

# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)



## John 2:1-11

*'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.'*

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

## Reflection

John 2:1-11 - the account of Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding, reveals key aspects of His character and mission. At Mary's request, Jesus transforms water meant for purification into excellent wine, signaling the start of His ministry. This miracle, His first, symbolises spiritual transformation and the abundant grace He offers, replacing the old with something richer and fuller. The disciples' belief is strengthened as they witness His power, highlighting that God often meets needs in unexpected, generous ways. This passage encourages believers to trust in God's timing and transformative presence in everyday life.

## Materials needed

- Clear cups or jars for each participant
- Water and food colouring (red or purple)
- A printed or displayed copy of John 2:1-11
- Large paper or board and markers
- Small note cards and pens



## Activity

- Read John 2:1-11 together.
- Discuss briefly: How does Jesus' miracle reflect both generosity and compassion? How might this inspire us to help those facing 'empty jars' in their lives today?
- Each person gets a cup of water, representing lives or communities facing need or hardship. They are then to add food colouring slowly to each cup, symbolising God's transformative power through acts of generosity and kindness. Explain to the group; just as Jesus transformed water into wine, we are called to be instruments of transformation for those in need.
- How can we be part of filling the "empty jars" in our community?
- Divide into small groups or discuss as a whole. Participants are to write down practical ideas for helping others (such as supporting a local food bank, visiting the elderly, or organising a collection for essential items).
- Use a large sheet of paper or a board to list needs within the community and ideas for action.
- As a group, choose one project to focus on (e.g., collecting food, visiting a shelter, or volunteering).

## Call to Action

- Plan a date for your social action project, and check in afterwards to reflect on the impact of this work