

The church is open for quiet thought or prayer
from 8am – 5.30pm Monday – Friday,
11am – 4pm on Saturdays.
Monday – Friday there will be daily mass at 12.15pm.
Monday 1.05pm Mediation group.
On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Thank you for attending our service this morning. You are all very welcome to join us after the service for tea/coffee in the Church hall.

A Reading from a hymn of Ephrem of Syria

I have invited you, Lord, to a wedding-feast of song,
but the wine—the utterance of praise—at our feast has failed.
You are the guest who filled the jars with good wine,
fill my mouth with Your praise.




The wine that was in the jars was akin and related to
this eloquent wine that gives birth to praise,
seeing that that wine too gave birth to praise
from those who drank it and beheld the wonder.

You who are so just, if at a wedding-feast not your own
You filled six jars with good wine,
do you, at this wedding-feast, fill, not the jars,
but the ten thousand ears with its sweetness.

Jesus, you were invited to the wedding-feast of others,
here is your own pure and fair wedding-feast: gladden your
rejuvenated people,
for your guests too, O Lord, need
Your songs; let your harp utter!

The soul is your bride, the body your bridal chamber,
Your guests are the senses and the thoughts.
And if a single body is a wedding-feast for you,
how great is your banquet for the whole church!

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20th January, Epiphany 2

Celebrant: Fr Paul Kennedy
Preacher: Edward Bunting

Setting Parish Mass - Allcoat

Hymn 55 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36: 5-10

R With you is the well of life

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. **R**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart. **R**

I Corinthians 12.1 – 11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2.1 – 11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

For your prayers:

Those who are ill: Jim Bell, Carlo Fazzi, Alison Hird ,
Meredith Chesterman

Those who have died recently: Pat Magowan, Betty Sullivan,
Joan Hedges

Offertory Hymn 294 Just as I am without One Plea

Anthem Love bade we welcome - V Williams

Thanksgiving Hymn 372 He who would Valiant Be

Readings next Sunday, Epiphany 3, Year C
Neh 8:1-3 5-6 8-10, 1 Cor 12: 12-31a, Lk 4: 14-21

Looking ahead

Weds 6 Feb 6.30pm Patronal Feast Day, Evensong