



HOW TO THROW A PARTY!

St Mary's Way Values: Community; Caring.

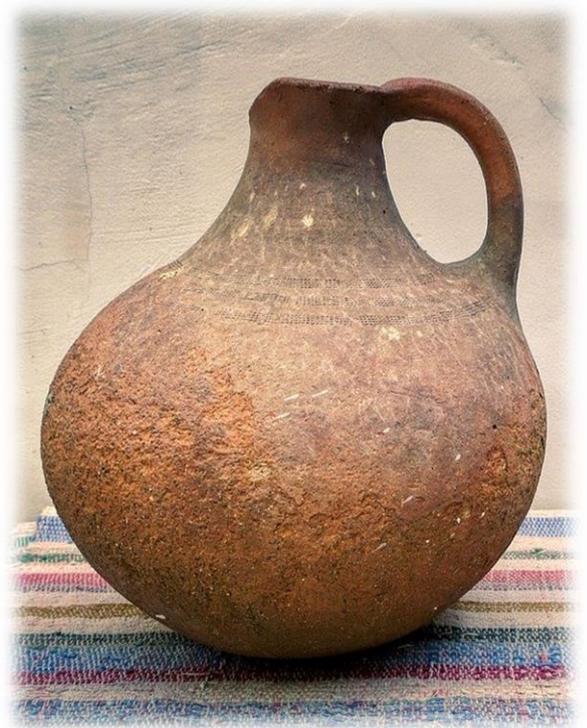
There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Mary, Jesus and his disciples were there. When they ran out of wine, Mary told Jesus.

He replied, 'Why are you telling me? It's not my time yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars there and each one could hold 20 or 30 gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim.

'Draw some out now,' he said, 'and take it to the steward.' When the steward tasted the water he found that it had changed to wine. He didn't know where it had come from and said to the bridegroom, 'People usually serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper stuff till the guests have had to plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus. It was at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him.



Day 1: This reading is taken from the Gospel of John. Instead of telling us everything Jesus did, John chose 4 of Jesus' miracles that showed something different about who Jesus was. This is the first miracle in John's Gospel: the first amazing thing Jesus did was to create a seriously large amount of alcohol so the party could last longer! As well as showing his power, it also says a lot about Jesus' human character and personality.

Discuss/ Reflect:

- What do you think Jesus was like? How do you picture him?

I follow Jesus, who is human, whole, passionate, curious and yet also God, incarnate, creative and created to walk beside us.

I follow the shepherd like a lamb, trusting, comforted, safe, held in a strength beyond my own – knowing that I am special and precious.

I follow because I am called, desired, loved and cherished by my creator, my saviour.

Asked only to love in return, love others and be loved. Amen.

Practical suggestion:

Be inspired by Jesus' generosity at the wedding feast at Cana. Be generous this week- to anyone and everyone! And spread a little joy.

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nxqnYs9k6Y>

This week, we have been thinking about God's generosity. This short clip reminds us of just how generous God is, and reminds us to be thankful and generous to each other.

Day 2: Led by 9A2

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is celebrating at a wedding when he performs a miracle.

'This was the first of the signs given by Jesus.'

A sign is something that 'points' from one location to another, or from one from group of people to another. Here Jesus is signalling the generosity of God to the guests at the wedding party. 9A2 thought that Jesus was nervous and hesitant because he has never shown his Father's power channelling through himself before.

Discuss/Reflect:

- Do you get nervous the first time you do something?
- What do think of this miracle?
- To what amount do you believe you have the power to change?
- Do we all have to believe in Jesus all the time? Is it ok to question and doubt sometimes?

Father in Heaven, thank you for all the good things in life but please protect me and all the people around me through these tough times. Please help me to change for the better following your footsteps to become a welcome member of the Christian community. Amen.

Day 3: In this week's Gospel, Jesus turns water into wine:

'When the steward tasted the water he found that it had changed to wine.'

Jesus didn't turn a bit of water into wine: he changed between 150 and 180 gallons of water into wine, that's about 1,400 pints of wine! As well as ensuring the happy couple had a great wedding, the story has a symbolic meaning- God is generous! He always provides us with more than we can want or need. And just as the wine Jesus created was the 'best wine,' God gives us the best. His Kingdom will be the best of everything.

Discuss/ Reflect:

- What are the good things you have in your life?
- How has God been generous in the things he has provided for you?

Loving Father, help us to recognise the extraordinary things in our lives and be grateful for those things we have that we don't seem to deserve. Help us to recognise your overwhelming love and generosity, and never to take it for granted. Amen.



Day 4: During his life, Jesus gave lots of advice and commandments for how to live. It might feel a little confusing or overwhelming to try to remember and follow them all. But Jesus' message in his miracle at Cana is far more simple: be the person who brings joy to others.

Discuss/ Reflect:

- How can you bring more joy to your friends, family, classmates and teachers?

Lord, inspire me to live in such a way that I always give my best and bring joy and warmth to everyone I meet. May I be generous in sharing smiles, laughter and kindness with everyone. Amen.

