

You give them something to eat

In the Gospel, Jesus says something that I always find striking: “you give them something to eat” (Lk 9:13). Starting with this sentence I am letting myself be guided by three words.

First of all: who are those who must be given something to eat? We find the answer at the beginning of the Gospel passage: it is the crowd, the multitude. Jesus is in the midst of the people, he welcomes them, he speaks to them, he heals them, he shows them God’s mercy; it is from among them that he chooses the Twelve Apostles to be with him and, like him, to immerse themselves in the practical situations of the world. Furthermore the people follow him and listen to him, because Jesus is speaking and behaving in a new way, with the authority of someone who is authentic and consistent, someone who speaks and acts with truth, someone who gives the hope that comes from God, someone who is a revelation of the Face of a God who is love. And the people joyfully bless God.

Let us take another step. What does Jesus’ request to the disciples, that they themselves give food to the multitude, come from? It comes from two things: first of all from the crowd, who in following Jesus find themselves in the open air, far from any inhabited areas, while evening is falling; and then from the concern of the disciples who ask Jesus to send the crowd away so that they can go to the neighbouring villages to find provisions and somewhere to stay (cf. Lk 9:12).

Faced with the needs of the crowd the disciples’ solution was this: let each one think of himself – send the crowd away! How often do we Christians have this temptation! We do not take upon ourselves the needs of others, but dismiss them with a pious: “God help you”, or with a not so pious “good luck”, and if I never see you again.... But Jesus’ solution goes in another direction, a direction that astonishes the disciples: “You give them something to eat”. Yet how could we be the ones to give a multitude something to eat? “We have no more than five loaves and two fish – unless we are to go and buy food for all these people” (Lk 9:13). However Jesus does not despair. He asks the disciples to have the people sit down in groups of 50 people. He looks up to heaven, recites the blessing, breaks the bread and fish into pieces and gives them to the disciples to distribute (cf. Lk 9:16). It is a moment of deep communion: the crowd is satisfied by the word of the Lord and is now nourished by his bread of life. And they were all satisfied, the Evangelist notes (cf. Lk 9:17).

A final element: where does the multiplication of the loaves come from? The answer lies in Jesus’ request to the disciples: “You give them...”, “to give”, to share. What do the disciples share? The little they have: five loaves and two fish. However it is those very loaves and fish in the Lord’s hands that feed the entire crowd. And it is the disciples themselves, bewildered as they face the insufficiency of their means, the poverty of what they are able to make available, who get the people to sit down and who – trusting in Jesus’ words – distribute the loaves and fish that satisfy the crowd. And this tells us that in the Church, but also in society, a key word of which we must not be frightened is “solidarity”, that is, the ability to make what we have, our humble capacities, available to God, for only in sharing, in giving, will our life be fruitful. Solidarity is a word seen badly by the spirit of the world!

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Corpus Christi

Year B

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Entrance Antiphon:	He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
1st Reading:	Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm R:	I will lift up the chalice of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 116)
2nd Reading:	Hebrews 9:11-15
Sequence:	Lauda, Sion, Salvatorem ... (p 110 in <i>Missale</i>) Laud, O Zion, your salvation ...
Alleluia:	I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; if anyone eats this bread he will live for ever.
Gospel:	Mark 14:12-16. 22-26
Communion Antiphon:	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Baptism Preparation: the next session is postponed until next Sunday, **14 June**; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised at Holy Cross, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month.

TODAY there will be the usual Corpus Christi procession after the 10.30am Mass. Please pray for fine weather. If it is wet, we will hold the procession inside the church.

Blackfriars’ Market will take place on Saturday 13 June (11.30am to 2pm) and Sunday 14 June (8.45am to 1pm)

Our aim is to raise £10 000 towards improvements in the church and maintenance of the priory. Please show your support in these ways:

◆**Please buy and sell raffle tickets**, £1 each (£5 a book) – available from the tables after Mass – cash prizes up to £100.

◆**Volunteer to set up or help run a stall**, if only for an hour or two. Fr David will be delighted to hear from you.

◆**Bring in donations** of cakes, good quality paperbacks, DVDs, bric-a-brac, pickles and jams, bottled goods, gifts, toiletries, toys, games, chocolates, sweets and prizes (but NOT please video cassettes, clothes or electrical items). Please use the MORSBAGS provided on the tables by the doors, or your own re-used carrier bags.

◆**Bake cakes**, either dropping them off in the priory a day or two before, or bringing them on the Saturday.

◆**You may also donate cash** so that more of the proceeds go to church and priory improvements – there are white gift aid envelopes available for this.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £926.45 (of which £350.10 was Gift Aided and £576.35 was not) and in addition the parish receives approximately £240 per week in donations made by standing order, nearly all of which are Gift Aided; Solidarity Fund £3.70; Friends of Holy Cross £5.27; Holy Souls £24.38; Grenada Church Restoration £ - . The retiring collection for the Mission Appeal by the Columban Sisters came to £470.83.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Please pray for the candidates who will receive their First Holy Communion or be Confirmed on Sunday 21 June at 10.30am.

Blackfriars Market Picture Raffle: "Abbey Park" by Isidore Clarke O.P. Tickets: £1.00 each.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is a very important way of preparing for Mass and of deepening our understanding of the Mass. It takes place at Holy Cross on Sundays from 6.00-7.00 pm, on Wednesdays from 11.00am and on Saturdays from 10.30am.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes (8-12 June): Please place petitions and money for candles and Masses in clearly-marked envelopes and leave in the sacristy or hand to a friar. Please also say the Association prayer (below) every day of the pilgrimage.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes. O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favours, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request (here mention request). I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.

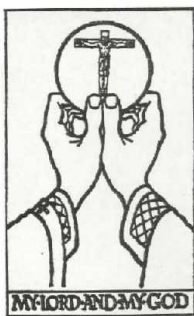
GIFT AID DONATIONS. We now have separate envelopes for one-off donations to either the Parish or the Priory. Please check the wording at the top of the envelope. Gifts to the Parish go in yellow envelopes, and to the Priory in blue envelopes. There are also white envelopes for donations to Blackfriars Market, and Sanctuary Lamp donations.

Rosmini Centre: Saturday 13 June, *Complexity of Today's Relationships 'Married Life'*, 10.30 for 11.00am, presented by Fr. David Palmer, Marriage and Family Life Commission; 12.30pm shared lunch. Mass at 10.00am for those who wish. Please ring or email 01509 813078 or rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com. Saturday 13 June, OPEN AFTERNOON 2.00 to 4.00pm. LE7 4SJ – turn left off A46, half mile north of Ratcliffe College going towards Newark. Automatic gates. 3.00pm 'Introduction' in Hangar. Do come and see.

News from the Parish Shop:

- ◆ The June edition of the Diocesan newspaper, *Catholic Voice*, is now available, price 20p. The front page is largely devoted to information about our new bishop, Mgr Patrick McKinney.

The shop is open after the 12.30pm Masses during the week, on Saturdays from 11am until after the 12.30pm Mass, and after every Sunday Mass. The shop is in the room beyond the sacristy.



Ecce panis angelorum!

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 2
Sunday	CORPUS CHRISTI	
Vigil	18.10 Irena & Roman Olszewski	
	8.00 ☩ Deceased members of the Pinto family	
Sung	10.30 Special intention	
OP Rite	12.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	
	19.00 ☩ Frank McGovern	
Monday	Bls Diana d'Andalò and Cecilia, Virgins, Nuns	
OP Rite	8.00 William Spendilow	
	12.30 St Anthony	
	18.10 Kevin Glover (sick)	
Tuesday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ☩ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 In thanksgiving	
	18.10 ☩ Martin Wood	
Wednesday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 <i>No Mass at this time today</i>	
	12.30 Mary Darek, special intention	
	18.10 ☩ Mark Chezal	
Thursday	ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE	
OP Rite	8.00	
	12.30 ☩ Mario De Souza	
	18.10 Persecuted Christians	
Friday	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity	
OP Rite	8.00	
	12.30 ☩ Pauline Boyde	
	18.10 Rebecca Dennis (mental wellbeing)	
Saturday	St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
OP Rite	8.00 ☩ Holy Souls	
	10.00	
	12.30 ☩ Jose Rodriguez	
Next Sunday – Eleventh Sunday <i>per annum</i>. Readings:		
Ezekiel 17:22-24	2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Mark 4:26-34

We will continue our Novena in Honour of St Anthony of Padua this week. His feast day is on Saturday.

Fr Bruno Clifton OP, is looking for sponsors for his Ultimate Trail Challenge in the Lake District on 27 June. Fr Bruno's 68-mile run (110 km) will be completed in one single summer's day. Apart from having the physical strength to complete it, Fr Bruno will need great mental discipline, endurance and self-belief in overcoming this monumental challenge. He is volunteering his time and effort in the hope of raising money for the training of Dominicans to preach the Gospel, making his contribution towards the £1 million target of The Dominican Friars Training Fund Campaign. Please sponsor Fr Bruno by going to <https://www.justgiving.com/BrunoCliftonOP> or sending a cheque payable to the Dominican Council to Fr Bruno's Challenge, Development Office, 17 Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2NA.

VACANCY: Holy Cross Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy, Hucknall, Notts, are seeking to appoint a headteacher, salary range L15-L21. Further details are available on the school website www.holycrossschoolhucknall.com. Closing date 22nd June.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAYS
8.00 Mass
9.00 Lauds
10.30 Sung Mass
12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite)
18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction
19.00 Mass
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS
7.30 Lauds
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
11.00*Devotions & Exposition
12.15*Benediction
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
18.10 Mass followed by Vespers
*WEDNESDAYS ONLY
SATURDAYS
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
9.00 Lauds
10.00 Mass
10.30 Devotions & Exposition
10.30 Confessions until 11.30
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
17.00 Confessions until 18.00
17.45 Vespers
18.10 Vigil Mass for Sunday
HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION
18.10 (previous day) Vigil Mass followed by Vespers
7.30 Lauds
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
12.30 Mass
18.10 Mass followed by Vespers
BANK HOLIDAYS
7.30 Lauds
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or at the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
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Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30 Mass.
Baptisms: Saturday afternoons.
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