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Newsletter for Sunday 23rd June 2019

CORPUS CHRISTI

Psalter Week 4

“Gather up the Fragments”

Today on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Gospel reading is St Luke's account of the **feeding of the five thousand** which is a **miracle of multiplication**. Our Lord feeds five thousand people with just five loaves and two fish. It is also a **Eucharistic miracle** in the sense that He anticipates what He will do at the Last Supper. Notice the similarities: He *takes* the bread, *blesses* it, *breaks* it and *gives* it to them - the same as He did at the Last Supper. But in the miracle at the Last Supper Our Lord changes the bread and wine into His own Body and Blood (transubstantiation) and gives it to us so as we may have eternal life. The Gospel also points out that they *collected up twelve baskets of the leftovers*. There is an important message for us here.

In the **Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church** published by Pope Benedict XVI in 2005 we read regarding the Holy Eucharist, **“the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ. He is present whole and entire in each of the Eucharistic species and in each of their parts”** (#284). In other words Christ is fully present in every fragment of the Host and every drop from the consecrated Chalice, no matter how small. St John in his account of this miracle has Our Lord give the command, **“Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost”**(6:12). Our Lord didn't say this because He had a concern about wasting food! Rather He wants to teach us to respect every fragment of the miraculous bread.

After Our Lord had ascended into Heaven and the Holy Spirit had come at Pentecost to teach the Apostles all truth, and as they obeyed Our Lord's command to celebrate the Eucharist, they would have believed in the **Real Presence**. As they celebrated Mass, they would no doubt have recalled how in this miracle of the feeding of the five thousand Our Lord was very particular about each fragment. Similarly, the Church has always taken great care to ensure that no particles of the Sacred Host or drops of the Precious Blood are lost. Hence the priest or deacon, without being overly scrupulous, must take great care in purifying the sacred vessels after Holy Communion. It is to prevent these fragments from falling to the ground that we often use the **communion plate**, and if you receive Our Lord into your hand, one should take care to ensure that there are no particles or fragments remaining on the palm of your hand. They should be consumed.

However, we are human and our senses are limited. But so long as we do our best and are not careless with fragments of the Host or drops from the Chalice, we are doing all Our Lord and His Church ask of us in this regard. But we should all realise that the God Who created us and Who will ultimately judge us is fully present in the smallest particles of the Host or tiniest drops from the Chalice: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	22 nd	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	23 rd	<u>CORPUS CHRISTI</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass
		12.45pm	Polish Mass
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	24 th	9.15am	The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)
Tues	25 th	9.15am	Feria
Weds	26 th	9.15am	Feria
Thurs	27 th	9.15am	St Cyril of Alexandria
Fri	28 th	9.15am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)
		7.00pm	Latin Mass (Old rite)
Sat	29 th	9.15am	The Immaculate Heart of Mary (Memoria)
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	30 th	<u>Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Tues	25 th	6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary – Church
Weds	26 th	2.00-4.00pm	Senior Citizens (Beetle Drive) – Hall
		7.30pm	UCM – Dinner Out
Sat	29 th	10.00am-1.00pm	UCM Summer Fair
		1.30-3.30pm	Grub Club Volunteers 1st Aid Awareness – Hall

NB: Due to the new government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions in the printed edition of the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 27 children who have made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers. Certificates will be handed out within the next 2 to 3 weeks. The date will be announced next weekend. *Fr Paul*

THE UCM SUMMER FAIR will be held at St Mary's on **Saturday 29th June** from 10am to 1pm. Marie's famous preserves will be on sale along with cakes, plants and refreshments including cream teas. We would appreciate any donations especially of unwanted gifts which can be left at the office or given to any UCM member. Bacon and sausage rolls will be on sale after Sunday Masses on **30th**. PLEASE SUPPORT this fundraising event. *Dorothy Hutchings*

CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other): Our next social evening will take place at Dorothy's house **Friday 5th July** starting at 7pm. Shared table as usual. Please come along and join us.

FOR ALL GRUB CLUB VOLUNTEERS First Aid awareness session: **Saturday, 29th June**, 1.30-3.30pm in the parish hall. Training and team briefing: **Wednesday, 10th July**, 7.00-8.00pm in the parish hall, to include welcome to new volunteers; our Grub Club principles; safeguarding; health & safety; activities/kitchen/meet&greet get-together.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Next May, Bishop Patrick will be coming to St Mary's to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. I would like to make it known in advance that anyone applying to be confirmed needs to be practising their Faith and attending Mass every week **now**. Those who are not attending weekly Mass in the parish will not be admitted to the course. The Sacrament of Confirmation is when we really commit to the Faith, so to be a practising Catholic is the minimum requirement. Confirmation cannot be, as has been so often in recent decades, the Sacrament of Exit from the Church! Application forms will be available directly from me later in the year. *Fr Paul*

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA QUIZ: **Saturday 6th July**, 7.30pm, at Sacred Heart church hall. £6 (£3 students), includes wine and cheese supper. Proceeds to Let the Children Live, a charity that helps street children in Bogota. To book, please contact Will Holland on 07811 353 248.

DINNER DANCE AT DE LISLE COLLEGE (part of the college's Diamond Jubilee celebrations): **Friday 27th September** at Burleigh Court. **All former pupils are invited.** Tickets cost £35 per person. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Mrs Herbert: 01509 268739/ wendy.herbert@delisle.leics.sch.uk by **Monday 1st July**.

NEW PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Please see the notice board for further information.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: preferably in a family, for a young Italian lady staying in England from **26th July – 26th August** to improve her English. Costs would be paid. Please contact Fr Paul if you can help.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died: Regina Wojciechowska and David Paterson, **May they rest in peace.**

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Hollingsworth, Clare Daniels, Martin Allaway, Katarzyana Hönl, John Burton, Andrew Marples, Kathleen Blake, Rev Fr Michael Williams, Agnes Husser, Tony Mc Enery and Anne Fahey

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

- LEADER:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- ALL:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.
- LEADER:** Bless our families. Bless our children.
- ALL:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.
- LEADER:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!
- ALL:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

FROM THE SAINTS: “When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now” (*St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 1910-1997*).

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

SUNDAY VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: The next Vespers and Benediction will be on **Sunday 30th June** at 6pm which is the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: The next Holy Hour will be on **Thursday 4th July**, 7pm.

‘TWILIGHT’ RETREAT Wednesday 26th June, 7-9pm, in **St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Leicester LE5 6SG**: An evening of prayer, talks, reflection and music on this month's theme ‘Women of Faith’ led by Fr John Daley IC. Refreshments available. There is no charge for the evening but a donation of £3 is asked to help with expenses.

ROSMINI CENTRE: Friday 28th June 7.00pm - Healing Mass. Saturday 29th June 10.00am-3.30pm- Celtic Spirituality Retreat Day with Fr Ted Mullen. Buffet Lunch included. Please book: 01509 813078 or rosmincentreinfo@gmail.com. Suggested donation: £15.

STAGE 2 OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROSMINI CENTRE: Letters are available at the back of the church with information about this project (which will start in September) and how you can help to support it.

NEW ROSMINIAN WEBSITE: In it you will find many books on Rosmini or by Rosmini freely available online, power-point presentations, videos – the first one being an interview with our novice Brother William Rees. The site will grow over the next few weeks and it will be kept up to date. Please go and check it out at www.rosminipublications.com.

Second collection 29th/30th June: Peter's Pence for the Holy See & Papal Charities

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First Collection: £ 648	Day for Life: £252
Standing Orders: £ 665 @ 30/04	<i>Thank you</i>