

### Gospel Reflection

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, which we know also as Corpus Christi, gives us an opportunity to revisit the events of Holy Thursday. That day was full of material to ponder, and, now that Lent and Easter are complete, this feast provides an opportunity for deeper reflection on the mystery of the Eucharist instituted by Christ on the night before he died.

Jesus acknowledges the need of the crowd and shows compassion for them. He 'makes them welcome', speaks to them about the Kingdom of God, and heals the sick. This attitude of Jesus contrasts with that of the Twelve, who are insistent that the crowds be sent away. Jesus' reply to this is: 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' The Christian, like Jesus, must recognise the needs, both material and spiritual, of those who are searching for the Kingdom.

The narrative of the miracle itself, especially in the detail of the actions of Jesus in verse 16, clearly prepares for the Last Supper. The miracle of the loaves, then, does not only look back to God's past provision for the people, such as the provision of manna in the desert, but also points to the Eucharist and to the self-giving of Christ on the cross.

St Paul reminds us explicitly of what Jesus did 'on the night that he was betrayed'. He gives us not an earthly bread, but the bread which is the gift of himself that we might live.

### **St Joseph's Parish Council**

If you have any suggestions for social events, fundraising events, or other concerns that you would like to bring to our attention, please put them in writing and place in the suggestion box in the porch. Thank you.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon or see him at Mass at 10am on Sunday.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Chris Wells.

## NEWSLETTER

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

### **22nd JUNE 2025** **CORPUS CHRISTI (CYCLE C)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**



Saturday 21st June	5:15pm <b>7:30pm</b>	Mass <b>Irish Song Night at St Joseph's</b>
Sunday 22nd June	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 23rd June		<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 24th June	10:00am 10:30am	Eucharistic Service Coffee morning
Wednesday 25th June		<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday 26th June	10:00am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 27th June		<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday 28th June	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 29th June	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

If Fr Simon is unobtainable please leave a message and send an email  
to [stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)

### 200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mrs Mary Simpson  
**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB  
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

### Coffee morning

The next Coffee Morning is on  
Tuesday 24th June at 10:30am,  
everyone is welcome.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

The confirmation group will soon be starting at St Mary's in Middlewich. If you are aged 13 years and above and wish to join please contact Gemma on 07796455509 or Mike on 07368836053. Alternatively email [stmarysmiddlewichevents@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmiddlewichevents@gmail.com) before 23rd June.

### New Sunday Missal

If you missed the first chance to order the new Sunday Missal, don't worry, another order will be placed. If you would like to purchase a copy please put either £20 cash or a cheque made payable to St. Joseph's, Winsford in an envelope with your name and contact telephone number on it. Please either put this in the collection basket or leave it in the Sacristy after Mass. The order will be placed on 7th July. If you need any further information please email [stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjosephwinsford2012@hotmail.co.uk)

### PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

### 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

Luke 9 11 – 17



The apostles returned and reported on what they had done. Jesus took them away, off by themselves, near the town called Bethsaida. But the crowds got wind of it and followed. Jesus graciously welcomed them and talked to them about the kingdom of God. Those who needed healing, he healed.

As the day declined, the Twelve said, "Dismiss the crowd so they can go to the farms or villages around here and get a room for the night and a bite to eat. We're out in the middle of nowhere."

"You feed them," Jesus said.

They said, "We couldn't scrape up more than five loaves of bread and a couple of fish - unless, of course, you want us to go to town ourselves and buy food for everybody." (There were more than five thousand people in the crowd.)

But he went ahead and directed his disciples, "Sit them down in groups of about fifty." They did what he said, and soon had everyone seated. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread and fish to the disciples to hand out to the crowd. After the people had all eaten their fill, twelve baskets of left-overs were gathered up.



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

### Book recommendation

In Fr Colin's Sermon a few weeks ago, he mentioned a Book – "The Shack" By William P Young. I purchased one from Awesome Books and it only cost £3. It's also available from Amazon and other websites. Just Google it. Buy it and read it. It's a real eye opener and well worth the read.