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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 20 January 2019
“He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.”

John 2, 11

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 'ONLY JUSTICE' 18th–25th JANUARY

Ecumenical Service to pray for Christian Unity, here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Wednesday 23rd January at 19.30.

As we are hosting this service, it would be lovely to see as many people as possible here. Refreshments afterwards.

NO MASS ON TUESDAY

Father Patrick has to attend a meeting at Oscott College on behalf of the South Oxford Deanery on Tuesday 22 January and this commitment makes it impossible for him to celebrate a Mass in church on that day. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jean Davison** who died recently. Requiem Mass here, Monday 21st January, 11am.

Please also pray for the soul of **Margaret Maguire** who died recently. Funeral details to be confirmed.

CALL MY BLUFF WINE TASTING QUIZ EVENING

at Hugh Faringdon school on 31st January 7pm onward. £5 per person, tickets available at school reception or www.hughfaringdon.org.

DO YOU GIFT AID YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING?

If you have changed address recently or have stopped paying tax for some reason, please contact the parish office so that your records can be updated. Thank you.

VACANCIES IN OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Federation of St Anne's and St Martin's Catholic Primary Schools in Caversham Park, Reading is seeking a new Executive Headteacher and a new Head of School. For more information please contact Jacqueline Campbell at bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk or by phoning 0118 937 5597 or view the advert in the [Catholic Teachers Gazette](#) Closing date 25th January.

MAPLEDURHAM MASSES

There will be no Mass at the end of January or February due to roof repairs.

FIRST COMMUNION

PREPARATION Preparation for children not attending Catholic schools will begin on Wednesday 27th February. If you have not yet contacted the office, please ring or e-mail if you would like to enrol your child.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle
Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£175.00	Loose	£451.63
Crib collection			£ 73.20
Standing Orders			£484.00

Second Sunday of the Year (Year C – Luke): Two Sundays ago we celebrated with great joy the Solemnity of the Epiphany and saw how, in the person of the wise men with their three gifts, who fell on their feet in adoration of the Christ-Child, the Lord revealed himself to them in his divinity. Last Sunday we commemorated the Baptism of the Lord, thus drawing the Christmas season to a close, and again we had a moment of revelation, another “epiphany”, where the divine sonship of the Lord was made public. Like the experience of the wise men, that of the crowds on the banks of the Jordan, was of a sign. The early Church coupled the Epiphany and the Baptism with the episode in Jesus’ life we hear of today. The third of the signs was the changing of the water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana. The Church likes to cast important moments as a trio, or a triptych of revelations. And in the early years of Christianity the Church rolled all the events up into one great feast. Since Vatican II Epiphany and Baptism have been separated and made into separate feasts, while in Year C (i.e. this year) we are read the Johannine account of the wedding feast at Cana on the first Sunday of Ordinary Time. John sees his whole gospel as a litany of signs where Jesus’ true identity becomes clearer step by step. And for John the *first of the signs* was worked at Cana.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 62, 1 – 5: The imagery of a bridal relationship between God and Israel occurs initially in the prophet Hosea. After the return from exile in Babylon the Hebrews became lax again in their religious practice. To revive their enthusiasm the prophet Isaiah flagged up their relationship with God in terms of a spousal one. The love which unites God with his people is unique and God takes delight in his people. This is indeed a marriage made in Heaven, for God is depicted as the love-struck groom who is beside himself with joy at the prospect of being with the bride. The imagery is all the more powerful when we consider how his beloved has treated the divine lover.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 12, 4 – 11: Paul reflects here on the variety of gifts possessed by the members of the Church community at Corinth and on the way they inter-act and complement one another. They are not, in Paul’s view, in competition with one another. He challenges them to see their gifts in the light of the revelation which the gospel message brings. Those who live a spousal relationship with the Lord enable the various talents of the community to be harnessed and to express themselves in pursuit of the common goal of the sanctification of the community.

Gospel: John 2, 1 – 11: We have seen how Isaiah presented the relationship between God and his people in terms of a marriage. But at Jesus’ time this relationship had got into trouble. The life had gone out of it. Just like the wedding at Cana at which he was a guest it ran the risk of ending up unhappy. By changing the water into wine, Jesus brought the feast back alive. He had come into the world to bring us all to life, and indeed to live life to the full. What he did for the couple at Cana Jesus has come to do for the whole people of God, give us *new life*.

The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 127-129

Masses and Intentions

Second Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 19th January 10.00 Jan & Karolina Sparlak RIP
Feast: St Wulstan

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 19th January 17.30 People of the parish
 Sunday 20th January 10.00 Anton Bugarjova
 18.30 James O'Sullivan RIP - anniversary

Monday 21st January 11.00 Requiem Mass - Jean Davison
Memorial St Agnes

Tuesday 22nd January No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 23rd January 09.15 John Connoughton RIP
Feria in Ordinary Time 19.30 **Unity Service here at OLSA**
 Thursday 24th January 08.00 In honour of our Lord's suffering
Memorial: St Francis de Sales

Friday 25th January 12.30 Patrick Treacy RIP
Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

Saturday 26th January 10.00 Paul & Angelè Doncarli RIP
Memorial: Ss Timothy & Titus

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 26th January 17.30 Michael Kelly (b/day)
 Sunday 27th January 10.00 Zinaida Vjaterere
 18.30 Raymond Finan

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
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Exposition

& Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
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Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45
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