



Our Lord, who is the fulfilment of God’s covenant with his people shows his divinity during the Wedding at Cana when he hears his mother says, ‘*they have no wine.*’ Note the mediator role that Mary is to play in the history of salvation. **In telling the servants to do as He tells you, Mary is nudging us to do likewise.**

As the wedding scene plays on, one cannot help but reflect on the role of the unnamed servants who listen to Mary. A teeny-weeny role of carrying the water but an essential one at that. Perhaps they remain oblivious to the miracle that has taken place for the head servant to remark that the bridegroom (who is also not named) that the best wine is kept to the last. Nevertheless, they partake in the first recorded miracle of Jesus.

Today, we know that the Bridegroom is Jesus, who comes to inaugurate the Supper of the Lamb, the banquet of the Lord. We know that the best wine is the gift of the Holy Spirit given us, the co-heirs, sons and daughters who are baptised. We have our Jesus’ stories and the Psalmist tells us to proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations, announcing his salvation, day after day. St Paul tells us *there are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; different forms of service but the same Lord, different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.*

Given our diverse background and cultures, how rich our Church will be when we come together to exercise our gifts. Mother Teresa of Calcutta says *to do small things with great love. Just do as He tells us*, like carrying pitchers of water if we are asked to. The Lord will do the rest. Selfless living, that is the way to go. Look to Mother Mary for her mediation – she leads us to Jesus. ❖

“I am not only the Queen of Heaven, but also the Mother of Mercy, and your Mother”

Diary of St. Faustina, 330.

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 95: 1-3, 7-10

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

John 2: 1-11

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

19 January 2025
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE CHURCH - CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL

Do Whatever He Tells You

The image of weddings captivates us in the readings. The setting in Isaiah 62 is that of an exilic people, sitting desolate in Babylon. The prophet consoles them with these words, ‘... *your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.*’ In short, God is affirming His people that he will restore them and seals the covenant with them.

