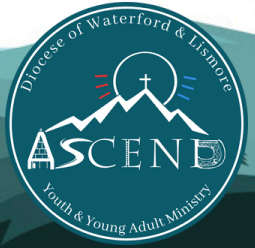




To the Heights



Year C 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SPOTLIGHT!



A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6 January 2026. In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

HEAR: Sunday Gospel

John 2:1-11



If you don't have a Bible handy, click the image here to access the Mass readings for this Sunday!



Find out more on <https://waterfordlismore.ie/jubilee2025/>

WEEKLY CHALLENGE!

This week, try to be like Mary, attentive to the needs of others around you. If there are areas where you can help, do so, quietly and humbly. pray for the people you encounter who need help, asking our lady to intercede for them with her Son. Watch - pray - act. In that way you can be a witness to Christ in their lives, maybe in an unseen way. Ask Our Lady to guide you!



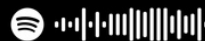
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TUNE!

Our God

Chris Tomlin

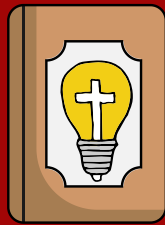


A Podcast by the Catholic Truth Society

INTO THE TRUTH

with Pierpaolo Finaldi & guests

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REFLECT

- Mary only says two things in this Gospel: what are they?
- What does Jesus mean by His "Hour"? John uses this phrase many times in his Gospel. Check these references: [John 8:20](#), [John 12:23](#), [John 13:1](#), [John 17:1](#)
- Numeracy: If Jesus changed 6 jars of 20-30 litres, and there are approx 4 litres in a gallon, how many bottles of wine does that work out as (standard bottle is 750ml)?
- Why would people serve the best wine first?
- What does this miracle teach about the generosity of Jesus and His Kingdom?

GAMECHANGERS! The Conversion of St Paul

25th January



The Catholic Church's Liturgical Calendar is crammed full of inspirational saints and heroes, or as we like to call them, Game Changers! Check them out on our web page!



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HIS WORD & MY LIFE:

JOHN 2:1-11



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PUZZLE

- ablutions
- believed
- best
- Cana
- cheaper
- disciples
- draw
- feast
- Galilee
- glory
- hour
- jars
- Jesus
- Jews
- mother
- servants
- sign
- steward
- stone
- water
- wedding
- wine
- Woman

FIND THE WORDS FROM THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL IN THE WORDSEARCH BELOW

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Reflect on the scripture quote and allow thoughts and images that come to you to form part of your doodle prayer: it could be people or situations that need prayer or even areas you might need to change in. Certain words or phrases might stand out for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you pray and doodle!



'Do whatever He tells you.'

 [Click here for some relaxing instrumental music](#)
SPONTANEOUS WORSHIP | TWO HOURS OF WORSHIP PIANO

RESPOND:



Can you explain how any four of these words relate to the message of the Gospel?

What do you think God could be saying to you in this Gospel? What speaks to your heart? Maybe it raises questions, maybe it's a little uncomfortable, maybe it offers hope... what matters is that we are open to hearing God speak to us individually.

"Do whatever He tells you!"



"Mary notes our needs before we ourselves feel them."
Archbishop Fulton Sheen

CHECK OUT THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SAYS ABOUT MARY'S INTERCESSION AT CANA CCC 2618



WATER TO WINE

CAN YOU NAME ANY MIRACLES JESUS WORKED IN THE GOSPELS? BREAK THEM INTO CATEGORIES: HEALING, FOOD MIRACLES, NATURE (OR WEATHER) MIRACLES



FOOD _____

HEALING _____

NATURE _____



WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS WORKED MIRACLES? WHAT DID HE WANT TO SHOW?

WATCH THIS EXTRACT FROM "THE CHOSEN" SEASON 1, EPISODE 5, FROM 39:45 TO 50:32 AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



Context: Jewish Wedding feasts at the time of Jesus lasted several days, and if extra guests decided to show up, it is not surprising that the wine ran out quickly at this wedding. To run out of wine would cause huge embarrassment for the wedding couple and also their family, and likely haunt them for the rest of their lives.

Remember also, Jesus has not revealed his mission as the Messiah yet. Cana was his first miracle.

Why do you think Mary went to Jesus with the problem of the wine?

Why do you think Jesus was hesitant to work a miracle there and then?
What would that mean in the bigger picture for Him? What would it mean in the bigger picture for Mary, too?



What did Mary say to the servants to show she had full faith that Jesus would rescue the situation?

What instruction did Jesus give to the servants about the jars?

Jesus' action was similar to a stone mason cutting a limestone block that day, symbolically: how so?

RESEARCH: WHAT WAS THE WATER IN PURIFICATION JARS NORMALLY USED FOR?



DID YOU KNOW? EACH STONE JAR HELD 20-30 GALLONS - HOW MUCH WAS THAT IN LITRES?



Why was the Steward so astonished by the wine he tasted at the end?

How is the character of "Doubting Thomas" portrayed in this event? What does Jesus challenge Him to do, to expand his view of?

WATER TO WINE

The scene where Jesus dips His hand into the jar and lets the wine flow from His hand - what later scene in Jesus' life could this symbolise? (Think about Good Friday)

What can we learn from the quality and the abundance of the wine that Jesus gave? What is He willing to do for us in our lives and our needs?



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Imagine yourself as one of the characters in this Gospel scene. Who would you be? What would you notice? How would you react? Spend time reflecting on the fact Jesus gave the couple not just any wine, but incredible wine, and He gave them an abundance, even more than was needed. What do you need Jesus to do for you?



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CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON JESUS' MIRACLES



- Our God - Chris Tomlin
- Empty my Hands - Holy Family Mission
- Miracles - Jesus Culture
- He turned the water into wine - Johnny Cash
- Miracle - Sara Groves
- What Faith Can Do - Kutless
- God of Miracles - Chris McClarney
- Waymaker - Leeland



HFM Testimony: Watch Róisín's story of how letting Jesus into her life transformed her

1:33 MINS



The Second Luminous Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana (Fr Daniel O'Reilly)