

Water into Wine

God reveals his glory in the unlikeliest of places – in a stable at Bethlehem, at a wedding party in Cana, on a bloody cross on Golgatha. In today’s gospel reading we see the first public miracle or sign which Jesus did. Jesus blessed a young couple and brought joy to their wedding party. First by his presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness; but giving the best to last was unnecessary and unheard of. In the Old Testament wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God (Deuteronomy 7:13; Proverbs 3:10, Psalm 105:). That Jesus would miraculously produce 120 gallons of the best wine (many times more than needed) shows the superabundance of the blessings which he came to offer.

This miracle signifies the "new rich wine" of the Gospel and it points to the “wine of the new covenant” and the “bread of life” which Jesus provides for his disciples in the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist. It also points to the Messianic banquet which Jesus will provide at the end of the age when he comes again in glory. The miracles of Jesus demonstrate the power of God's love and mercy for his people. God's kindness knows no limits. And the ultimate expression of his love is revealed in the person of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He became flesh for our sake, and he died for our redemption, and he rose for our glorification. Do you thirst for God and for the life of holiness he offers?

"Father, you have revealed your glory in our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may bring you glory in all that I do and say."

Saint Paul the Apostle, Tottenham

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2nd Sunday of the Year



Hymns this week

Preparation : 367, 58, 459

Mass: 119, 121, 117, 361, 270, 223, 45, 56

The week at Saint Paul's

Mon 18	weekday	7.30am	Mass
Tue 19	weekday	7.00pm 7.30pm	Rosary Mass
Wed 20	weekday	12noon	Mass Coleraine Club
Thu 21	S. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	9.15am	School Mass
Fri 22	weekday	7.30pm	Mass Social Club
Sat 23	Of Our Lady	9.00am	Mass
Sunday 24	Conversion of S. Paul	8.00am 10.30am 5.15pm	Mass Parish Mass Mass

NOTICES THIS WEEK:

Spurs Cafe Rota: Fr James is organising the rota which he will publish in early January. It is not too late to add your name to this if you are interested in helping out.

Social Committee: following our extended PCC meeting yesterday it was resolved to form a new social committee to plan our year's social events. This committee is not confined to members of the Parochial Church Council and we would welcome volunteers from all sections of the congregation. It is important that our events are organised with the whole congregation in mind, so please consider whether you are able to serve. If interested, have a word with Fr Mark, Fr James, Elizabeth or Michael.

The Coleraine Club resumes this week, meeting after the 12noon Mass.

100 Club: December's winners: 29 (£100); 93 (£50); 39 (£25).

Eucharistic Ministers' Morning on Saturday 20 February, beginning with Mass at 9.00am and finishing at 11.00am. This is for all of our Eucharistic Ministers, so do please make it a priority to be here.

Looking ahead: Ash Wednesday is early this year, falling on 17 February. Sorry to mention this so soon after Christmas has ended, but please put this date into your diary.

For your diary: Quiet Afternoon before Holy Week will be on Saturday 27 March, starting at 10.00 with Mass. There will be no 9am mass that day.

Sunday 24 January is the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, one of our Patronal Feasts. Please make sure this date is in the diary. There will be a parish bring and share lunch after Mass to celebrate our Patronal Festival.

Collection last week:
plate: £67.25
Envelopes: £492.60

Rotas next week:

Eucharistic Ministers:	Michael & Kim
Sidespersons:	Mariama, Zena & Ruby
Teas & Coffees:	Serwah
Cleaning:	Esther & Emma
Readers & Intercessor:	Colin, Mariama & Davis

IN YOUR PRAYERS:



The Church: The Church in Haiti

The World: Haiti

The Community: The homeless

In Hospital or Sick:

Dennis Hurley, Gwen Bailey, Vincent Wheatle, John Davy, Valerie Munroe, Anetha Langford, Hilary Stoughton, Rita Mason, Grace Adjekum, Norma Campbell, Hilary Robinson, Ruth Williams, Edna Henry, Myra Lea, Pat Nurse, Magdalen Octave, David Brown, Mary Edwards, Benjamin Browne, Hugh Davis, Ken Lovell, Joe Salmon, Pearl Welsh, Mary White, Franklin Farrington, Chanel Jones, Rheama Ivy Nhyira Wimfrey-Dallas, Ama Achiah, John Duah, Francis Layne, Olajumoke & Toyin, Charles Bryceland, Mary White, Cynthia Myers, Veta James, Henry Robinson, Tumpa Rahman, Denise Robotham, Cheryl Codrington, Baby Freddy Hearn, Jacob Sear, Shenelle Dyal, Florence Lan-George, baby Josh, Oliver Lewis, Patricia Salmon, Winifred Gordon, Sharon Roberts, Edward Agyeman, Shaun Tyrell, Selvin Grant, Elaine Mitchell, Fr Geoffrey Seabrook, Fred Dyer, Valerie, Neil Thompson, Judith Brown-Davis

Please use the 'Prayer Request' card when commending someone for prayer.

Those who have asked for Prayers:

Olive Blagrove, Enid Davy, Jermaine, Sandra Davis, John Duah, Danah Grant-White, Sylvia Dabriel, Eunice Markum Riley, Marcia Ford, Hyacinth Brown, Gaynor Brown, Carl Sealy, Matilda-Owusu Ansah, Yvonne Tyrell, Stanley Hayes, Prince Lewis, Laura Regisford, Jurelle Hayles, Houston Jones, Daniel Stevens, Celis Jacobs, Kwame Fosu-Gyemsi, Cyril Layne, Mrs Ogunsian, Paula Simms, Kim, Charlene, Daphne Hayles, the Schroyögg family, Fedora Karoma, Frank Piper, Yaw Antwi-Boasiako, Khalon Hayesman, Temitope Oluwa, Marietta Gilkes,, Elise Hayles, Ama Achiah, Kofi Appiah, Derrick McDonald, Suzanne McDonald, Pat Thompson, Christine Mullan, Anastasia Anstey, Sally Eyres, Zena Cudjoe, Osei Owusu, Brian Kennaby

Faithful Departed: Gilbert Stewart

Anniversaries: Margaret Valentine

Victor Lan-George (17th); Florence Vaughan, May Field (18th); Leonard Howell (21st); Arthur Hartree (22nd).