



# Parish Newsletter

St Fillan's, King St, Newport-on-Tay

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Queen St, Tayport



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19 January 25

We are the people of the Lord, the flock that is led by his hand: come, let us adore him, alleluia.

Year: C(I). Psalm week: 2. Liturgical Colour: Green.

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 'The bridegroom rejoices over the bride.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac R3 'Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples'

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 'The one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.'

Gospel: John 2:1-11 'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.'

### HOLY MASS TIMES

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Saturday Vigil 5 pm

Monday and Friday 10 am (OTA) (Eucharistic Service)

St Fillan's:

Sunday 10:15 am

Wednesday, Thursday 10 am (Eucharistic Service)\*

Sign up to the Whatsapp Group (set up by Sam Morton) to share news of when Bishop Andrew will be celebrating Mass (as Diocesan duties allow (see end of newsletter for further details)\*)

### Mgr Pat's Corner

#### The First of His Signs

The Wedding Feast at Cana is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories, but John prefers to use the term 'sign' as they point to something far more important than just the miracle itself.

John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers, but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more about how God operates in our daily lives.

Jesus transforms the water that would be used for the Jewish purification rite into wine, and provides far more than was needed. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life for the party.

There are many messages we can take from this Gospel story: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and bring it back to life. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres) is a reminder of the abundance of God's goodness, providence and love for us, way beyond our understanding.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel passage. She is the one who notices the problem and brings her concern to the attention of Jesus. As we say in the 'Memorare Prayer':

***Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection was left unaided.***

Perhaps our prayer today should be that, following Mary's example, we too should take notice, see where there is a problem, and intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention.

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**Special Prayers**

We pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversary occur about this time, in particular – Alan Morris, whose anniversary falls on 20<sup>th</sup> January, father of Angela Morton We pray for those caring for the sick, those mourning the loss of loved ones or struggling to cope with difficulties in their lives. We pray especially for peace throughout the world and for the victims of war and of natural disasters - all those in LA who have been burnt out of their homes and for those who have died. Heartening to hear that so many people have been helped by strangers in their hour of need.

**Feasts and Solemnities**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January -St Faolan - 8<sup>th</sup> Century (Patron Saint of Mentally Ill)

The fact that the saint's name can be spelt Fillan, Filan, Phillan, Faelán or Faolan says everything about the difficulty of disentangling the records of early Gaelic saints, and even their identities. This St Faolan appears to be St. Fillan of Munster, the son of Feriach, grandson of Cellach Cualann, King of Leinster. He received the monastic habit in the Abbey of Saint Fintan Munnu and came to Scotland from Ireland in 717 as a hermit along with his Irish princess-mother St. Kentigerna, his Irish prince-uncle St. Comgan, and his siblings. They settled at Loch Duich. Fillan later moved south and is said to have been a monk at Taghmon in Wexford before eventually settling in Pittenweem ('the Place of the Cave'), Fife, in the east of Scotland later in the 8th century.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January St Fabian (Pope St Fabian (- 250)) and St Sebastian

Martyrs

St Fabian became Pope in 236 and was martyred on 20 January 250, during the persecution of the Emperor Decius. St Sebastian - Nothing is known about St Sebastian except the fact that he was martyred early on in the persecutions of Diocletian. St Ambrose knew of him and states that he was already venerated in Milan in the fourth century. One of the seven chief churches of Rome was built over his grave in 367. Tuesday 21 January St Agnes (- 304) Martyr As with so many of the early Roman martyrs, very little is now known about Agnes' life. Partly this is because the details have been obscured by the light that shines from her martyrdom and the cult that it inspired, and partly because if you are martyred at the age of 12, your life has not really acquired that many details in any case. Agnes was filled with the love of God from an early age, vowed herself to celibacy, and when the opportunity of martyrdom arose, she did not hide away but stepped forward and took it.

Saturday 25 January - The Conversion of Saint Paul. Saul, the young man who looked after the cloaks of the men who were stoning St Stephen, grew into a dedicated and efficient persecutor of Christians. Today's feast celebrates the day that Christ appeared to him in a vision as he was on the way to Damascus, reproached him for his persecutions and converted him to the true faith.

**Liturgical Colour Green**

The theological virtue of hope is symbolized by the colour green, just as the burning fire of love is symbolized by red. Green is the colour of growing things, and hope, like them, is always new and always fresh. Liturgically, green is the colour of Ordinary Time, the orderly sequence of weeks through the year, a season in which we are being neither single-mindedly penitent (in purple) nor overwhelmingly joyful (in white).

**What's On**

Tuesdays 10 am– 12 noon -Warm Spaces in Tayport Parish Church Hall, Tea, coffee, cake and company. Donations to Charity.

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Your continuing support for The Sunday Cafe, donations to the Foodbank, Taybridgehead (07840 957039) and wool for the Newport Knitting Group are very much appreciated. Contact Anne Meiland for information. Boxes for wool donations are at the back of St Fillan's Newport and Our Lady's. Our Lady's donations being delivered to St Fillans. If you have any free time, your help in cleaning our churches would be much appreciated.

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