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17th Sunday, Year B

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Today's Gospel

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who want to make

Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently from the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd is barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labours, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR July:
Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Parish News

Booking in for Mass: people are still requested to book in for Mass at Ambleside, but from now on it will no longer be necessary to book in at Windermere. People are still asked to scan the QR code, or write their names and contact details on the sheets, to maintain track and trace. To help with this, the standard weekly printed list will still be available. If you attend weekly, and for some reason your name is not on the list, please email: southlakesbooking@gmail.com

Red boxes: Please bring your red mission boxes to Church next weekend so that they can be emptied and the money sent to the missions. If you are not currently attending Mass and would like your box collected, please let Fr. Darren know and he will come and collect it from you.

KEYS: if you are a key holder to any church property, please give Fr. Darren your contact details and which keys you hold. If you hold keys which you no longer use, please hand them back to Fr Darren and not to a third party, for security purposes. If you have passed your keys to another, please give details.

CHURCH IS OPEN: for private prayer Mon-Sat. Times may vary, but in general, from 9am till 4pm.

HOLY ROSARY: The Holy Rosary will be said before 9.30 am mass on Wednesdays and Fridays. The rosary will start at 9:10 am and will take place in the main body of the Church, due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Holy Communion for the sick and housebound at home: If you know of any Catholic in the parish who is housebound, isolating or sick, please let me know, or make contact with them to ask if they would like to receive Holy Communion at home. I would hope that by the beginning of August we can be in a position for ministers to take Holy Communion to those at home.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS:

Happy grandparents' day!

Dear Lord,

I pray that you watch over my grandparents.

Please bless them with your love.

May you keep them safe and guard their path and protect them from above.

I pray that they will always know,
and I can help them see,
just how much I love them
and what they mean to me.

Mass Requests: It is a long-standing tradition in the Church that a Priest may be requested to offer a Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass. Masses may be offered for a living person, a deceased person, or a special need. The faithful make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention. By making their own offering, the faithful associate themselves more intimately with Christ, who offers Himself in the Sacred Host, and obtain thereby more abundant fruits (refer to Pope Paul VI's letter "Firma in Traditione" of June 13, 1974). Offering a stipend is also a means for a Catholic to contribute towards the upkeep of the priest serving in the Parish. If you would like Mass to be offered for a special intention, please place your offering in an envelope and write on the front the intention, and also any Mass that you would prefer.

Masses and Intentions

Sat	5:30 pm (W) Des French
Sun	9.30 am (A) People of the Parishes
Sun	11.15 am (W) Grandparents
Mon	Wedding Ambleside
Tue	5pm (A) People of the Parishes
Wed	9.30 am (W) New Parish Priest
Fri	NO MASS
Sat	5:30 pm (W) Mary Wooll RIP
Sun	9:30 am (A) 50 th Thanksgiving
Sun	11:15 am (W) Nancy Roberts RIP

Sick: Bernard Hanson, Margaret Simon, Rose Crowe and Anne Sowerby

Anniversaries: Angela Anders, James Arthur George, Sara Varley, Anne Unsworth, Edward Kelly, Herbert Smith, Fr William Golding, Stanley Walker, Christina Smith, Martin Flynn, Vincent Thompson, Frances Beeby, Fr P Ward, Fr H Gerrard, Stephen Birkett, Joseph Olah, Peter Noel Edsforth, Dr Wilkinson.

Please send bulletin items to Fr. Darren Carden at southlakesrc@gmail.com by 12 noon on Wednesdays.