



The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

This Week at the Priory

**The Priory will be closed
January 1st till January 31st
with the exception of Sundays.**

**January 28th
Epiphany 4**

10:00am Solemn Mass

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, In this sign Jesus revealed his glory and the disciples believed in him. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Hymns: 609

For your prayers this week

Pray for The Church of Bangladesh: Abp. Paul Shishir Sarker, Jonathan Bishop of Ebbsfleet and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp John Gaisford. St. Paul's Church, Hasland, Fr Malcolm Ainscough. St John the Baptist, Staveley, Fr Stephen Jones. St James, Temple Normaton, Fr Malcolm Ainscough. St Andrew, Barrow Hill, Fr Stephen Jones. St Columba, Inkersall, Fr Stephen Jones.

Pray for this Priory, Fr. Paul and the Trustees

Pray for the peace of the world.

Pray for those in need: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

Pray for those who are sick or in need: Simon Plummer, John Clothier, Naomi Puttick, Derek & Barbara Scroggins, Ray Cook, Patti Sibbons, Lisa Bradley, Vienne Moore, Helen Coles, Karen, Jacqui, Jill Butcher, Helen, Elizabeth Wright, Johara Valenzuela, Duncan Payne, Marion Mills and family, Marjorie Saunders, Jakki Mattick.

Pray for the Departed: Charles Wood, Mother Millicent Mary, Fr. Derek Allen, Fr. Paul Raybould, Fr. Antony Henley, Fr. John Nash, Grace Sheen, Sr Elizabeth, Fr. Archibald Hood, Fr. Harnett Jennings, Fr. Ernest Scott, John Jones

Readings for Next Week: Epiphany 4

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Revelation 12:1-5a

Mark 1:21-28



John tells us that the first "sign" that Jesus did was at a wedding at Cana in Galilee, about nine miles northwest of his home in Nazareth. To the embarrassment of the host, the wedding wine ran dry. Jesus had six stone pots used by Jews for ritual washings filled with water and then turned the water into wine.

The miracle was one of quantity and quality. Each pot held twenty to thirty gallons, so the result was 150 gallons of wine, far beyond what the revellers could drink (and reminiscent of the extra food left over after the feeding of the 5,000). There's an inverse ratio here between the trivial problem of running out of wine at a wedding and the bizarre abundance of the solution.

The God that Jesus revealed isn't a stern and stingy God. He's a God of lavish liberality, generosity and extravagance.

John recorded the "many miraculous signs" of Jesus in order to encourage faith in those who heard about them, even if they didn't witness them first hand: "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." And that's what happened at Cana; John writes that the disciples "put their faith in him."

But John's purpose extends far beyond the time of Jesus this story is for us that we put our faith in him.

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