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Corpus Christi

23rd June 2019

Gospel Reflection for (Corpus Christi) : The Real Miracle



The feeding of the five thousand no, not just a miraculous story about the multiplication of a couple of fishes and loaves. In the context of today's solemnity, today's gospel reading links the ordinary food that God provides at our regular meals to the extraordinary food we receive in Holy Communion.

In this miracle Jesus is showing us that God's reign is about satisfying both human spiritual and physical need. The importance of the miracle is not so much about the multiplication of food, but the message that God can provide for all. This claim might raise a few third world eyebrows, but the truth remains; God has provided for all, it's left to us to make sure it is shared fairly around the world.

Today's real miracle would be in the change of our materialistic attitudes. The real miracle would be a change that would enable us to eradicate poverty and hunger simply by organising a system of sharing. The scale of the problem the disciples faced on the day of the feeding of the five thousand must have seemed impossible, but the message that they should get on with the job of sharing and leave the rest to God, could be as miraculous today as it was then.

Jesus was all about sharing. He gave his time, his love and finally his body and blood. When we receive Holy Communion in Mass our action is twofold. The Eucharist is a banquet for the multitudes in which we remember Jesus' sacrificial self-giving.

MASS TIMES

ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENILDUS

Sunday: Vigil 6.30pm,

Sunday: 10.00am & 12 pm

Monday—Friday

7.30am & 10.30am

(except Holy Days of Obligation)

Holy Day of Obligation

6.30pm Vigil and 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Confessions immediately following the 10.30am on Saturday and at the parish office by request

St. Mary's, Ballygunner

Sunday: 7.00pm Vigil,

Sunday: 11.00am

Holy Days of Obligation:

7.00pm Vigil & 11.00am

Best wishes to all our young parishioners as they sit the State Exams, finishing June 25th.

<i>St. Joseph & St. Benildus</i>	<i>22nd/23rd June 2019</i>	<i>29th/30th June 2019</i>
6.30pm Saturday	Maura Daniels	
10.00am Sunday:	(M.M) Michael O'Sullivan	Michael Dowling
12 Noon Sunday:	Paddy Keyes	Tom & Dearbhla Clarke
<i>St. Mary's, Ballygunner</i>		
7.00pm	(M.M) William O'Brien	Milo Tierney Anne Carroll
11.00am Sunday	Edward Hartley Paddy Foley Brian Cully Hannah Coffey	M.M Aidan McAvinue Molly Gough

IF YOU WISH TO PREPARE NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS :

13th in Ordinary Time

1Kg 19:16, 19-21.

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11.

Gal 5:1, 13-18.

Lk 9: 51-62.



**Please pray for those
who died about a month ago**

William O'Brien
Michael Sullivan

And whose birthday or anniversary occurs
May & Billy Power, Richard Murray, Hugh Green,
Eileen Nevins, Teresa Forde,
Edmond Ryan, Joseph Lyons

Fundraising Tennis Tournament : India

Support De La Salle school project in South India. Tom Fallon will have a whistle stop tournament in St Anne's tennis club on Friday 21st June from 7.00pm. You are welcome to visit this terrific community facility, buy a raffle ticket or simply have a drink (food also available- book with Tom at 0872749643)



Fort Wayne Children's Choir, USA and Irish Invitational Brass Band team up for fundraising concert for Waterford Healing Arts Trust

The concert takes place on Sunday 23 June at 4.30pm at Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford. All proceeds will go to the arts programmes at UHW, which are organised and managed by Waterford Healing Arts Trust. Tickets cost €10 (€5 for children under 18) and are available in advance from Waterford Healing Arts Trust (051) 842664 / what@hse.ie / www.waterfordhealingarts.com and on the door.

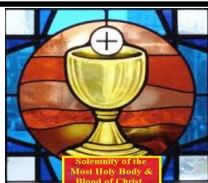
FUTURE EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

We would like to inform you in advance of future events in the Parish:

30/06: Talk by Nursing home Visitation Team
Explanatory Presentations will be made at Masses.
Keep an eye on the Newsletter for further information.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION (with Bishop Phonsie)

Sunday 23rd June at 3pm.
From Ballybricken to John Roberts
Square, where there will be Benediction.



St. Mary's Rotas

Rotas for Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist are available in the Sacristy in St. Mary's.

The Monthly Diocesan Newsletter is available online at www.waterfordlismore.ie

St. Otteran's Cemetery Committee

His Lordship, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 3rd July at 7.30p.m in St. Otteran's Cemetery. All are welcome.

**A sincere thanks to everybody who contributed
to the Trócaire collection at Easter. A total of
€11,679 was collected in the parish.**

*Last Sunday's
Collection
€2,397
Thank you*



Live Streaming of Masses

[www.churchservices.tv/
stjosephswaterford](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephswaterford)
AND
[www.churchservices.tv/
stmarysballygunner](http://www.churchservices.tv/stmarysballygunner)

**Recordings of recent concerts are
also available to watch on the
St. Joseph's site.**

Recent Baptisms

We welcome Sophia Andrea Ryan, Lilith Christina Mahon, Anna Purcell and Mary Kate Elizabeth Sadlier Fleming who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents and godparents in your prayers.



Waterford City & County Day Services Waterford Age Friendly Programme

Are you over 65? The following contact details may be useful:
Assisi House, Airmount, Waterford: Open Tues /Weds/Thurs.

Day Charge €8 . 051 371 000

Lady Lane House, Waterford 9am—4pm, Mon—Fri.

Day Charge, €7. 051 874 056

Some of the services available in our Day Centres:

- Transport to & from your home;
- Breakfast, dinner & afternoon tea;
- Home delivery or Take Away meals;
- Arts & Crafts / Bingo / Cards / computers/Dancing, etc;
- Outings / Festive Parties/Concerts;
- Care & Repair;
- Senior Alert Scheme Applications;
- Chiropody / Beautician...
- Shower & clothes washing facility available.

Senior Alert Scheme: people over 65 can get a Panic Button or personal alarm. When pressed, it immediately sends a call to a 24 hour monitoring centre. To get one, simply contact your local Day Centre and they will make an application to Pobal on your behalf.

Would you like to volunteer?

All our Centres have a great team of volunteers and without their dedication and support the Centres would not be viable. There are many different activities that you can help with. Please call either of our Centres if you are interested in becoming part of the team.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2019—2024

The Diocesan Pastoral Plan, "Go Make Disciples" was launched at three centres in the Diocese this week, Clonmel, Dungarvan and Waterford. The Waterford launch was in St. John's Pastoral Centre on Wednesday.

Over 200 people attended each meeting.

The Plan is called "Go Make Disciples". The primary strategy is one of evangelisation. The Alpha programme is a key component in the process of evangelising and it is hoped that Alpha programmes will be rolled out in every parish in the diocese.

The other significant development is the establishment of Pastoral Units as a new form of leadership and governance in the diocese.

A Pastoral Unit is a grouping of 3 or 4 parishes under the leadership of priest working together as a team with the priests to serve the mission. It is envisaged that lay people will become members of that team.

**Copies of the Pastoral Plan are available from the
Parish Office.**