Gospel  Lk 9:11-17  Jesus feeds the five thousand.

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Reflection

Once in a Parish, a priest wanted to do something relevant for people so he used a coffee cup as a chalice and used it during Mass. The lady, who cleaned church after mass, took the cup and buried it in the ground. By this gesture it shows that the lady knew that Jesus was truly present in the cup as the Blessed Sacrament. The cup could never be the same coffee cup again. It is a reminder that the tiny bread is Jesus Christ himself. Centuries ago, St. Justin said “Make your hands ready like a throne. “In Christ’s gift to us of Himself, in what we call the Eucharist (from the Greek word meaning “thanksgiving sometimes referred to as Holy Communion) we are not receiving a wafer, but a King. It is a mystery for us. Our human brain cannot always fully understand the concept. Sometimes we don’t even think about receiving Jesus. We just go with the flow. Just another thing we do in Mass. We have something outstanding when we receive Jesus. We are placing God Himself into our hands. In the Gospel John 6: 33, where Jesus says, "It is not Moses who has given you bread from heaven [manna], but it is my Father who gives you the Bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." St Francis of Assisi received the Eucharist only three times. He felt that he was not worthy. We say that in prayer. Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed. Jesus gives himself whole heartedly for us. When we receive Jesus it is like we are a living tabernacle. We take Jesus where ever we go. Everything that we believe comes from that time 2000 years ago in the upper room when Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his disciples. Every time we take that bread we too are disciples of Jesus. We are to be transformed ourselves. Once we receive the body and blood of Jesus, how can we receive it without being transformed ourselves? We are instruments of Christ. Just like a coffee cup could never be a cup again. It is also true for us. Once we receive Jesus we can never be the same again. How will we use this to transform the world? Are we brave enough to be Eucharistic people?

Prayer

May we as the body of Christ, welcome all, share God, give nourishment according to need. All good gifts are made holy by the Spirit in SHARING what we have. In Christ Jesus we are enough, always have enough, and should endeavor to give enough. Amen

Sacred Heart Mass

Thank you for your generosity in donating scarves, blankets, beanies, gloves and warm socks for Pyjama Day today for The St Vinnies Winter Appeal. These will be brought up during the offertory procession at The Most Holy Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass at 9.15 am. The Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us how much Jesus loves us and calls us to love others. All welcome to attend. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Mrs Franca Bonserio
Religious Education Coordinator
School Fees

School fees are now due. Thank you to those families who have already paid. If you are experiencing difficulty please call Mrs Anna Small in the school office on 9682 1244.

Scholastic Book Club

Please return your book club orders to school by Thursday 13th June.

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The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015.

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Woolworth Earn & Learn

Please keep sending your Earn and Learn points in to school; we now have a total of 8,450 points.

Dates to Remember!

Friday 7th June 9.15am – Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass

Friday 7th June 2.30pm – Kindergarten Assembly in the hall

Monday 10th June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – no school

Friday 14th June 6.15pm – Movie Night (rescheduled from 7th June)

Friday 14th June – Bake Sale (more information to follow soon)

Friday 14th June – Reports sent home

17th – 21st June – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday 17th June Sports Carnival (back up date)

Friday 21st June 2.30pm – Year 2 Assembly in the hall

Monday 24th June 9.15am – Coffee ‘n’ Chat (additional meeting)

Thursday 27th June – Multicultural Day

Friday 28th June – Staff Development Day – staff only

Monday 15th July - Term 3 commences – whole school