

## Theme of the Week – Corpus Christi

Sunday's gospel is probably one we are all familiar with, Jesus feeds the 5,000. This is not the first miracle Jesus performs but quite a grand one. There are 5,000 people and Jesus feeds them all from only 5 loaves and two fish. The disciples had just returned from being sent by Jesus where they were given power and authority from Him over diseases and demons, to preach and to heal everywhere. They did this but on their return a challenge was put in front of them of a crowd of hungry people and Jesus said '**You give them something to eat.**' Even though the disciples had been given the power to cast out demons, here they limited themselves in what they were able to do, simply saying '**We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.**' Quickly the disciples had forgotten what God had previously provided them but Jesus knew that God would provide all that they needed to sustain them. Every week at Mass we share a special meal together. We believe that, through the power of God, the bread and wine that we share at Communion becomes the body (Corpus Christi) and blood of Jesus, who gives himself to each of us in a very special way.

In the Gospel reading, the place they were was isolated, but close enough to be able to procure food from more populated areas should this be necessary. Jesus' actions over the food are in thanksgiving, and the actions of the apostles when they go out and feed the crowd is one of the abundance of provision God provides. This indicates that Jesus provides for his people through the Church. The feast on Sunday celebrates the living presence of Christ, which we know is in the gift of his body and blood in the Eucharist.

Sometimes we may long for food and refuge and a place to belong. As Catholics, the Eucharist is the place that satisfies these needs on our life journey. We understand the Gospel, in the context of the Eucharist, as being the way throughout history in which Jesus feeds the people who hunger and thirst for real 'food' and real 'drink'. As you approach Jesus within our school, what kind of things do you hunger for, and how does Jesus satisfy these hungers? How can we be more **grateful** in what God provides us and then be more **generous** in sharing this with others? During this week be aware of your responsibility to feed others, within your family, friends and the community around you. Find a way to give practical help and support to someone in need.

# Corpus Christi

Weekly Reflections  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025  
12<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time



## From the Gospel of Luke 9: 11b-17

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, 'Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

## Prayer for the Week

Loving God,

Reminding us once more through your Body and Blood, the words we hear and the prayers we offer of all that you've done and will do. Help us in return to give our all to you in the name of Christ.

Amen

### Day 1

How many people does Jesus feed?  
How many loaves and fish does he have to do this?  
How and when are we offered the chance to share this meal with God?

### Day 2

How do the Apostles actions of taking the gifts provided by Jesus and offering it to others reflect the Church today?  
How can we be more grateful in what God provides us and then be more generous in sharing this with others?

### Day 3

Jubilee year of Hope  
Pledge - please see the PPT

## Catholic Social Teaching - Stewardship

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." Genesis 2:15. We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet. Caring for the earth is integral to our task of tackling the scandal of global poverty, vulnerability, inequality, injustice and exclusion. Stewardship is all about caring for the many gifts that God has given to us. These include our environment, our own talents and other resources. The late Pope Francis said "Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home" Laudato Si' 13 and "...the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us." Laudato Si' 159.

How this half term can you promote Stewardship in all that you do in St Joseph's and society?