

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

### 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.

**Bitesize** - "One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."  
~ Virginia Woolf, *A Room of One's Own*, 1929



**PARISH PRAYER** – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Useful links: Diocesan Safeguarding – <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/>  
Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>  
Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>  
Daily Liturgy Website – [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

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### 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2019 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) – Year C [12<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 4]

| Mass Times for the Week      |                     |   | Intentions  |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup> June   | 6.00 pm             | <b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b><br>[Parish Mass Book p83] | Ann & Stephen Mealy<br>The People of the Parish<br>Maria Alexandra Coito Pita |
| Sun. 23 <sup>rd</sup> June   | 9.00 am<br>11.00 am |   |   |
| Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup> June   | 10.00 am            | Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)                             | Priest's Int.   |
| Tues. 25 <sup>th</sup> June  | -                   | Feria   | <b>No Mass today – PP's day off</b>   |
| Weds. 26 <sup>th</sup> June  | -                   | Dedication of the Cathedral (Feast)                                     | <b>No Mass today</b>  |
| Thurs. 27 <sup>th</sup> June | -                   | Feria   | <b>No Mass today</b>  |
| Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> June   | 10.00 am            | Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)                                  | Freda Wilkes  |
| Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> June   | 10.30 am            | Immaculate Heart of the BVM   | Priest's Int.   |
| Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> June   | 6.00 pm             | <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>  | Priest's Int.<br>Priest's Int.<br>The People of the Parish                    |
| Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> June   | 9.00 am<br>11.00 am |   |   |

#### Music for Corpus Christi – Setting: Belmont Mass (with Memorial Acclam. 1)

**Entry:** 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 632 – Come to the feast of heaven and earth ...

**Psalm:** (6pm sung) *R.*: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

**Offertory:** Hymn 646 – Welcome all ye noble saints of old ...

**Recessional:** 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 627 – This is my body, broken for you ...

#### Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm, or by request/appointment

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

**Anniversaries this week:** Dorothy Payne, Michael Howard, Maureen Jacobs, John Zuhlke, Terrance Lappin, Barry McGrath, Fernando Sentieriro and Anthony Joseph O'Connor. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Hospital Visits:** If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for:** David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, and Shirley Liebenhals.

**Money Matters:** Thank you for your offering of £392.27 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish and also for your offerings by Standing Orders in May amounting to £432. The collection last weekend for Day for Life came to £141.68. Thank you for your generosity. **Next weekend (30 June)** there will be a retiring (Holy See) collection for Peter's Pence.

| Diary Dates for this week - |         |  |
|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| Tues. 25 June               | 7.30pm  | Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room  |
| Weds. 26 June               | 6.30pm  | Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All volunteers welcome to make a joyful noise to the Lord! |
| Weds. 26 June               | 7.30pm  | SVP Conference meeting – Emmaus Room   |
| Sat. 29 June                | 11.00am | Saturday Club - Emmaus Room  |

**Mass Times** - Please note the times of Mass this week. On Wednesday and on Thursday I will be attending the Norfolk Show as one of an ecumenical team of chaplains. The Norfolk Show is an important event and I regard it as an honour to be part of an ecumenical team representing the Church. Not every County Show invites the Church to be present.

**Ordination on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July** - There are still a few spaces left on the bus. The list is almost complete. Please sign up if you wish to attend the ordination. Please also note that due to the Ordination, there will be no Saturday Club that day.

**Help wanted** to clean the Presbytery. Three hours per week on a temporary basis. I need someone to help keep the Presbytery clean for at least six weeks as the current person will be having a hip replacement in July. If you know of someone who could do this, please contact me at the Presbytery, by phone or by email.

**Confirmation 2020** - I have booked Bishop Alan for Confirmation in July next year. The programme of preparation will start in September 2019 for those who are interested. Candidates, please speak to Fr. Brendan if you are interested or curious about what it means to be a Confirmed Christian.

#### Forthcoming Events –

- **Community of Christ the Prince: New Dawn Conference** – This annual Catholic family event is taking place at Walsingham from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019** – see the poster at the back of church for details. [www.princeofpeace.org.uk](http://www.princeofpeace.org.uk)
- **EA Diocesan Summer Camp 2019, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August** – Come and join in a weekend of Faith, Food and Fun for children aged 8-14 years, at Moreton Hall School, Bury St. Edmunds. For more information please email [diocesansummercamps@gmail.com](mailto:diocesansummercamps@gmail.com) or go to [www.facebook/diocesansummercamps](http://www.facebook/diocesansummercamps). Any parent/guardian needing assistance with costs, is encouraged to contact a member of the Planning Team. Similarly, if anyone would like to sponsor a child to attend camp or make a contribution towards costs, then please get in touch.
- **The Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike, Walk, Drive ... in the Norfolk Countryside – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 9.00am – 5.00pm** - Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, lead roofs are stolen, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation. So, pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk you can. **Plus**, you can join with others in your parish to win £1000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. *Simply get sponsored for each building you visit, or make a donation* – find out more at [www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride](http://www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride) or see the poster at the back of church.

#### The Angelus

☩. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. *℟. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*  
Hail Mary ...

☩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. *℟. Be it done unto me according to thy word.*  
Hail Mary ...

☩. And the Word was made flesh. *℟. And dwelt among us.* Hail Mary ...

☩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. *℟. That we may be made worth of the promises of Christ.*

**Let us pray:** Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.