

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL: Luke9:11-17

1. Jesus welcomed the crowd, taught them, and cured those in need of healing. Bring to mind the ways in which the story of Jesus and his message have brought you enlightenment and healing.
2. The miracle is symbolic of the abundance of blessings coming to us from God through Jesus. How has your faith in Jesus been a source of nourishment for you? What blessings have you received through your faith?
3. When the disciples became aware of the problem, they wanted to send the crowd away. Instead Jesus told them: 'You give them something to eat.' They thought what they had was insufficient, but Jesus used the little they had to feed the crowd. Have you ever found that when you gave the little you have to a situation; the results were beyond your expectations?

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## The Deep End – Feast of love

Pope Benedict XVI once described today's feast as 'a day on which heaven and earth worked together'. He said: 'Corpus Christi is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is love.'

Love does not consume, it gives and, in giving receives.'

This is a wonderful way to approach Communion. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we keep this gift for ourselves, and do not give in return, that is not love. The disciples in today's Gospel have a small amount of food, five loaves and two fish – maybe enough to feed themselves, at a stretch. But Jesus had a very different idea. Notice that Jesus hands this gift over to them to distribute among the hungry crowd. It is the disciples' responsibility to feed the hungry, to give to those in need, and to love the very crowds that they had earlier suggested sending away.

The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our need to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the banquet, especially the poor and hungry, and it is up to us to help those in need. Having received this gift of love, we are expected to pass it on. There is more than enough bread for everyone.

*'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world.... We cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need, wherever and whoever they may be' (Pedro Arrupe SJ)*

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You are invited to **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** after **10.00 am Mass on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. First Communion Girls and Boys will have prime position up front in the Procession and may dress in their First Communion clothes if they wish.

**Glenstal Abbey One Day Retreats:** Day Retreat for Men Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>, Silent Retreat for Women Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, Day Retreat for Women Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>. All retreat days must be booked in advance. [www.glenstal.org](http://www.glenstal.org). [events@glenstal.com](mailto:events@glenstal.com), Phone 061-621005

**NOVENA June 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Mount Saint Alphonsus Redemptorist Church.** The Solemn Novena is held every year at the Redemptorist Church. These nine days of community prayer are celebrated to honour Our Mother of Perpetual Help. No matter how strong or weak your faith maybe, you will be most welcome to participate in this year's Novena. Novena Times: 7.00am, 8.00am, 10.00am (9.30am Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>), 11.30am, 1.10pm (1.30 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>), 4.30pm, 6.00pm, 7.30pm, 9.00pm, 10.30pm. [novena.ie](http://novena.ie)

**Liturgy Group Meeting** on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre

**Mission Appeal:** The Parish will have a visit from the **White Fathers Missionary**

**Society** from Freshford, Kilkenny, the weekend of **Sat/Sun 29th/30th of June**. The missionary Society will speak at **all masses**.

**Reflection:** Each one of us has infinite value for God: we may be small under Heaven and powerless when the earth trembles, but for God we are more precious than anything. (Pope Francis Twitter)

## PARISH WEBSITE

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09:00 – 12.30 Sunday

**MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days**

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

## Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

**BAPTISMS:** Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Kevin Kelleher (A)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Maura & Randal Howlett (A)
		Frank O' Donoghue (M.M.)
	11:30	Michael, Ann, Catherine & Peg Russell (A)
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Brid Brosnan (Rec.Dec.)
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Mary Costello (Rec.Dec.)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	McInerney Family (Dec.)
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Roisin Casey (Rec.Dec.)
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Ann Connolly (A)
		Paddy Quilligan (M.M.)

Sun30<sup>th</sup>

10:00

11:30