

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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CORPUS CHRISTI

23rd June 2019

The Real Miracle



The feeding of the five thousand no, not just a miraculous story about the multiplication of a couple of fishes and loaves. In the context of today's solemnity, today's gospel reading links the ordinary food that God provides at our regular meals to the extraordinary food we receive in Holy Communion.

In this miracle Jesus is showing us that God's reign is about satisfying both human spiritual and physical need. The importance of the miracle is not so much about the multiplication of food, but the message that God can provide for all. This claim might raise a few third world eyebrows, but the truth remains; God has provided for all, it's left to us to make sure it is shared fairly around the world. Today's real miracle would be in the change of our materialistic attitudes. The real miracle would be a change that would enable us to eradicate poverty and hunger simply by organising a system of sharing. The scale of the problem the disciples faced on the day of the feeding of the five thousand must have seemed impossible, but the message that they should get on with the job of sharing and leave the rest to God, could be as miraculous today as it was then.

Jesus was all about sharing. He gave his time, his love and finally his body and blood. When we receive Holy Communion in Mass our action is twofold. The Eucharist is a banquet for the multitudes in which we remember Jesus' sacrificial self-giving. More than this, we remember the promise that anyone who eats his bread and drinks his blood will share eternal life.

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A VERY HAPPY PARISH FEAST DAY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS!

CALLY FESTIVAL: The annual Cally Festival takes place today from 12 noon till 6:00 p.m. At 2:20 p.m. Children from Blessed Sacrament School will be performing. Do come along and support them and enjoy a great local festival.

EVERY PENNY HELPS: Any building that's over 100 years old needs ongoing repairs – some small, some not so small. Tomorrow our church building is 103 years old! Parishioners' generosity helps keep our church in pretty good shape. We've heard that some people save their copper coins (and other loose change) for good causes. If you don't do so, perhaps you could start! Starting next week, we'll have a container available where you can put your saved coppers – and other coins – to help with church repairs. We entrust this little project to St Barbara, Patron of Copper Miners!

ANNUAL BARBECUE: This year our now annual barbecue will be on Sunday, 14th July after the 11:00 Mass. Those who can finalise plans and help on the day, please meet after 11:00 Mass next Sunday, 30 June.

THE FOODBANK: is always grateful for your help. Please consider volunteering some time to help on Thursdays. There is a box at the back of church for items you can donate. Most needed: Long Life Semi-Skimmed Milk, Cereal, Sugar, Tea, Tinned Meat and Fish, Tinned Fruit. If you wish to donate on line, please go to the parish website and click foodbank. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £316.65 Loose plate: £251.37

Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID: We will shortly be submitting our Gift Aid claim to HMRC for the tax year 2018/19. If you are currently in the Gift Aid Scheme and have ceased paying tax for 2018/19 on any of your income, please advise Oscar Ignatius the parish bookkeeper via email oscarignatius@rcdow.org.uk Thank you

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Nora Moran who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Liam Buckley, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane, Margaret Walsh, Florence S Philip, Amidu (Blessing) Yamba, Evelyn Corcoran, Gerry Corcoran, Eamon Hanahoe, Mary Paditey, Kieran Vos, Bridget Ryan, Barbara Baggs, Eleanor Macauley

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 23 rd June	CORPUS CHRISTI (Parish Mass Book p.83)	8.30am	Bridget Devitt RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 24 th June	Nativity of St John the Baptist	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 25 th June	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 26 th June	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 29 th June	Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 30 th June	SS PETER & PAUL (Parish Mass Book p.180)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Private Intention

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm