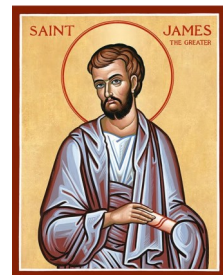


**2ND SUNDAY
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19 JANUARY**

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Gospel Reflection

Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery – bride and groom – to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an 'old married couple' but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion. This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would have recognised the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast – at the coming together of God and God's people, Jesus is present! It is a very neat and quite deliberate follow on from the prologue of the Gospel of John where the gospel writer uses the image of 'the Word made flesh who lives among us' to describe Jesus. The Word has come into the world and the first public appearance is at an event that symbolises the relationship between God and God's people.

The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, 'They have no wine', but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus was left in no doubt that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss; no argument. How do mothers do it?

Gospel Focus – The best wine

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.

From the perspective of ... The servants

What must the servants have been thinking? First of all, there was insufficient wine for the feast. They probably knew who was going to wear the blame for that ordering mistake! Then they're told to fill the enormous water jars with water, draw some into a serving vessel and go and present it to the steward of the household – effectively their overseer; their boss! They must have been very nervous about how the steward would respond to what they were taking to him. Yet they, along with Mary and Jesus, were the only witnesses to Jesus' first miracle! Even the steward was unaware of the miracle.

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Our Invitation to the upcoming Catholic Foundation module organized by Archdiocesan Ministries. Please note that the modules can be taken independently. Module One: **Catholic Theology in Context**. The module is not just intellectual, it is experiential, so be ready to understand God more deeply, and experience God personally. St James will be a hub if we get the minimum (5). Price \$150 per participant. Begins **Monday 3rd February 2025**.

Pamphlet information at side table. Speakers to promote this will be at each mass this weekend.

The content and discussion will address questions such as, if God is infinite, is it even possible to know God? What reasons do we have for belief in the existence of God beyond religious frameworks? Within the Catholic understanding, how has God been revealed to humanity throughout history? What does it mean to know God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? What is the word that God speaks to us in Christ and what is the Gospel? How do we live in relationship to God in the Church? And finally, what principles underpin Catholic Theology?

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Mass & Services

WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am

WEEKDAY: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm...

PERPETUAL ADORATION: will return 11th February 2025.

(Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Anointing Mass 14th February (School opening 7th Feb)

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th February 2025

KERALA COMMUNITY MASS: 19 January 2025 at 4pm (not 26th)

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship

followed by Message)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass.

**Parishioners
register with
Flocknote**





Please pray for recently deceased: Margaret Carew; Fr Kim Bok-Chon (Johan) OSA; Andrea Arquileta; Joan Harding; Caroline Bremner; Loreta Mesina; Trevor Wilkinson; Fr Joseph Truong OP; Peter Lwat.

And these anniversaries: Maxima Aquilizan; Ron Ketter; Barbara Sanguino; Peter Ward; Zosimo Cruspero; Paciencia Ala-an; Lourdes John; Dolores Reyes.

Please pray for these unwell: Marilyn Graham; Ian Gillespie; George Erbacher; Bien Lorenzo; Jenny Hapea; Germain Fernando; Rebecca Evans; Michael Barton; Phil Draheim; Benjamin Kett; Ty De Paoli; Alex Hastings; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

Please pray for these Baptismal children: Arthur Chan; Elle Cybulski; Eloise Quinn.

Date claimer: **Pasasalamat 26 January 2025, 9am – 3pm.** Reflect Respect Celebrate.
St James church for Mass. Hall and School grounds for entertainment and Free BBQ after 9am Mass.
You are all warmly invited to attend. Please scan QR code for catering.
Dress in your cultural dress or Australia! A celebration of gratitude to Australia.
See church doors for more information.



On the 25th January 1925 on the feast of St Paul the Apostle this first stone of the church erected to the glory of God under the title and patronage of St James the Apostle was blessed and placed by the most Reverence J. Duhiq D. D. Archbishop of Brisbane in the reign of Pope Pius Eleventh with the Reverend J. O'Leary being the Parish Priest.
We will celebrate our Church Building Centenary throughout 2025, we are the living stones building community.

Young Adults Ministry invites all young adults (18-35) who are seeking God in fellowship with others, to come check out our YAM ministry. All our activities are listed on the brochure at side entrance. youthandyoungadults@gmail.com
Young Adults Brotherhood First Event -
All young men welcomed to join the guys on a hike to Glasshouse Mountains and a BBQ on the 25th January.
Contact Brotherhood leader Oliver at 0435 574 737.

Saturday 1st, Sunday 2nd February—Presentation of the Lord weekend. **Bring along your candles** to be blessed before each mass. (remember blessings to February birthdays and anniversaries at these first weekend masses).

Parishioner of St James **Alastair invites** fellow parishioners ... his mum (visiting from South Africa) will be doing an Ikebaba demonstration in Coorparoo Saturday afternoon 25th January. Welcome to join us. See noticeboard!

Year 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation / Penance Program for Children 2025 at St James Parish.
Your children (10yrs) have already had their Confirmation and their First Holy Communion.
Monday 3rd February – we invite you to the parent info session in the church at 6pm.



Date claimer: You are invited to our **St James RAP Launch—Reconciliation Action Plan at all masses** on weekend of 8th / 9th February 2025. This RAP outlines how St James is continuing our journey towards reconciliation with Indigenous Australians. **Special event at 9am Mass on Sunday 9th February** that will include our Indigenous guests conducting a smoking ceremony along with a didgeridoo player. Cuppa to celebrate afterwards.

Next week	3rd Sunday Ordinary January 26	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)	Libby C	n/a	Jan Q	Jan Q
COMMENTATOR	Karleen O'R	David B	June S	June S
LECTOR	Helen D	Barb DeP	Loleta S (Christine U-M)	Loleta S (Christine U-M)
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Lorie R (away) Geoff P Sylvia P	Heather L Christy U Priya	Doreen C Amor McC SeanHq	Doreen C Amor McC SeanHq
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R (away)	Brendon G or Drew N	Leah S / Alejandra / Leo	Leah S / Alejandra / Leo
POWERPOINT	Lachlan	...	June S	June S
WELCOMER	Karen /	David /	Loida Roland Ian Gian	Loida Roland Ian Gian

Counters

January 18 / 19 Karleen & Sandra

January 25 / 26 Brendon & Kevin

Next Sunday's Readings 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time (Australia Day)

Scan to view readings

(Year C January 26)

First Reading *Isaiah 32: 15-18* The effect of justice will be peace.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12: 4-11* One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

Gospel Reading *Luke 12: 22-32* It has pleased your heavenly Father to give you the kingdom.

