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Sunday 28 July 2024 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

For the next five weeks we travel through the Sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St John. Although this is the Year of St Mark, that Gospel, the shortest, is simply not long enough to fill all the Sundays of Ordinary Time (which comprise 34 weeks of the liturgical cycle). And what a glorious journey it is in that beautiful, mystical Gospel, so beloved by our Eastern Orthodox brothers and sisters.

Today Jesus is feeding the multitudes, in the fourth of the Miracles, which St John calls "signs"...pointers to the Divinity of Christ hidden under His humanity. The people are following the Master. They are sick, desperate...or simply curious to see this "Wonder worker" from Nazareth. Tired, hungry and thirsty they need to be fed and watered...but how and where? A small boy with cheap bread and fish is summoned, no doubt to the incredulity and scorn of some. Jesus takes the insignificant offering, gives thanks and the miracle takes place...all are fed. The people are amazed, just as the disciples had been when the waves and wind were stilled, and it seems that they begin to see, to see with their spirits not just their eyes, who He really is. The final line of the Gospel dispels this hope, however, as Jesus realises that their idea of the Chosen One is about this world, about an earthly Messiah not the Son of God.

Miracles are dismissed by "rational" people but the evidence is far too great. Last Wednesday we celebrated a Saint, still unknown in this country, who it is claimed has had more miracles attributed to him...29,000...than any other. St Charbel Makhlof, a Lebanese monk, died in 1898 but the cures and conversions continue at his tomb, not only for Christians but for Muslims and many others. He was totally saturated with Christ and through his self-sacrifice he is still bringing the power of the Risen Lord to men and women.

God Bless Everyone

Father Clive

Parish Notices

Next week: Masses 09:15 Monday and Tuesday (Father Clive has a hospital appointment on Thursday). Holy Rosary for Peace Friday 9.15 am

In July we pray with Pope Francis that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all

There is a lot of information online about Saint Sharbel Makhoulf – one prayer to him:
Oh, Saint Sharbel, absorbed in God, intercede for me. Oh, Jesus, the most peaceful, you who has raised your beloved Sharbel to biblical perfection, I solemnly ask you to grant me the grace to spend the rest of my life according to your demand. I love you, oh God, my saviour. Amen.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes.

Please also pray for all who can no longer be with us at the Lord's Table: Lynette, Gerard, Paula, Serita, Catherine, Richard, Tom, Mary, Carol, Betty, Audrey and Peggy.

In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

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