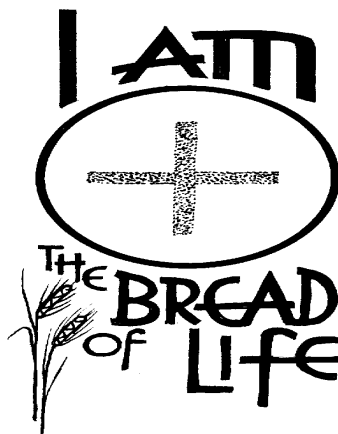


NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

This is the only miracle that is reported by all the four gospels, because the link to the Eucharist is obvious. The verbs used at the end of this miracle to describe what Jesus did with the bread are repeated at every mass. The Eucharist has the same characteristics of this miracle: the community, the transformation of humble elements into what satisfies us and is a sign of God's abundant gifts. Yet the gift is immeasurably greater: it is the body and blood of Christ. I stand in awe of this great gift, and ask for the grace to be grateful and to enter more deeply into this great mystery.

This great miracle took place at the most unlikely moment: at the end of the day, when it was time to return home, when the disciples realised they had only five loaves and two fishes. Yet Jesus asked his disciples and his hearers to trust him, to "sit down" on the grass as if they were not in any hurry. Those who trusted got more than they needed. I look back on some moments when I too experienced God's generosity in my life, and I ask to know how to "sit down" in trust in the moment of crisis.



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"United in conviction and united
 in love, with a common purpose
 and a common mind"
 Philippians 2:2

2nd AUGUST 2020 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 1st August		
Sunday 2nd August	10:00am	Mass
Monday 3rd August		
Tuesday 4th August	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 5th August		
Thursday 6th August	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass Private Prayer
Friday 7th August		
Saturday 8th August		
Sunday 9th August	10:00am	Mass

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize
This week – Mr J H Hughes

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish
and grant us a new vision of your glory,
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading Matthew 14 13 – 21



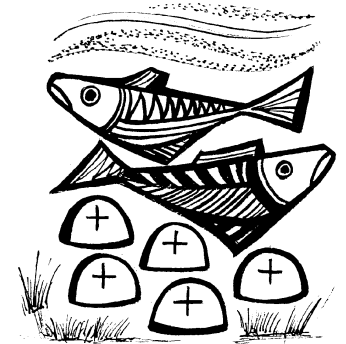
When Jesus got the news of John the Baptist's death, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully – someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.

Toward evening the disciples approached him. "We're out in the country and it's getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper."

But Jesus said, "There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper."

"All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish," they said.

Jesus said, "Bring them here." Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi