After a little coaxing and gentle persuasion from his mother to save a wedding feast from catastrophe, Jesus performs the first of his miracles at Cana in Galilee. However, there is more to his action of changing barrels of water into vats of wine than appears at first sight. He is not merely saving a couple of newly weds from public embarrassment because their wine is running short. What he is really doing is talking to each of us personally about the shortages in our own lives. Could it be true that after a few years of marriage, gone are our dreams? Our love has dried up, we’ve lost our ideals and no longer have the sparkle for living. Bored and routine. John is telling us that we need to be changed for the better. He enriches our lives, and bring greater understanding.

Christ came on earth to change people and to make all things new. He came to change us just as he changed water into wine. His presence among us is an invitation to change our ways and to call a new manner of life. Christ is the spirit of new life who is continually bursting into a world weary of meaningless living. His words are spirit and life and have a message for every age. A few weeks ago we welcomed in a New Year which speaks of new beginnings and a fresh start. With it comes our old familiar resolutions to be better people and transform our living. If we really want to change our lives we have got to turn to Christ and call on his help. Wherever Jesus is found, life is always changed for the better. He enriches the very ordinary, makes it precious and gives an eternal value to the common place.

Panama WYD 2019

Please keep our Kiwi World Youth Day Pilgrims in your prayers as they join thousands from around the world in Panama. You can follow their progress on Facebook #WYDNZ.

We pray for Pope Francis and all those who gather with him in Panama next week for World Youth Day 2019. May these servants of the Lord be open to all that God calls them to do and be.

St Patrick’s Square

Please note that the Square is owned by Auckland Council and NOT the Church. It is designated a pedestrian mall and parking is not permitted.

Cars parked illegally can be fined or towed by city parking wardens.

Spaces on either side of the Cathedral doors must be kept clear for the disabled.

$4 SUNDAY MASS PARKING is available at WILSON’S HOBBSON ST CAR PARK (old Farmers) and $2 SUNDAY MASS PARKING is available at WILSON’S DURHAM LANE CAR PARK.

Your ticket must be validated in the Cathedral before returning to Wilson’s. The validator is at the left as you enter the main doors of the Cathedral. As soon as the light turns RED withdraw your card! When you return to Wilson’s go to the payment machine. It helps to have TWO DOLLAR COINS ready for payment to exit.

TOILETS: Liston Hall toilets open 30 minutes before and after Cathedral services only. 24 HR PUBLIC TOILETS ARE AVAILABLE ON LOWER WYNDHAM STREET.
Liturgy of the Word

~Isaiah 62:1-5 We hear of a new wedding feast between God and his people.
~ Psalm 95 Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.
~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Though there are many spiritual gifts, they all come from the same Spirit. And should be used for building up the community.
~ Gospel John 2:1-12 Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah. The changing of water into wine is a symbol of the old order yielding to the new.

Next Week’s readings: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10; Psalm 18; 1 Corinthians 12:20-30; Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 14-21

For Sunday and weekday readings see: mobilegabriel.com AND www.livingtheword.org.nz

Weekday Masses

Adoration — Resumes Monday 4 February 2019
The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday to Friday from 11.30 am—12.10 pm.
Centring Prayer-Meditation/Contemplation
Tuesday 5.30 pm—6.30 pm in St Peter Chanel Chapel in the Cathedral. All welcome.
Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting
Tuesday 5.30 pm—6.30 pm in St Peter Chanel Chapel in the Cathedral. All welcome.
Friday Rosary—resumes Friday 25 January 2019.
RCIA — Programme for people interested in becoming Catholic. Resumes 7th February. For further information phone 303-4509 or email anita@stpatriarchs.org.nz.

Children’s Liturgy Leaders
Invitations are open for people to join our Children’s Liturgy team. If you are interested in helping to present the Sunday Gospel message at a level that children can understand and enjoy, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Anita, phone 303-4509 or email anita@stpatriarchs.org.nz.

Children’s Sacramental Programmes 2019
Registration forms are available in the Cathedral by the noticeboard. For enquiries phone Anita 303 4509 or email anita@stpatriarchs.org.nz.

Registrations close 9 February.

Validated Parking at Wilson’s Car Parks
Wilson’s Hobson St Car Park, Hobson St $4 for 3 hours. Wilson’s Durham Lane Car Park $2 for 3 hours. This is only available for weekend services.

Mass at the PEACE PLACE - Sundays 8 am
22 Emily Pl, Auckland CBD.

Auckland Anniversary Weekend
Monday the 28th is a public holiday so there will be an 8.30 am Mass only.
The Cathedral Office will be closed and will re-open Tuesday 29 January.

Waitangi Day—Wednesday 6 February
There will be an 8.30 am Mass only and the Cathedral Office will re-open Thursday 7th.

Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth
A day of retreat and reflection on hearing the ‘cry of the poor’ and ‘of the earth’ through the lives of St. Mary Mackillop who urged us to ‘seek the poorest’ and ecologist Julian Tenison Woods. Led by Lyndall Brown rjs and Jill McLoughlin rjs 9am-4pm Saturday 23 February 2019. At the Mary Mackillop Centre, 30 Holgate Road , Kohimarama. Cost: $15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick peterg@cdar.org.nz or phone 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

Caritas Lenten 2019 theme — “Living Our Lives with Love” — is taken from “Gaudete Et Exsultate” — Rejoice and Exult” by Pope Francis. “Living Our Lives with Love” highlights the call to let love permeate all that we do. As Mother Teresa once said: “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

ASH WEDNESDAY, 6 March
Please bring your old palms for the preparation of ashes for Ash Wednesday. A basket is located at the rear of the church for the palms.

Our Ash Wednesday Masses:
7 am, 12.15 am & 1.15 pm. 7.30 pm Combined Services of the Ashes
With Bishop Pat Dunn and the Anglican Bishop, Ross Bay at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell.
Ashes will be distributed at all of the services.

MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTRE
104 The Drive, Epsom. 09 638-6238 info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

Retreat Day: Rediscovering Wholeness of Life in Christ.
How gratitude opens the way. With Sarah Cooper. Saturday 16 February, 9.30am-3.30pm. $65 includes lunch.

Music Workshop: Psalms and Gratitude
With Fr Chris Skinner SM. Saturday 23 February, 10am-1pm. $30 includes. Morning tea. St Columba Centre.

Dreamwork 101: Introduction to Dreamwork
With Margaret Bowater. Friday 22 February, 6-9pm & Saturday 23 February, 9.30am-4pm. $130.

Bookings essential for all courses.

Save the Date — The Cathedral Race Day is back for 2019. Get your fascinators out of the box and save the date - Saturday 28 September.

St Valentine’s Day Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral
A Celebration of Marriage and Family Saturday 16 February at 5.30 pm. All welcome. For further information contact the Auckland Marriage Educators Team on 360-3008 or email Sandra@sandra@cdar.org.nz (Wilson parking at Hobson Street is available for $4. Please validate your ticket in the Cathedral).

Mercy Spirituality Centre
Please pray for those who are sick, recovering from surgery or needing our prayers, especially:

Activities for Young Adults
Outreach – for people 18-30s
For more information contact Rochelle on 022 309 2021. All youth and young adults are welcome.

Diocesan Youth Mass—first Diocesan Youth Mass of 2019 is 10 February at 7 pm at the Cathedral.

Financial Assistance School Attendance Dues
available to assist families who may need financial support with the payment of attendance dues for preference students attending Catholic schools in Auckland Diocese, both primary and secondary.

Families facing financial difficulties can contact their school office, their Parish Priest or the Revenue Manager at the Catholic Diocese of Auckland for further information.

Application forms for the Hardship Scheme are available www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools/ (go to Catholic Schools in Auckland / Attendance Dues and Special Character Contributions).

Pilgrimages 2019
There are a number of pilgrimages available to the Holy Land in 2019 including one with Peter as chaplain. Check out the noticeboard in the Cathedral for more information.

Please pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time . . .