

Reflections on 2nd Sunday -John's Gospel (2 :1--11) The Wedding at Cana in Galilee.

“This was the first of the signs given by Jesus—he let his glory be seen and his disciples believed in him”

In John's Gospel we get a graphic account of the 1st public miracle by Jesus . It showed the power of the Lord over natural elements—pre-figuring the Eucharist -and also the influence of Mary over his decisions. After a rather brusque answer to her statement that “they have no wine “, he really reconsiders his response and goes ahead to prevent an otherwise embarrassing situation developing into a minor tragedy and possibly a future gossiping talking point around the newly -weds lack of provision for their guests ! What keen observation and thoughtfulness by Our Lady in this scenario.

There's humour too—when the chief steward -obviously a wine connoisseur –recognises the quality of the second servings—and upbraids the bridegroom on his delay in serving the best wine first!

Perhaps our disciples realised that they were on to a good thing with Jesus---he was a good leader who provided them abundantly with “wine -to make them joyous”, and “ bread that satisfied”!