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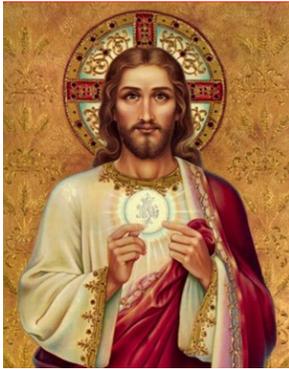
The Miracle of the Holy Eucharist

When God is about to do something extraordinary, generally speaking He announces it beforehand. So when He intended to destroy the world by the Flood, He had Noah announce it some years before. When He became man at the Incarnation, He had John the Baptist announce it in the wilderness. Similarly, when Our Lord was going to announce the **Holy Eucharist**, He prepared people for it by the stupendous miracle of the **Feeding of the Five Thousand** with five loaves and two fishes. Then He said, *“Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you”* (John 6:27). Then He announced that He would give them the true Bread from Heaven - not like that with which God fed their fathers in the desert at the time of Moses. He Who called Himself ‘the Bread of Life’ then said that the bread He would give would be His true Flesh and Blood and that whoever eats of it will live forever (John 6:53). Many walked away after this because they could not take it, but Our Lord let them depart and repeated several times what He had just said. The disciples believed Him even though they did not fully understand, but they waited for the day when He would fulfil His promise.

That day came at the **Last Supper** when JESUS took bread and blessed it and gave it to them saying, *“This is My Body”*. Then He took the chalice and gave it to them saying, *“This is My Blood of the covenant which is to be poured out for many”* (Mark 14:22-24). JESUS is God, and what God commands is done in an instant. Creation came into being by His word. Similarly, by His word He changes bread and wine into His Body and Blood. The Church has taught this from the very beginning. **St Paul** in his first letter to the Corinthians says, *“Whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord” ... “and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Body of the Lord”* (11:29). Paul would never say such a thing if it were not really the Body and Blood of the Lord. So we should not receive Holy Communion if we have any unconfessed serious (mortal) sins.

Many miracles throughout history have testified to the truth of the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. In recent decades when faith in the Real Presence is diminishing rapidly, Our Lord is once again

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MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 5th

6.00pm Frankie Stephen Bulger RIP – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 6th

Corpus Christi (Solemnity)

9.00am Kelly York RIP – PUBLIC MASS

11.15am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Mon 7th

9.15am Family Intention – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 8th

9.15am Tracy Murphy RIP

Weds 9th

6.30pm Dominic Bombardini RIP (Latin) - PUBLIC MASS

Thurs 10th

6.30pm James O'Rourke RIP

Fri 11th

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

6.30pm For all Priests – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 12th

9.15am Private Intention

10.30am **Private prayer with Exposition of the**

Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am

6.00pm Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 13th

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am James O'Rourke RIP – PUBLIC MASS

11.15am Genina & Giuseppe Romano RIP – PUBLIC MASS

4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Month of the Sacred Heart: The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of JESUS. We celebrate the Solemnity this **Friday 11th June** with Mass at 6.30pm. Our Lord made known His desire for devotion to His Sacred Heart through St Margaret Mary (1647-90). Over the centuries many people had developed a false image of God as harsh and distant Who was waiting to crush us for the slightest sin. Our Lord revealed to St Margaret Mary His heart, burning with love for humanity. In one vision He allowed her to rest her head on His heart. His human heart was to be the symbol of His divine-human love. He explained to her that he wished to make these wonders known to all the world, and that He had chosen her for His work. The First Friday of the month is always dedicated to the Sacred Heart of JESUS.

Fr Paul

Please pray for those who have recently died

Kelly York

May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Maureen Connell

William Gallagher

Frank Kozimor

Rae Hagan

Anthony McAllister

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giving us many new signs of this truth through **Eucharistic miracles**. One of these took place in **Tixtla, Mexico** on 21st October 2006. Holy Communion was being distributed at Mass, and in the ciborium a red liquid began to come from a Host. Upon scientific analysis, it was shown that the tissue was alive and the blood was type AB, the same as is found in other Eucharistic miracles and also on the **Shroud of Turin**. This blood type is very rare with less than 7% of people having it. Using electron microscopy it was discovered that the blood came from inside the Host, an extraordinary phenomenon in itself. The doctor performed the same tests on an unconsecrated host and it disintegrated.

Although we cannot fully understand how bread and wine can become the Body and Blood of Christ, we trust that it does, because JESUS said it and He is the Truth. And neither are these Eucharistic miracles unique. It happens every day throughout the world whenever a validly ordained priest celebrates Mass. It is at the **Consecration** the miracle takes place. We don't see it visibly, but rather through the eyes of faith. O Lord, increase our faith in Your Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Grub Club: Meeting for all volunteers who are registered with us, **Saturday 26th June**, 12-2pm, in the parish hall. The focus of the meeting will be getting to know one another, briefing on specific roles and training, including safeguarding. Our intention is to open Grub Club Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, **12th July to 6th August, as long as the government's relaxation of social distancing rules makes it operationally viable**. We will confirm opening when the government reveal details of the next step.

Catherine Brady and Frank Fay

The Word and the Common Good: You are invited to join Catholics from around the Diocese of Nottingham for an interactive online course over six Monday evenings in June and July. As life starts afresh after lockdown, it's a rare opportunity to sow seeds of the Gospel. **Discover** how Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help us seize this moment and build a society that reflects God's Kingdom. **Build bridges** following a year of social distancing and foster a new 'culture of encounter'. **Form new friendships**, renew old ones, and help to build our parish communities for mission. The sessions begin on **Monday 7th June** at 7.00 p.m. for six weeks – come to as many as you are available for. For more information visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us and follow the link to book your place.

Year of St Joseph



VACANCIES within the Diocesan Curia Formation (Diocese of Nottingham)

Communication and Website Administrator

Role: to provide communication assistance, course & event coordination and general office duties.

Salary: £20 - £23,000 pa

Finance Assistant (OPAS)

Role: to support parishes with the production of financial information using the Diocesan Online Parish Administration System (OPAS). Training in OPAS and Diocesan financial procedures will be provided. Frequent travel across the Diocese will be required.

Salary: £22 - £25,000 pa

For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Closing date: 20/6/21

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.

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.

First Holy Communion applications are now closed and details of classes will be made available very shortly. *Fr Paul*

The Prime Minister's Marriage: Several people have asked me how it is possible that Boris Johnson, a twice divorced Catholic, has managed to marry in the Catholic Church. The answer is straight forward. For a baptised Catholic to validly marry they must do so in the presence of a Catholic bishop, priest or deacon unless they have a dispensation from the Bishop to marry elsewhere. The Prime Minister's first two marriages took place outside the Catholic Church without a dispensation rendering them invalid in the eyes of the Church. They would have been declared null, thus leaving him free to marry in the Catholic Church which he did at Westminster Cathedral last weekend. If anyone out there has any worries about the validity of their marriage in the eyes of the Church please come and see me. These things can often be easily fixed. *Fr Paul*



From the Saints

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses JESUS in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace"

(St Padre Pio, 1887–1968)

Pre-booking places for Mass:

Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at

<https://massbooking.uk>.

Telephone bookings can be made by calling

07554 603972

Tuesday or Wednesday

2pm – 4pm or

**Thursday and Friday,
5pm – 7pm.**

Please do not phone the Presbytery. Due to the higher demand at weekend Masses, a pre-booked seat is not guaranteed if you arrive after Mass has begun. May I take this opportunity to remind you that the Sunday obligation is still suspended, and therefore I would encourage some of you to take advantage of attending Mass during the week if possible to help ease the numbers at the weekend. Thank you.

Fr Paul

Last Week's Finance

Collection: £673, of which £53 was gift-aided

Standing orders: £819 @30/04, of which £717 was gift-aided

Mass attendance: 237

Thank you