

**The Church's Year – Rev Fr Leonard Goffine
Feast of the Epiphany**

Why were Christ and His mother present at this marriage?

In order to honour this humble and God-fearing couple who, with faithful hearts, had invited Him and His mother to their wedding; to give us an example of humility; to assist them in their poverty, and save their good name by changing water into wine; to reveal His dignity as the Messiah to His disciples by this miracle; and to sanctify by His presence the marriages that are contracted in the spirit of the Church.

Alas! how few marriages of our time could Jesus honour with His presence, because He is invited neither by fervent prayer, nor by chaste life of the couple: He is excluded rather, by the frequent immorality of the married couple and their guests.

Why was Mary interested in this married couple?

Because she is merciful, and the Mother of Mercy, and willingly assists all the poor and afflicted who fear God. From this incident, St. Bonaventure judges of the many graces which we can hope for through Mary, now that she reigns in heaven: "For," says he, "if Mary while yet on earth was so compassionate, how much more so is she now, reigning in heaven!" He gives the reason by adding: "Mary, now that she sees the face of God, knows our necessities far better than when she was on earth, and in proportion to the increase of her compassion, her power to aid us has been augmented." Ah! why do we not take refuge in all our necessities to this merciful mother, who although unasked assists the needy?

Why did Christ say to Mary: Woman, what is it to me and to thee?

This seemingly harsh reply of Christ was no reproach, for Mary had made her request only through love and mercy, and Christ calls those blessed who are merciful, but He wished to show that in the performance of divine work, the will of His heavenly Father alone should be consulted. He meant to remind her that He had not received the gift of miracles from her as the son of woman, but from His eternal Father, in accordance with whose will He would do that which she asked when the hour designed by God would come. Though the hour had not come, yet He granted the wish of His mother, who knew that her divine Son refused none of her requests, and so she said to the servants: "Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye." Behold the great power of Mary's intercession! Neglect not, therefore, to take refuge in this most powerful mother!

What are we taught by the words: My hour is not yet come?

These words teach us that we should in all things await God's appointed time, and in things belonging to God and His honour, act only by divine direction, without any human motives.

Fr D Themann, District Superior, St Mary's House, 13 William St, Rockdale NSW 2216
Fax: (02) 9567 1360 sspx.com.au

Church of the Child Jesus & St Joseph



Society of St Pius X

Fr M Delsorte, Prior
Fr R Taouk, Assistant
Fr B Campbell, Assistant
Fr A McNamara, Assistant
Fr Elias OSB, Resident

280 West Botany Street, Rockdale NSW 2216

Tel: (02) 9567 7088

(Calling hours: 9-midday; 2-5pm; 8-8.30pm)

Fax: (02) 9567 3228

Email: info@sspx.com

Emergency Only : 0403 576 663

School Tel: (02) 9597 6956

Confessions:

Sundays: 7:20-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am
Thursdays: 10:30-10:50am
First Fridays: 6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays: 8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices	
Sunday 17th January: Second Sunday after Epiphany (II cl)	
6:45 am	Low Mass
8:00 am	Low Mass
9:15 am	Low Mass
10:30 am	Sung Mass
6:00 pm	No Vespers, Rosary & Benediction
Monday 18th January: Feria (IV cl) <i>St Prisca, VM</i>	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass
Tuesday 19th January: Feria (IV cl) <i>Sts Marius and companions, MM & St Canute, KM</i>	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction followed by Low Mass
Wednesday 20th January: Sts Fabian, PM and Sebastian, M (III cl)	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass
6.00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass
Thursday 21st January: St Agnes, VM (III cl)	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Holy Hour followed by Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass
Friday 22nd January: Sts Vincent and Anastasius, MM (III cl)	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass
Saturday 23rd January: St Raymond of Penafort, C (III cl) <i>St Emerentiana, VM</i>	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass and Novena to the Infant of Prague
Sunday 24th January: Third Sunday after Epiphany (II cl)	
6:45 am	Low Mass
8:00 am	Low Mass
9:15 am	Low Mass
10:30 am	Sung Mass
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

Second Collection
PARISH

Parish Help	
Cleaning Roster – Saturday 23rd January:	
Morning Tea & Cakes – N/A	
8:00 am	N/A
10:30 am	N/A
In your charity, please pray for the souls of: Marguerite Tawarf; John Carrigy; Hilda Demajo; Anthony Sultana; Tim Luntengen; Zoe Bassan; Sarah Marjorie Katherine Cooley.	

Other Mass Centres Next Sunday, 24 th January, 2021	
Singleton 10:00 am	Armidale: 9:30 am

Rosary Crusade: From Saturday, 21 November, until Holy Thursday, 1 April, 2021, Fr. Pagliarani has asked us to pray the Rosary for the intentions of freeing the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass from restrictions and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Tally sheets for counting your rosaries are available in the vestibule and online at sspx.com.au

Eucharistic Crusade: January intention is to thank God for the graces received by the SSPX over the past 50 years.

Friday Catechism: Classes for adults (and Secondary School students) from 7:30 to 8:20 pm. Class this Friday, 22nd January.

Sunday Catechism: No further classes until the next school year.