

PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 JANUARY 2025

READING: JOHN 2:1-11

Scripture Lessons:



The Wedding at Cana

In today's Gospel, John describes the first of the seven "signs" by which Jesus showed forth His Divinity. When the wine "ran short," Jesus' Mother told Jesus about it. At first Jesus seemed to refuse to do anything about it. But later he told the servants to fill six large stone jars with water and take some of the miraculous water-made-wine to the headwaiter. When they did so, the headwaiter expressed his surprise that such a good wine had been reserved for late use.

Life Messages:

1) Let us, "invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes" when we feel shortages in our family lives. The spouses need Jesus and Mary when their dreams are gone, mutual love seems dried up, the relationship becomes boring, and raising the children becomes a burden draining all their energy. The awareness of the presence of Jesus and Mary in the family will encourage parents to create an atmosphere of prayer, Bible-reading, mutual love, and respect, with a spirit of forgiveness and sacrificial service at home. This change will refresh and renovate family life.

2) Let us follow Mary's instruction, "**Do whatever He tells you.**" This is the only recorded command given by Mary in the New Testament, and it is a prerequisite for miracles in our families. The Bible tells us how to do the will of God and effect salvific changes in our daily lives.

3) Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us also to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern, and care.

4) Let us learn to appreciate the miracles of God's providence in our lives. God, often as an uninvited guest in our families, works daily miracles in our lives by protecting us from physical and moral dangers, providing for our needs, inspiring us, and strengthening us with His Holy Spirit.

Prayer to the Holy Name - St. Bernardine of Siena

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace,
love and strength!

You are the refuge of those who
repent,

our banner of warfare in this life,
the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who
mourn,

the delight of those who believe,
the light of those who preach the true faith,
the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick.

To You our devotion aspires;

by You our prayers are received;
we delight in contemplating You.

O Name of Jesus, You are the glory
of all the saints for eternity.

Amen.



NB: The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

MASS TIMES FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Saturday 18 January St Prisca, virgin and martyr <i>Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life.</i>	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 19 JANUARY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.</i>	9:30am 11:00am	Departed members and in-laws of Bagnarliol family. Parishioners
Monday 20 January St Fabian Pope, martyr St Sebastian, martyr <i>You are a priest for every, a priest like Melchizedek of old.</i>	No Mass	-----
Tuesday 21 January St Agnes, virgin and martyr <i>The Lord keeps his covenant ever in mind.</i>	No Mass	-----
Wednesday 22 January St Vincent, deacon and martyr <i>Is it against the law on the Sabbath day to save life?</i>	No Mass	-----
Thursday 23 January St John the Almsgiver, bishop <i>Here I am Lord' I come to do your will.</i>	No Mass	-----
Friday 24 January St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor <i>Mercy and faithfulness have met.</i>	No Mass	-----
Saturday 25 January Conversion of St Paul the Apostle <i>Go out to the world; proclaim the Good News.</i>	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 26 JANUARY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday of the word of God. <i>He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.</i>	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners Parishioners

Readers: 19 January 2025

Sat 6:30	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:00
Roland Young	Eileen Livesey	Alicia Gabrielle Prunier



**Confession is before or after
Mass or at any convenient
time you want.
Arrange with the
Parish Priest.**

Weekly Collection:

- **5th January 2025:** £125.14
- Standing Orders: £118.25
- **12th January 2025:** £215.21
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generosity in the upkeep of the parish.**