

HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS MONDAY MISSION

THIS WEEK'S WORD:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 9:11-17

When the crowds heard about it, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about the Kingdom of God, and healed those who needed it. When the sun was beginning to set, the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the people away so that they can go to the villages and farms around here and find food and lodging, because this is a lonely place."

But Jesus said to them, "You yourselves give them something to eat." They answered, "All we have are five loaves and two fish. Do you want us to go and buy food for this whole crowd?" (There were about five thousand men there.) Jesus said to his disciples, "Make the people sit down in groups of about fifty each."

After the disciples had done so, Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, thanked God for them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and had enough, and the disciples took up twelve baskets of what was left over.



REFLECT

Whatever is going on here, something amazing happened! This is the only miracle recorded on all four Gospels. Jesus' friends remembered that something wonderful happened when Jesus took just five loaves and two fish and fed this huge crowd. Not only did the people eat until they were full, there were baskets full of leftovers- what a cause for celebration!

We may not experience miracles on this scale, but we have so much to celebrate! What are the 'miracles' that you can celebrate? As we get closer to the end of this school year, you might like to think back over your successes whether they are personal or obvious to everyone else.

Sunday was **the feast of Corpus Christi** when we celebrate the gift of Jesus himself, given to us in Holy Communion. The centre of our celebration this week is Jesus, Love incarnate, who calls us to be love for the world too. The bread and wine of Holy Communion are transformed into Jesus' body and blood so that we can be transformed into Jesus' Body for the world today.

LET US PRAY

Jesus, Bread of Life,
help me to love and serve you by loving and serving the people I meet.
Give me the courage today to at least one helpful thing I wouldn't normally do
Amen.

MISSION

Jesus blessed the bread and fish before sharing it out. Thanking God for our food and for all the people who have provided it for us is a great way to celebrate our blessings.

This week, before every meal, thank God for anyone who made you food and for anyone who worked to buy the food. Think about where your food has come from and imagine all the people who have been involved in getting it to you – the farmers, labourers, packers, factory workers, distributors and shop assistants, cooks, carers and family.