

St Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

17th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

NEWSLETTER

The Bread of Heaven

Over the next five Sundays we will be taking a break from the Gospel of St Mark and reading instead from Chapter 6 of St John's Gospel which is known as **'The Bread of Life Discourse'**. It begins today with John's account of the **Feeding of the Five Thousand** where Our Lord by a miracle of multiplication feeds five thousand people with just five loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15). This is the only miracle of Our Lord to appear in all four Gospels and it will ultimately be fulfilled in the miracle of the **Holy Eucharist**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches,

"The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through His disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of His Eucharist" (#1335).

It is clear that Our Lord performed this miracle to prepare the crowd to accept the difficult doctrine of the Eucharist; that the bread and wine at Mass at the words of **Consecration** are changed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord. Then when they had all eaten their fill, JESUS ordered the disciples to *"Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted."* You will find this detail in all four accounts. The gathering up of these pieces or fragments was important to Our Lord. Why would this be the case? It cannot be He was merely concerned not to waste food.

Every single act and word of Our Lord had a significant meaning. He wanted to make people accountable for every fragment, whatever the size of this miraculous bread. When He performed this miracle He would obviously have had in mind what He would do at the **Last Supper** which was the **First Mass**. As He did in this miracle, He would take bread, bless and break it and give to His disciples to eat.

The early Church after Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven believed in the Real Presence of JESUS in the Holy Eucharist. Gradually they would come to understand that Christ is fully present in even the tiniest particle or fragment of the consecrated bread and in every



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St James the Apostle

Please pray for those who have recently died

Jean Finn and Brother Terry O'Donnell IC
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Norman Denton
Helen Mitchell
Carmen Langley
Carmelo Lopez-Lopez
Gerrard Nicholson
Bernie Wyatt
Len Sepede
Natalie Gillham
Estrella Marti

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat 24th Vigil Mass
6.00pm For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS

Sun 25th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am In Thanksgiving: Anne, Maeve & Garret Fitzpatrick – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am Chrissie Tuohey RIP - PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

Mon 26th Ss Joachim & Anne
9.15am Natalie Gillham RIP (Anniversary) – PUBLIC MASS

Tues 27th Feria
9.15am Mary Pitchford RIP

Weds 28th Feria
6.30pm Special Intention

Thurs 29th St Martha
9.15am Estrella Marti RIP (Anniversary)

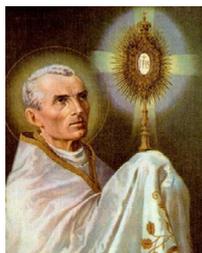
Fri 30th St Peter Chrysologos
6.30pm Padre Pio - In Thanksgiving – PUBLIC MASS

Sat 31st St Ignatius Loyola
9.15am Intention for the living
10.30am **Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions 10.30-11.30am**
-12.30pm **Vigil: Francesco & Libera Calardo RIP – PUBLIC MASS**

Sun 1st 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Deceased members of the Galvin & Thurland Families – PUBLIC MASS
11.15am For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
4.00pm Italian Mass – PUBLIC MASS

PLEASE NOTE

Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are not able to publish name details of Mass intentions for the living in this online version of the newsletter.



From the Saints

“The Holy Eucharist is like a divine storehouse filled with every virtue; God has placed It in the world so that all may draw from it”

(St Peter Julian Eymard, 1811-68)

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drop of the consecrated wine. They would then have remembered Our Lord's insistence on the **gathering up of the fragments** at the Feeding of the Five Thousand, and it follows this accountability would be even greater in the real gift of Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. **St Thomas Aquinas**, in the 'Lauda Sion' which is the great Sequence for Corpus Christi wrote:

"And when the Sacrament is broken, waver not! But remember, that there is as much under each fragment, as is hid under the whole."

Still today at Mass, the priest, who is acting *in persona Christi*, (in the person of Christ) is to gather up the fragments from the paten and the ciborium and purify them and his fingers over the chalice, lest any fragments remain on them. Similarly, great care is to be taken in the laundering of the linens which purify the ciborium and chalice lest any fragments remain on them. They have to be rinsed in water and then poured into the earth before being washed and ironed for their next use.

These are all clear signs to us of the Real Presence and the great reverence and care we must have towards the Holy Eucharist collectively and as individuals.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world ... This is the bread that came down from Heaven. Not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead. He that eateth this bread shall live for ever" (John 6:51,59).

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

Sunday Mass Obligation

The Bishops of England and Wales have said the Sunday Mass obligation will remain suspended until at least the First Sunday of Advent which is the weekend of **27th/28th November 2021**.

Mass Times/Intentions

Although the times of Masses are all shown in this newsletter, the **private Masses** (ie those not open to the public) will not necessarily be offered at those times. But the Masses will all be celebrated for the particular intentions on the days advertised.

Please note also, there will be **no Latin Mass next Wednesday 28th July**.

Year of St Joseph



Weekly cleaning of the church takes place every Friday between 10.30am and 12.30pm. New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Fr Paul or Emily if you would like to help, or just turn up any Friday. We would appreciate having more volunteers on the rota. Thank you.

Postponed event: Marie Brookes will now be selling her home-made jams and cakes and bric-a-brac at Loughborough Market on **Saturday 31st July**. All proceeds will go to Kwediboma. If you are able to donate any baked items or help her on the day she would really appreciate it. You can contact her on 01509 215180.

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.

Feast of St James the Greater (25th July)

Were today not a Sunday we would be celebrating the Feast of St James the Apostle also known as St James the Greater to distinguish him from St James the Less. He was the brother of St John the Apostle.

St James was one of JESUS' first disciples. He was fishing with his father and his brother John when JESUS came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee. They had failed to catch any fish that day and JESUS persuaded them to go out again. They did so and found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight. James was one of only three called by JESUS to witness His Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by JESUS. Following Our Lord's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He travelled and spread the Gospel for nearly forty years in Spain. It is said that one day, as he prayed, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did. Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die. His remains today are in a tomb in the Cathedral of Santiago in Spain where they have been since the ninth century.

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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: £456, of which £133 was gift-aided

Standing orders: £826 @30/06, of which £726 was gift-aided

Mass attendance: 222

Thank you
