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MARRIAGES and BAPTISMS

by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES in the Church

9am each Sunday

6pm every 1st Sunday [at Menangle]

5pm every 3rd Sunday for

Youth/Young families

WEEKDAY MASS/PRAYER

in Jenkins Chapel

Monday: 5pm Prayer; 5.15pm Mass

Tues-Sat: 7am Prayer; 7.15am Mass

ALL WELCOME

TODAY WE CELEBRATE:

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME YEAR C: 17 JANUARY,

2010

What makes you believe?

Where or how do you experience God's glory?

'Do whatever he tells you'. What do you think Jesus is telling you at this point in your journey?

We acknowledge the Dharawal people, traditional owners and custodians of this place. They are part of the world's oldest living human culture, deserving of our deepest respect. May we walk gently on this land.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ritual cleanliness was very important to the Jewish people. It was the custom to wash thoroughly before eating or drinking, after coming in from the marketplace or the road, in case one had come into contact with someone or something which may have rendered them 'unclean'.

In John's Gospel, Jesus performs only seven 'signs' and each is designed to reveal something of who he is. Here he ushers in the messianic banquet.

In the Old Testament, one of the images often used to describe the coming of the Messiah and the Kingdom of God was a feast of great abundance.

In this Gospel, Jesus changes an extraordinary amount of water into wine. John is saying that the Messiah has come; the messianic banquet has begun; Jesus has inaugurated the Kingdom of God. The abundance of God is already available.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 17: World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Jan 18: Commencement of World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Theme: *You are Witnesses of These Things.*

In order to unite with one another – we must love one another;
in order to love one another – we must know one another;
in order to know one another – we must go and meet one another.

These words known as the 'Testament of Cardinal Mercier', are an impetus for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The week [actually an octave, eight days] has been celebrated continuously since 1894. However, the Week was a dream of many Christian leaders since the early years of the 19th century.

Pope's World Peace Message 2010 (January 1 2010)

'If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation.'

Todd McRae, Sue Gay, Christine Sullivan, Trish Coleman, Peter Naughton, Hazel Wood [Jude Flippence's mother – battling cancer] Doug Moseley [Heather's brother-in-law] Lois Martin, Sheree Shipley, Brian Selem, Bill Penn, Frank Dineen msc.

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK:

Jan 17 St Anthony of Egypt

Jan 19 St Canute

Jan 21 St Agnes

Jan 24 St Francis de Sales

Patron saint of journalists

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS...

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock...
the work of Christmas begins:

- to find the lost,
- to heal the broken,
- to feed the hungry,
- to release the prisoner,
- to rebuild the nations,
- to bring peace,
- to make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

American author
civil rights leader and
theologian [1899-1981]