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Sunday Reflection: – In our world it is so easy to take much for granted. As a Palestinian Jew, Jesus would have learned that nothing should be taken for granted. Even the ordinary things of life, such as bread and wine, are received each day in thanksgiving. In this faith everything is a gift from God. Bread is seen as a basic food for survival. Nothing is to be wasted and even the large crumbs are to be collected. In a world where millions go hungry, we too must not take bread for granted. The focus in today's Gospel is on 'bread'. A large crowd follow Jesus. As always, he takes pity on them: "Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?" Philip's reply suggests the task is way beyond human effort alone! Andrew spotted a small boy with a little bread and fish, "but what is that amongst so many?" Jesus made the people sit down, took the bread, gave thanks and blessed, and then gave it out to be distributed to all present. In spite of the vast crowd, everyone is satisfied, and the leftovers are collected so that nothing is wasted. It is worth noting the Eucharistic actions and tone of this event. We note too that when we hand over the little we have to Jesus it can become abundance in his hands. Nothing is ever wasted, and all resources become sources of life and communion. Jesus refuses to accept the fragile power the people were about to confer on him by making him King. Perhaps Jesus recognizes that such power can often keep bread from the hungry and steal the Community's resources to secure arms for domination! Jesus invites us to give ourselves; our resources to him so that he can bless them, sanctify them and multiply them so that they become sources of life and nourishment to be shared with others. Jesus challenges us all to share the little we have and then we will discover how much is left over.

Summer Changes – During the Month of August this year 2018, we will only have One Mass each week day (Monday – Friday). On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Mass will be celebrated at 10am each morning and on Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm each day. We hope and pray this will facilitate our weekly Mass goers. We also have other Mass commitments to fulfill. We trust you understand. On Saturdays and Sundays, Masses will be as usual. All Mass intentions received will be honoured.

Confirmation Certificates & Photos – We hope to decide on a date for the distribution of these to our recently Confirmed young people after we have an opportunity to consult with the great Catechists who were such an important part of the Programme and Celebration. Apologies for the delay.

First Holy Communion – Parents of children in Year 3 or older wishing to make their Holy Communion next academic year should collect an application form from the Parish Office. This must be submitted with a Baptismal Certificate, if not baptized in our Parish. To accompany these, a £20 contribution towards the cost of the Holy Communion book and resources. The deadline for all applications is on Sunday 23rd September 2018 and a meeting will be held on Sunday 30th September for Parents and Candidates after 10am Mass.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Mon – Sat 10am

6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am

6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Will return on next Thursday 2nd August.

Saints Days

Mon 30th – St Peter Chrysologus

Tue 31st – St Ignatius of Loyola

Wed 1st – St Alphonsus Liguori

Thu 2nd – St Eusebius of

Vercelli & St Peter

Julian Eymard

Sat 4th – St John Vianney

Eucharistic Congress:

Liverpool, 7-9 September 2018. Our Cardinal calls us to the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.
