



October 17th 2021



The First of the Signs – Water into Wine

A note from the Rector:

Whilst it's possible that we'll reach the 80% vaccination rate across NSW this weekend, and that restrictions will ease further from Monday, we still don't plan to re-open our building for groups and for services until **Sunday October 31** due to the reasons that I gave you last week. However I am very pleased to see that our local vaccination rates are now between 70% and 90% across our postcodes, though these stats seem to vary whenever I look at them. The sad thing about not meeting yet is that next Sunday will be Arthur and Jan Adeney's final Sunday with us. That being the case, let me encourage you to join us for Church on Zoom, so that they and we can say our farewells.

I am personally thankful that our Premier has chosen not to allow us to travel to regional areas. For whilst Sydney has had excellent access to vaccines, regional areas have had much less access. Thankfully, in a couple more weeks this should no longer be an issue.

Whilst local infection rates have not really been increasing, I am hearing accounts of people who are finding it difficult to access medical support for significant issues. If you are struggling then please let me or someone else know, so that we can do our best to support you and to find you help. If we all keep an ear out for those locked up in their homes, we should be able to ensure that no one slips through the cracks.

On a different note, this Sunday, if you feel safe to do so, let me encourage you, if you are fully vaccinated, to invite others, who are fully vaccinated, to join you for church, or for morning tea, or even for lunch, in your home – especially those who live alone.

Finally, a reminder that when we do return to church that you **MUST check in using our QR Code**. If you don't have a smartphone then either get someone to add you as a dependent QR obtain a COVID-19 check-in card QR, if all else fails, we will manually check you in on the day. Thankfully, you will NOT need to show us proof of your vaccination status.

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This week's Zoom links:

Sunday Morning Church via Zoom 9.00am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89163303726?pwd=MjRxbW5HNWU2OVIEYWlrVzZ5TW9DQT09> (Meeting ID: 891 6330 3726, Passcode: 687242, or dial 8015 6011)

The recording of the service will be available on our website at **noon on Sunday**.

Tuesday's Prayer meeting 9.00am <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/787794144>

(Meeting ID: 787 794 144 Passcode: 813312)

John 2:1-12 (NIV)

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

MISSIONARY PRAYER POINTS

Our link missionaries: Brownings, Buchanans, David & Jenny, and Kyngdons

Give thanks that **Andrew Browning** was able to leave for Africa on Saturday 9th October. Continue to pray for him in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania.

The following are prayer points from *Wycliffe Translators* that you might like to use as you pray for each of our missionaries.

Pray for Boldness

- That the Holy Spirit will provide missionaries with words that communicate effectively in other cultures and languages.
- That they will have boldness to overcome the fear of embarrassment or failure.
- Against evil forces that would seek to hinder the spread of the gospel.

Pray for Protection

- That God will keep missionaries safe.
- That God will change the hearts of those who are resistant to his Word.

Pray for Effective Ministry

- That God will provide strength and perseverance when their ministry seems to be fruitless.
- That seeds will be planted and that missionaries would be able to see the fruits of their labour.
- That an abundant harvest will be produced as more people learn about the love of Christ.

Pray for Travel

- For required permissions to be granted for travel (visas and passports) and for necessary funds for tickets and fees.
- For protection and provision during travel.
- For God's grace and favour when challenges or obstacles appear on any journey.

Pray for Effective Refreshment

- That God will provide opportunities for missionaries in isolated areas to spend time with other believers.
- That God will provide times of peace and relaxation to refresh his workers.
- For restoration — physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually — that can only be found in Jesus.

Giving to the work of the Parish

Thanks to everyone who has continued to contribute financially to the work of the Parish during the lockdown. To give online use the following account:

Kincumber Anglican Parish, BSB: 705077 (Indue), Acct No: 00040910

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in need: Remi Carnaby, Nathan (Skehan), Robyn Small, Mavis Vyner, Betty Greenfield, Maggie (Dibley), Vera and Doris, Michael Sanderson, Clarice Grose and Amelie (Grose).
- Pray for our Bishops - Peter, Charlie and Sonia. Pray for their leadership: that they may have confidence in God's written Word and correctly handle and preach the *word of truth* so that they may lead our Diocese into all truth.
- Pray for wisdom for the leaders of the Anglican Church of Australia, Gafcon Australia and our Diocese as they respond to the crisis within the Australian Anglican Church.
- Pray for our new Premier, Dominic Perrottet, and our new Deputy Premier, Paul Toole, along with the State Government, as they lead our state out of lock down. Pray for Dominic as he balances his workload and family and as he endures criticism for his Christian beliefs.
- Locally our health system is under great pressure. Let us give thanks to God for those who are *the last line of defence against the virus*, who are treating patients with the virus in ICU, and let us pray that they and their families may be kept safe.
- Pray for those businesses and workers in our area who will continue to suffer financially until all restrictions are lifted. Consider how you can safely support them as restrictions continue to ease and virus cases in our area, hopefully, continue to decline.
- Pray for our community, especially for our Christian brothers and sisters, as Australians undergo a form of segregation as freedoms are rolled out for the vaccinated. Pray that we will make it our business to be kind and gracious at this time.
- Pray for revival – that, in His grace, God may pour out His Spirit on the people of our nation and our world through this pandemic. Pray that the Holy Spirit may empower God's people throughout the world, including us, so that others may be drawn to join us in worshipping our God.

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