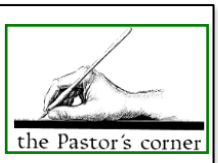
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Facing the "Impossible?"

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." John 6:9–10a

Have you ever been faced with what seems to be an "impossible situation?" Jesus was, but He proved He could overcome any apparent obstacle He wanted to. Sure, He is God, but the fact remains that He can do all things He wills. And He can do so in our lives, too!

This passage above reveals His confidence in His ability to feed many thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Humanly speaking, this is not possible, but divinely speaking, it's easy.

Jesus' miracle speaks to His commitment to "feed us" in every way. Yes, this was a feeding with food, but it's symbolic of Him being able and willing to feed our souls with His grace to face whatever hardship or challenge life throws at us. His grace is enough!

The problem is often twofold. First, we face some challenge in our lives, and we see it as something we do not know how to overcome. This can lead to despair and disillusionment. But when this happens, we must reflect upon miracles like this one and realize that all things are possible for God.

The second problem we often face is the ability to distinguish between God's will and our own limited ideas. Too often we come up with our own ideas of what we think is good and right, and we start praying for that. But what if God's idea and will is much different and, of course, much greater?! What if God has a plan that we never could have come up with on our own? The truth is that He does have a far more perfect plan for our lives than we could ever dream up. He knows what is best for us, and He can bring that plan to fruition. For our part, we must seek that plan, surrender to it and have faith in His perfect love, mercy, power and love.

Reflect, today, on your future. What is it that seems to worry you the most? What is it that seems to fill you with anxiety? God has a perfect plan for that situation. Your job is to seek out that plan and trust it will be brought to fruition.

Lord, I know You can do all things and that You will the good in all things. Help me to turn and to surrender to Your perfect divine will. As I surrender to it, help me to have perfect faith that You will bring Your will to fruition. Jesus, I trust in You.

Children's Liturgy

Well what an amazing time we have had this year and whilst we have not been able to be together in person, Jane, Anthony and the little helpers (too many to mention now) have helped us understand the Gospel each week. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work and we wish them all a happy summer break and look forward to seeing them all again in September.

This last week we learn about a special miracle that Jesus performed and Bertie has something special to show you, he is very excited. He also likes the Gospel story very much this week, as it involves food.....

https://youtu.be/KF7smSL14qA

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**** 100 club Membership Renewal July 2021/2022****

Final reminder If you would like to re-new your membership for the 100 club or interested in becoming a member, please pick up an envelope from the narthex and return to the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 25TH JULY 2021

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) INTS OF MOIRA AND PAT O'ROURKE

09:30AM STEPHEN HIGGINS RIP A

11:30AM RONALD JOHNSON RIP LD

MONDAY 26TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TUESDAY 27TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM MARY SHEILA FITZGERALD RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 28TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM HOLY SOULS

THURSDAY 29TH JULY

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

THE ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 30TH JULY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SATURDAY 31ST JULY

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN

09:30AM CATHERINE (KITTY) TOBIN, PATRICK TOBIN & MARGARET NEWTON RIP

FOLLOWED BY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

+ 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST 2021

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARY & GERRY (JUNIOR) BOYLE & GERRY (SENIOR) BOYLE RIP A

09:30AM MICHAEL HILL RIP A

11:30AM EMMANUEL LUZ RIP A

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Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Anastasia O'Connor, Audrey Farrell, Hilda Minoli, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Paul Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh; for Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus. *Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.*

For those who have died recently: Mary Sheila Fitzgerald, Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann, Brian Berry, Catherine Mary Nolan.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Michael Power.

Sea Sunday- Thank you for your generous donations to the Apostleship of the Sea appeal on Sea Sunday. The total amount raised was £321.00!

Parishioner requiring childcare: My son is starting at St Swithun Wells Nursery in September and I'm looking for a childminder/nanny/other parent collecting their own child to help with pick up from school close at 3:30 until approximately 5:00. If you might be able to help with this please contact me, Louisa Gray.
Email graylouisa1@gmail.com or call me on 07769707891.

Volunteers required for small paint job: Our church carpark barrier needs some attention and we are looking for two willing volunteers to repaint the barrier. It will require some prep work beforehand like sanding and cleaning. Paint and tools will be provided. If you are interested please contact Fr Martin or the Parish Office 0208 866 6581 email: eastcote@rcdow.org.uk.

Hillingdon Food Bank: The next food bank collection will be **Wednesday 28th July 2021.**

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England

Sunday – it is our Day[1] On 19th July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement "The pandemic is not over." Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship.

We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God.

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled *The Day of the Lord*. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: "The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives."

May this continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of *The Day of the Lord*.

[1] St Jerome, *In Die Dominica Paschae II*