



Cana newsletter

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from Anne

The Newsletter this month is simply a reminder that we are celebrating!

If you haven't received an invitation to the Volunteers' Dinner (including friends, family and partners) please contact me urgently on cana_ajordan@bigpond.com so that you can catch up.

It's a BIG event and significant in the life of Cana. Do be part of it with us!

Jean Vanier's article gives words to the heart of our gathering.

- Take a minute to read them.
- Talk to someone else you'd like to join you for the dinner
- Send your RSVP

I look forward to seeing you on 31st. Much love Anne

The dinner at Riverview on July 31st is an event to celebrate 35 years of Cana and will be a time when lots of people will catch up and remember.

It's BYO, costs \$35 and RSVP is by 23rd July. Please talk to me if finance or transport are issues that might prevent you from coming.

We would love you to be with us to celebrate!

LET US CELEBRATE LIFE

John's gospel begins with a beautiful, marvellous and very human celebration where there is song, laughter and wine, isn't it also to remind of the importance of meals and celebrations in our lives?

Religion is not just 'serious' business, doing good, learning theology, carrying out our duty, separating ourselves from greed.

The heart of the religion of Jesus is relationship, celebration and communion in the joy of love.

We human beings are made for celebration.

Isn't the Eucharist the place of such celebration, communion and togetherness?

'Dailiness' can often become drudgery; there is work to be done.

But there are also meal times, leisure hours, when we come together not to do or produce things, but to be together, to celebrate our friendship. Today many of us have experiences of parties where we can drink a lot, maybe even too much. But we can forget what a real celebration is.

A celebration is a moment of the fulfilment of joy, a deeply human time where we give thanks to God for having brought us out of the depths of loneliness and into togetherness: community and faithful friendship.

We celebrate our bonding.

We reveal to each person their value and importance - particularly to those who are weaker, more fragile, more vulnerable

because of their age, sickness or disability.

Sunday as a day of rest is a day for celebration and for deepening relationships.

Throughout the year we celebrate special days: birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, Easter, births and even deaths.

We are called to live these special days as times when the God of love and of joy is present to us, calling us to a greater hope of the final celebration to come.

We are all made for happiness and a fullness of joy.

From Jean Vanier's chapter on The Wedding Feast Jn2:1-12.

Mass at de Porres Thursdays about 7.00 pm