded immediately and very generously.

In the apparition at Knock, we see Our Lady directing us towards her Son who is represented as a lamb on the altar. St John is also present at Knock and is seen preaching from a book, perhaps his own Gospel, showing the importance of communicating the word of God to others. Our Lady will always intercede for us with her son, Jesus.

When reflecting on this reading, Pope Francis said:

"The wedding feast at Cana is more than a simple account of Jesus' first miracle. Like a treasure chest, He guards the secret of his Person and the purpose of his coming: the awaiting Groom starts off the wedding that is fulfilled in the Paschal Mystery. At this wedding Jesus binds his disciples to himself in a new and final Covenant. At Cana Jesus' disciples become his family and at Cana the faith of the Church is born. We are all invited to the wedding feast because the new wine will never run short!"

This Sunday, as we recall the marriage at Cana, let us pray for all married couples, for those preparing for marriage, for separated people and for those who have lost a spouse. May we all be inspired by their efforts to live good Christian lives.

In our second reading today, which is from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, we are told that *"there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people."*

The reading concludes by reminding us that: *"all these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses".* This reading really speaks to the church of our times where all our gifts are really needed as we plan for a future that will be different from what went before. The reading refers to a variety of gifts that God has given to us to share with others and, like the wedding at Cana, he is generous in giving us these gifts. Our challenge for 2022 is to rediscover our gifts and to use them to help our Christian community to grow despite the challenges of our times. This is a new year resolution that we should all try to keep.

Gerard Reilly - Permanent Deacon in Malahide and Portmarnock parishes

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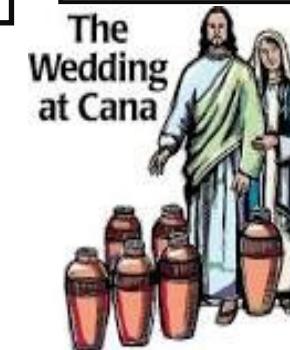
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"Do Whatever He Tells You"

16th January 2022



for his son.

It is said that when St John was an old man, he would always tell people to "love one another." The marriage

imagery puts all the emphasis on love, and this is frequently present in his Gospel.

"Do whatever he tells you". These words of Our Lady in this Gospel story are often used to describe the intercessory power of the mother of God for us with her Son. We are encouraged to pray to Our Lady, and she will then pray for us to her son Jesus and ask that our requests are heard. This is one of the very few occasions when Our Lady speaks in the Gospels and it is a call to action.

Down through the centuries there have been many apparitions of Our Lady, such as at Knock, Fatima and

Today's Gospel, the Wedding at Cana, will be familiar to us especially from wedding ceremonies. There is a certain extravagance to it. It has been estimated that Jesus changed somewhere between 75 and 115 litres of water into wine. There is an incredible generosity to that.

And so it is in our lives of faith. Jesus will be equally generous to us if we follow the path he has chosen for us. In Luke 6:38, we are told that *"a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."*

St John, the beloved disciple whose Gospel we read today, is someone who was especially close to Jesus. He is referred to in the gospel as *"the disciple whom Jesus loved"*. I'm sure that he drew inspiration for his writing from his personal experiences of Jesus throughout his ministry. St John recalls the words of Jesus when he explained that his love for us mirrors God the Father's love

Where does your donation go? First Collection, Christmas, Easter & Summer Dues
 -all go into the Common Fund at Archbishop's House where they are redistributed to pay the salaries of all the priests working in the Diocese, to pay priests in non-income-earning appointments, priests on study leave, priests who are ill and our retired priests. Offerings for Funerals are divided between the priest, the parish and the diocese. Offerings for Baptism and Weddings are divided between the priest and the diocese.

Second collection – SHARE – goes to a fund in Archbishop's House to support diocesan services, pastoral projects and poorer parishes.

The Donate Button – on the Parish Website goes directly to Archbishop's House.
The new Tap & Go donations – go directly to Archbishop's House and are divided 60% to support priests and 40% to SHARE.

Weekly envelopes (Planned Giving), Standing Orders and Shrine Donations & the Parish Lotto funds remain here in the Parish and are our only source of income for Parish expenses and to cover heat and light, maintenance, staff salaries and on-going parish development projects.

Donations and bequests given specifically for the support of the parish remain here in the parish. If you wish to make a donation to the parish for any particular purpose, please put it into an envelope, indicating what it is for, and place the envelope in one of the safes at the Church doors.

We welcome in
 Baptism:
 Louie Eoin Murray



*May this newly baptised child
 always know and love Jesus
 as his friend*

Holy Child National School, Enrolment for September 2022

Enrolment opened on the 3rd January 2022 for Junior Infants and the Junior ASD Class. Please see Enrolment Section of the school website www.holychildns.ie for further information.

Recently Deceased:

You are asked to remember in your Prayers –
 Bernadette Ivers
 Eileen Cooney
 Sinead Lowndes

May they enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



Anam Cara North Dublin
 An organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th January at 7.20pm. in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin Tel: 085 2888 888 for queries

Church Gate Collection
 The monthly collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will resume this weekend **15th & 16th January 2022**. Future Collections for the Society will be on the 2nd weekend of each month

Please take a copy of the Newsletter home with you.
Please do not leave it on the seat or return it to the boxes at the doors.

Thank you.



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last weeks' results :

1st Jackpot 3 16 26 27 2nd Jackpot 14 15 23 30
 No Jackpot winners. The winners of the €25 prizes were as follows:
 M. Maher, F. Gallagher, S. McLoughlin, M. Scott, K. Heffernan,
 S. Joseph and L Lawlor.

Next weeks' Prizes are as follows: 1st Jackpot €15,000

2nd Jackpot €1,350

Plus seven Consolation Prizes of €25.

Envelopes available at the church doors and in the Parish Centre.
 Entries must be received by 9.45a.m on Tuesday morning. Results will be published at the Church doors and in the Parish newsletter.



Mass Intentions for the coming week

Church of the Holy Child

Sat 15th Jan	7.00p.m.	Betty Kelleher – Month's Mind
Sun 16th Jan	10.30a.m.	Ethel Smith, Dominick Duffy - Anniversaries
	12.30p.m.	Eileen Fynes – Month's Mind
		Alan McQuillan – Anniversary
		Deceased members of the Hannigan Family – R.I.P.
		Philip O'Reilly – Anniversary
		Mary Gray – Month's Mind
		Kay O'Connor – Anniversary
		Christine Hilda Nolan – Anniversary
		Peter Nolan – Anniversary
		Jack & Rose Leonard – Anniversaries
Mon 17th Jan	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Tues 18th Jan	9.15a.m.	Anthony Kinnear – Month's Mind
		Patrick & Kathleen Maples – Anniversaries
		Mary Elizabeth Crowley – R.I.P.
Wed 19th Jan	9.15a.m.	Rose Fannin – Anniversary
Thurs 20th Jan	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Fri 21st Jan	9.15a.m.	Available for Intention
Sat 22nd Jan	7.00p.m.	Pauline McEvoy – Month's Mind
		Noel O'Reilly – Anniversary
		Bridget Goggin – Anniversary
		Joe Corrigan – (Anniv) & Rita Corrigan - R.I.P.
		Robert Halpin – Anniversary
		John Loughlin – Anniversary
		Lily McDonagh – Month's Mind
	12.30p.m.	<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
Sun 23rd Jan	10.30a.m.	Pat & Michelle O'Toole – Anniversaries
		Bron & Tommy Finnegan – Anniversaries
		Mike & Pat Farrelly – Anniversaries