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Sunday 9.00, 10.30, 12.15 Saturday Vigil 6.15pm Weekdays 9.30am Eve of Holydays 7.30pm Holydays 9.00, 10.30 & 7.30pm

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 27th January, 2019

First Reading: Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10

Psalm: 18 **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 12: 12-30 **Gospel:** Lk 1: 1-4

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Wedding celebrations are often remembered as times of high emotions of joy, of love, of excitement, of expectation, of gratitude or maybe occasionally of anxiety or of embarrassment. Can you imagine a family's embarrassment if the food ran short or worse still if the wine ran dry on the day. It would taint a family with meanness for years !! It nearly happened at Cana and maybe it would all have been Jesus' fault. If He had brought a dozen or more extra thirsty Galilean fishermen uninvited to the do, supplies could well have run short.

Fortunately, Mary saw the young couples predicament developing and moved quickly to avert a disaster. She used her close relationship with Jesus to help. She asked (or cajoled) her boy to do what only He could do. He seemed less than pleased to be asked but He did his bit and so did the waiters. What would you and I have done? Topped up our own glass before the drought struck? Murmured about the hotel's incompetence or the family's penny pinching or just slipped away to look after ourselves?

Cana moments happen in all our lives, moments when we see another's need or an opportunity to better our community. How do we respond? Like Jesus did? Or ignore the opportunity if there is nothing in it for us personally? Do we seize the opportunity to turn aloofness into reaching out, fear into respect, aloneness into friendship, self interest into love?

Has the New Year brought us a Cana moment yet? Will we be blind to it when it happens? It is up to each of us to respond creatively to the unique Cana moments that life puts in our path. Jesus responded to His Cana moment by doing what only He could do. Will I follow His example in 2019?

Fr. Tom

PARISH NOTICES 20/01/2019 <u>Second Sunday Ordinary Time</u> <u>Bulletin no: 1392</u>

Diocesan Needs:

The quarterly collection for Diocesan Needs will take place at all Masses this weekend, <u>19th/20th January</u>, 2019. Lough Flower & Garden Club:

The AGM will take place on Tuesday next, 22nd January, 2019 at the SMA Centre, Wilton, Cork at 8.00pm. Members only. **Cork Alzheimers Café:** A safe place for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias, their carers, family and friends along with social and health professionals to meet. Last Friday of each month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Activity Centre, St. Finbarr's Hospital, Douglas Road. Next meeting Friday, 25th January, 2019. Light refreshments provided free of charge. All welcome.

Bridge Lessons for Beginners:

Starting on Wednesday, 23rd January, 2019 at 7.30pm at the Mills Bridge Club, Douglas. For further details contact David (086) 8276699.

