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### Bread and Circuses

My sporting career was not glorious. Of course football was part of primary school but I was never in the school team. Once I came first in the 200 meters race on Sports Day because the only boy that could beat me didn't turn up. At secondary school we had sports every Wednesday. As it was a boarding school we sometimes played cricket for the whole day on Wednesday and some of Saturday and Sunday. I was useless as a bowler and never scored many runs but enjoyed fielding and landing the occasional catch. But I was in the hockey team - I wasn't a bad player and enjoyed it.

We now have the Olympics and Paralympics with us and they will dominate the news and everything else for the next two months.

But this Sunday and for the month of August the Gospel reading will not be from St Mark's Gospel but from St John's Gospel, Chapter Six. Here unfolds before us our understanding of the Eucharist as the food of the life and the body and blood of Christ.

Putting these two together reminded me of the phrase "Bread and Circuses" (or bread and games- from Latin: *pane et circenses*). According to Wikipedia "In modern usage, the phrase is taken to describe a populace that no longer values civic virtues and the public life. To many across the political

spectrum, left and right, it connotes a supposed triviality and frivolity that characterized the Roman Republic prior to its decline into the autocratic monarchy characteristic of the later Roman Empire's transformation about 44 B.C."

The Gospel of John and the Olympic games are, if you like, an antidote to this attitude of triviality and frivolity. It is not often that we have the countries of the world united in one event. Besides the Olympics the one event that united the world was the funeral of Pope John Paul II at which every country was represented. The Olympics is an expression of our common humanity. It reminds us that we are brothers and sisters in Christ and are called to

work and pray for justice and peace through God's power. Listening to St John reminds us that our greatest gift is Jesus himself in the Eucharist and we centre our lives as Catholics on the Mass. Everything we do flows from this action. So let us enjoy the Olympics and thank God for the good that comes from the games. We can also seize this opportunity the Liturgy gives us to ponder the mystery of the Mass.

If you are going away on holiday and want to know times of Masses where you are staying, the parish office has a national directory for England and Wales. Don't hesitate to ask for help.

Anthony Charlton



**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 28th/29th July 2012**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Sat 12 noon** **Baptism: Robin Michael John Price**  
**6.30pm** Peter Connock RIP (Joe Costello)  
**Sun 9am** People of the Parish  
**11am** Ann Deasy RIP (Cummins Family)  
**6pm** Anne Keane RIP (Cruse Family)  
*Retiring Collection for Day for Human Life*

**Daily Masses 30h July - 4 August 2012**

**Mon Feria**  
**9.30am** Mary Thursfield RIP (Eric & Frances Powell)

**Tues St Ignatius of Loyola, priest**  
**7am** In Thanksgiving for IELTS Result  
**9.30am** Avelyn Favia RIP (M.A Rodrigues)

**Wed St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, bishop & doctor of the Church**  
**7am** Father Brent (Kitty Fox)  
**9.30am** In Thanksgiving Aideen Phillips 80th Birthday (Rosemary Durkin)

**Thur Feria**  
**7am** George Smith RIP (Fr Anthony)  
**9.30am** Avelyn Kearney RIP (Mrs F Rodrigues)

**Fri Feria**  
**7am** Malcolm Ridley RIP (Tessa MacLeod)  
**9.30am** Vitantonio Franco RIP (Tina Pozella)  
**10am** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Sat St John Mary Vianney, priest**  
**9am** Ned McGrath RIP (Paul & Hayley Farrelly)

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4th/5th August 2012**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Sat 1pm** **Wedding- Daniel White & Luisa Dunn**  
**6.30pm** Michael Bartholemew Riordan RIP (Sheelagh Rice)  
**Sun 9am** People of the Parish  
**11am** Paul Zammitt RIP (Waller Family)  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms:**  
**6pm** John Hughes RIP (Phillips Family)

**Last week's Offertory Collection**

**for the upkeep of the church :** £ 1, 729

We thank you for your continued generosity .

(Cash counters this week: Pam Ford & Vivian Phillips

Next week: )



We welcome into the Church who **Lily Alexis Manolis & William George Elianti** were baptised last Sunday

**READINGS**

**This week : 17th Sunday in OT (B)**

**First Reading** 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha the prophet shows us that there is food enough for all people to share.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 4:1-6

One Lord, one faith, calls us to live in peace and harmony with everyone.

**Gospel** John 6:1-15

Jesus is "the one who is to come" and he gathers into unity the scattered children of God

**Next Week: 18th Sunday in OT (B)**

**First Reading** Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

The people complain at their lack of food. God sends manna from heaven.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 4:17. 20-24

Paul invites the Ephesians to put aside their own self and to put on the new self, who is Christ.

**Gospel** John 6:24-35

Jesus reveals himself as the bread from heaven, who answers our deepest hungers.

We pray for all the **faithful departed** who have recently died.

We pray especially for **Alan Og Mundow, Mark Murphy** (husband of Louise), **Danny Reilly, Cecilia Catling** (sister of Lucy Smallwood), **Baby Rebecca Roy, Fr William Scanlan, Mary Thursfield, Daphne Silock** ( mother of Donald and Catherine), **Yvonne Ellis** and **Pat Smith** (father of Trish Collins).

We pray for all those who mourn and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We remember all our **sick and elderly parishioners**, those in hospital, the housebound and those who care for them: Clint Samson, Rouben Sarkissian, Francisco Dirago, Fr Chris O'Brien, Linda Kirk, Bishop Patrick Lynch (recently diagnosed with prostate cancer), Frank McCabe, Sheila Doyle (sister of Philomena Olliffe), Jan Lewandowski, Tom McGlore, Jean Studham, Emma Rees (daughter of Sue Rees), Elizabeth Gillman, Michael O'Brien, Rhian Knappgate, Brenda Killeen, Barbara Stevenson, Peter and Ann Groves, Baby Ella Hayes, Amandina Marsella, Mora Witton, Stephen Fleming, Derek Wells, Roisin Loftus, Theresa Keys, Maureen Dillon, Felicia Nazareth, Mary McDonnagh, Fr Simon Peat, Thomas Haley, Anna Maria Maini, Veronica Heaton, Maureen Wilson, James Austin, Elizabeth Joège, Joan Lancaster, Francis Nazareth, Sergio Della Grotta, Marie Bast, George Matthew, Odile Froger, Jenny Sathirasegaram, Eileen Rosenberg, Bridget McNally, Brenda Flaherty, Rowan Wolsgrove, Marcus Bird, Charles Thurley, Sandra Burlinson, Sophie Burrigge, Sam Hitchin, Rene Boffa, Nicky Bushell, Shirley Enright, Tom Tyler, Finn Jordan, Margaret Inskip, Giancarlo Palermo, John Gleeson, Jeffrey D'Cruz, George Hayes, Michael Hoskins, Michael Byrne, Martin Dray, Seema Day, Graham Taylor, Freda Sirmon, Samantha Nosalik, Manual Pillai, Fay Kearney, Winna Duncan, Jennifer McIntyre, Carl Williams, Bridie O'Driscoll, Christine Keane, Josephine Bull, Vic Carrion and Norma Latham .

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday 9.30am to 10am and**

**Saturday 5.30pm to 6pm**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013**

Please note that forms to register your child for First Holy Communion preparation for 2013 are available at the back of the church.

Fr Anthony and Fr Arbo will be available to sign these forms on **Wednesday 1st August from 11am to 12noon, and 6pm to 7pm.**

More dates for form signing will appear in the newsletter each week throughout the Summer, so please do not worry if you can't make these times– there will be plenty of other opportunities.

**Home Mission Sunday, 16 September 2012**

**Theme: 'Confident in Faith'**

On Home Mission Sunday we are invited to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation which is coordinated by the Home Mission Desk. The money collected last year enabled: one million faith cards to be distributed to every parish in England and Wales, materials to be created in support of the Year of Faith ([www.yearoffaith.org.uk](http://www.yearoffaith.org.uk) <<http://www.yearoffaith.org.uk>>.) and delivery of a free national tour called 'Crossing the Threshold' to support ministry and outreach to non churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics, as well as a large number of other projects. On 16 September please pray for and give generously to support the mission of the Church. [www.catholicnews.org.uk/home-mission-sunday-2012](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/home-mission-sunday-2012) <<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/home-mission-sunday-2012>>

**NEW ROTAS**

If you are a Eucharistic Minister or a Reader and were unable to collect your new Rota last weekend, please collect it **TODAY** as the rota starts this weekend. If you are not able to minister or read on the date shown on the rota, please try your best to find another minister or reader to take your place. Should you be unable to find a replacement, please let me know as soon as possible. Pat Parker, Rota Co-ordinator – 020 8390 0179 or Email [pdparker@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pdparker@blueyonder.co.uk) Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DVDs & Photos**

If you have ordered a First Holy Communion DVD or photos, please can you collect them from the Presbytery as soon as possible.

Thank you.

**Glasgow Midwives need your support**

Connie Wood and Mary Doogan are senior midwives, each with over 20 years experience delivering babies in a Glasgow hospital. They have a conscientious objection to abortion (but they do not condemn women who have abortions).

Connie and Mary have *always* refused to be involved in abortions. In 2007 due to policy changes, the pressure to participate increased, but they insisted on their right to opt out. In 2011, they had to go to court to defend their right. The Nursing and Midwifery Council did not support Connie's and Mary's fight to defend their right. The court said that midwives cannot be forced to directly undertake abortions, but decided that as labour ward co-ordinators, Connie and Mary should supervise abortions conducted by other midwives. The court ruled that the hospital can insist that these midwives supervise abortions.

Supervising abortion means taking moral and professional responsibility for it. Connie and Mary believe this is wrong, and refuse to do it. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) supports them. Connie and Mary are now appealing to a higher court with SPUC's help.

Please help defend their conscientious objection by signing SPUC's petition to the Nursing and Midwifery Council at the back of the church. Thank you.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH**

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Were you baptised a Catholic but have not received your First Holy Communion or been Confirmed? Then the Journey in Faith group (JIF) is for you.**

This is a group formed to help non- Christians, Christians of other denominations, to find out about the Catholic faith, as well as those who have been baptised Catholics, but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening from September 12<sup>th</sup> 2012, and will start from 7.30pm

Meetings are held in the RDJ Room.

If you are interested, please give your contact details to one of the priests, or drop them into the Presbytery, or contact Fiona Perks on 020 8224 9412. Please mark the envelope **RCIA**

Name: .....

Address: .....

Tel No.....

Email: .....

**Fr Anthony, Fr Arbo, Deacon Al and Deacon Nicolas all wish you a very happy and relaxing Summer break.**

