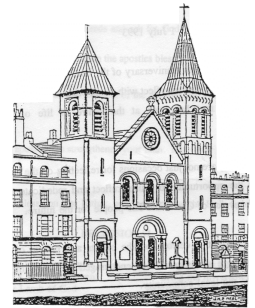


# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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CORPUS CHRISTI

02 JUNE 2013

## 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. More than this, we remember the promise that anyone who eats his bread and drinks his blood will share eternal life.

## PARISH NEWS

**CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 4PM:** The Holy Father has asked that churches around the world should have a Holy Hour on the Feast of Corpus Christi at 5pm Rome time, 4pm in the UK. We will have Holy Hour at St John's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 4 - 5pm. Please make every effort to attend.

**OPPORTUNITY TO ADVERTISE IN THE PARISH 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE:** As you may be aware, the parish is having a keepsake magazine professionally produced for parishioners and many important guests that will attend the celebrations on 30<sup>th</sup> June. **DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS OR PRODUCT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THIS MAGAZINE?** For

more details please email [paulajeandenton@gmail.com](mailto:paulajeandenton@gmail.com)

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**THE PARISH 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Please help to make this a wonderful day for all, if you can give some of your time, or

donate food/drinks you can sign up on the list in the Vestibule.

**DAY TRIP FOR SENIORS:** There will be a day trip to Clacton on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 leaving from St John's. The cost is £10. If you would like to attend please call the office on 020 7226 3277 option 2, leaving your name, telephone/mobile number and £10 deposit.

**THE BISHOPS ARE SUGGESTING THAT A NOVENA FOR PRIESTS BE DONE FROM MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>. THE OUTLINE FOR THE NOVENA IS ON THE NOTICE BOARDS IN THE VESTIBULE. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS.**

**SUMMER FAIR:** Please come along to St John the Evangelist School Fair on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 12 - 4pm. There will be lots to do, including, face-painting, bouncy castles, games, craft stalls, raffle, tombola and food and drink.

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## DIARY

**LEGION OF MARY:** We meet every Wednesday at 7pm please come to 39 Duncan Terrace.

In an event of a fire or a fire drill taking place, please remain calm, and follow the safest exit routes that will be co-ordinated by the Church Fire Wardens, who will lead you to the designated assembly point.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in the Church. Registration forms are in the Vestibule.

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## NOTICES

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 19 MAY: Envelopes £663.09 / Loose £691.94 / 26 May: Envelopes £509.98 / Loose £596.40.**

**MARRIAGE:** The Diocese asks that couples who are hoping to marry should give **six months** notice to their Parish Priest. Please do not make any arrangements for your wedding date and reception before meeting with your Parish Priest.

**WEDDING:** Austin Harkins and Tracey Hawkes at 3pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June here at St John's.

**PLAY AND STAY GROUP:** Looking for volunteers to take over the running of the group from September. If anyone is interested please contact Bridget on 07980 959 107 or email [magicsquare1963@yahoo.com](mailto:magicsquare1963@yahoo.com)

**CAFOD:** Enough Food for Everybody If – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The day will start at 11:30am with an ecumenical service in Westminster Methodist Central Hall where

Archbishop Vincent Nichols will speak, followed by Walk of Witness at 1pm to Hyde Park for a rally at 2pm calling on the G8 to tackle world hunger. For more information visit [www.cafod.org.uk/g8rally](http://www.cafod.org.uk/g8rally)

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## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died, especially Johanna Daniels, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**HEALING:** Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Paddy Buckley, Mick Hossack, Amylia Boylen, June Edwards, Joanne Matthias, Adriano Grazioli, Chanelle Aldea Alba, Stephen Martinez, Bro. J. Lavelle, Marist Brother, Mufide Family, Harry Perkins, Antonio Neto, Mary Halligan, John Day, Jacky Kelly, Jacquelin Abel, Suzanne Greaves, Bridget Harrington, Mr & Mrs John Drum, Joseph Kasonde, Michael Bryant, Ann Gray, Tonya, Pam Chalkley, Gwend Fitzgerald, Kieran Fogarty, Noel McKeown, Ann Barrett, David Ryan, Mick Feeney, John Barley, Annette Donivar, Avit Noranh and Rosalind Jules.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 01 Jun	6pm	Pauline Regan RIP	Luke 9:11-17
Sun 02 Jun CORPUS CHRISTI	9am	Thomas & John McDonnell RIP (Anniv) Tommy Campbell RIP (Birthday)	
	10:30am	Mass for Parishioners	
	12noon	Frances Varley RIP	
	6pm	James McLoughlin RIP, Vincent McLoughlin RIP	
Mon 03 Jun St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	10am	Intentions of Martha O'Donoghue	Mark 12:1-12
Tue 04 Jun Feria	10am	Philomena Barrett RIP	Mark 12:13-17
Wed 05 Jun St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	10am	Patrick Doherty RIP (Birthday)	Mark 12:18-27
Thu 06 Jun Feria	10am	James Mullaghy RIP	Mark 12:28-34
Fri 07 Jun The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Solemnity	10am	Holy Souls	Luke 15:3-7
Sat 08 Jun The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am	David Power RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)	Luke 2 :41-51
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Philip Enright Sr RIP (Anniv)	Luke 7:11-17
Sun 09 Jun 10 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	For Parishioners	
	10:30am	Grant Lewington RIP	
	12noon	Peter Mitchell RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	Intentions of Delia Rockett	