



# Dome of Home

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*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026*



## The Wedding Feast of Cana

The third Mystery of the Epiphany shows us the completion of the merciful designs of God upon the world, at the same time that it manifests to us, for the third time, the glory of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The star has led the soul to faith; the sanctified Waters of the Jordan have conferred purity upon her; the Marriage-Feast unites her to her God. We have been considering, during this Octave, the Bridegroom revealing himself to the Spouse; we have heard him calling her to come to him from the heights of Libanus; and now, after having enlightened and purified her, he invites her to the heavenly feast, where she is to receive the Wine of his divine love.

A Feast is prepared [St John ii]; it is a Marriage-Feast; and the Mother of Jesus is present at it, for it is just that, having co-operated in the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word, she should take part in all that her Son does, and in all the favours he bestows on his elect. But, in the midst of the Feast, the Wine fails. Wine is the symbol of Charity or Love, and Charity had failed on the earth; for the Gentiles had never tasted its sweetness; and as to the Synagogue, what had it produced but wild grapes [Isa. v:2]? The True Vine is our Jesus, and he calls himself by that name [St John xv:1]. He alone could give that Wine which gladdeneth the heart of man [Ps. ciii:15] he alone could give us that Chalice which inebriateth [Ibid. xxii:5], and of which the Royal Psalmist prophesied.

Mary said to Jesus: "They have no Wine." It is the office of the Mother of God to tell him of the wants of men, for she is also their Mother. But Jesus answers her in words which are apparently harsh: "Woman! what is it to me and to thee? My hour is not yet come." The meaning of these words is, that, in this great Mystery, he was about to act, not as the Son of Mary, but as the Son of God. Later on, the hour will come when, dying upon the Cross, he will do a work, in the presence of his Mother, and he will do it as Man, that is, according to that human nature which he has received from her. Mary at once understands the words of her Son, and she says to the waiters of the Feast, what she is now ever saying to her children: "Do whatsoever he shall say to you."

*The Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Gueranger*

## Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** on Monday at 7.15pm. Gregorian Chant Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Next practice, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: [tuckerobertson@gmail.com](mailto:tuckerobertson@gmail.com) or 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. Next practice 26<sup>th</sup> January.

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £616.50: Boxes £134.00 Bank transfers: £ Shop £ Heating: £246.00 Total: £996.50. Thank you very much for your continued generosity! If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following: Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP.

✠ **Piety Shop:** We collect for Wirral Foodbank - the cash goes directly to the Foodbank who use it to buy food for families, individuals and the homeless. If you have a spare coin or note and would like to help those less fortunate, drop it into us and we will ensure it gets to the right place.

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass:** In January, we will be collecting for the convent restoration project of our Sister Adorers in Preston

✠ **Apiculae – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact [elaineapiculae@gmail.com](mailto:elaineapiculae@gmail.com) or 0151 924 11 78.

✠ **Cookbook fundraiser for Saint Benedict's Preston:** The Sister Adorers and family and friends of Saint Benedict's Catholic Education Centre in Preston have made cookbooks to raise funds. Please take one from the back of the church. £10 donation requested. Canon Post is collecting the donations.

✠ **Refreshment after 10.30 Mass:** We are always looking for new volunteers to help set up, serve and clear up after 10.30 Mass refreshments. If you think you could be on a rota every 2/3 weeks, please contact one of the refreshment volunteers!

✠ **Church Cleaning.** 11-12am every Saturday morning after Mass. Coffee and biscuits afterwards! Please contact Joyce at 07887 580547 if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

## Forthcoming events

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “Angels and Demons”:** One Friday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The first class will be held on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.15pm, following the evening Mass.

✠ **Adult Catechism Class – “The Catholic Moral Life”:** One Saturday per month, all are welcome regardless of prior knowledge, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The first class will be held on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January at 11am, following the morning Mass.

✠ **Liturgical practice:** There will be a practice for the procession of Candlemas following the 10.30am Sunday Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07 76 775 26 71. Next meeting, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 11am – 1pm.

✠ **SPUC youth conference:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL. See website for details.

## Information

✠ **For life matters and helplines:** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk>; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

**Prayers for the Sick:** Please keep in your prayers Lottie, Michael, Roisin, Dermot, Eamonn, Sandra, Anne, Patricia, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Peter Joseph, Janet, Elizabeth, Michael and Donna.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 19 <sup>th</sup> June.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January Second Sunday after Epiphany <i>Green</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Private intention	Helen Cleator Joyce Ashton	4.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am–10.15am
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January Ss. Marius, Martha, Audifax and Abachum <i>Red</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private intention	Diane Doran	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January Ss. Fabian and Sebastian <i>Red</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private intention	Daniel and Kate wedding anniversary	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January St. Agnes <i>Red</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private intention	Angela Allen	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January Ss. Vincent and Anastasia <i>Red</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private intention	Father Francis	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm-6pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January St. Raymund of Penafort <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Private intention	Anita Swarbrick RIP	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm-6pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> January St. Timothy <i>Red</i>	10am Low Mass	Private intention	David Codling RIP	9am Adoration 9.40am Benediction	9.00am–9.30am
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January Third Sunday after Epiphany <i>Green</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Private intention	Bernard, Julie, Christian, Stephen and children Natasha Bartle intentions	4.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am–10.15am

## First Commandment (Penny Catechism)

179. What are the sins against Hope?

The sins against Hope are despair and presumption.

180. What are the chief sins against Religion?

The chief sins against Religion are the worship of false gods or idols, and the giving to any creature whatsoever the honour which belongs to God alone.

181. Does the first Commandment forbid the making of images?

The first Commandment does not forbid the making of images, but the making of idols; that is, it forbids us to make images to be adored and honoured as gods.

182. Does the first Commandment forbid dealing with the devil and superstitious practices?

The first Commandment forbids all dealing with the devil and superstitious practices, such as consulting spiritualists and fortune-tellers, and trusting to charms, omens, dreams, and such-like fooleries.

183. Are all sins of sacrilege and simony also forbidden by the first Commandment?

All sins of sacrilege and simony are also forbidden by the first Commandment.

# PROPER of the MASS – Second Sunday after Epiphany

## INTROIT *Psalm 65. 4*

Let all the earth adore Thee, O God, and sing to Thee: let it sing a psalm to Thy name, O Most High. Ps. Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name: give glory to His praise V. Glory be to the Father.

**COLLECT** Almighty and everlasting God who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life. Through our Lord.

## EPISTLE *Romans 12. 6-16*

Brethren: Having different gifts, according to the grace that is given us: either prophecy, to be used according to the rule of faith; or ministry, in ministering; or he that teacheth, in doctrine; he that exhorteth, in exhorting; he that giveth, with simplicity; he that ruleth, with carefulness; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Hating that which is evil, cleaving to that which is good: loving one another with the charity of brotherhood, with honour preventing one another: in carefulness not slothful: in spirit fervent: serving the Lord: rejoicing in hope: patient in tribulation: instant in prayer: communicating to the necessities of the saints: pursuing hospitality. Bless them that persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that rejoice, weep with them that weep: being of one mind one towards another; not minding high things, but consenting to the humble.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 106. 20-21*

The Lord sent His word, and healed them: and delivered them from their destruction. V. Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to Him: and His wonderful works to the children of men.

**ALLELUIA**, alleluia. V. Praise ye the Lord, all His Angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL *John 2. 1-11*

At that time there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee: and the mother of Jesus was there. And Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the marriage. And the wine failing, the mother of Jesus saith to Him: They have no wine. And Jesus saith to her: Woman, what is that to Me and to thee? My hour is not yet come. His mother saith to the waiters: Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye. Now there were set

## Music for Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> January

Mass setting: Kyriale XI – Credo I

Communion:

Recessional: Holy Virgin by God's decree (218)

there six water-pots of stone, according to the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three measures apiece. Jesus saith to them: Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And Jesus said to them: Draw out now, and carry to the chief steward of the feast. And they carried it. And when the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, and knew not whence it was, but the waiters knew who had drawn the water: the chief steward calleth the bridegroom, and saith to him: Every man at first setteth forth good wine: and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee; and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

## OFFERTORY *Psalm 65. 1-2, 16*

Shout with joy to God, all the earth: sing ye a psalm to His name: come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord hath done for my soul. Alleluia.

## SECRET

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts which we offer, and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through our Lord.

## COMMUNION *John. 2. 7, 8, 9, 10-11*

The Lord saith: Fill the waterpots with water, and carry to the chief steward. When the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, he saith to the bridegroom: Thou hast kept the good wine until now. This first miracle did Jesus in the presence of His disciples.

## POSTCOMMUNION

May the operation of Thy power be increased within us; we beseech Thee, O Lord, that being quickened by Thy divine sacraments, we may by Thy bounty, be prepared to receive that which they promise. Through our Lord.