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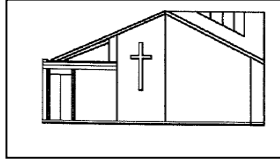
**ST. MARK'S**

**GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD**

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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**

**MASS TIMES**  
**St Mary & St Joseph**

**Boxmoor**

Sun 9.00am

11.30am

6.00pm

Mon 9.30am

Wed 9.30am

Thurs 12.30pm

Fri 9.30am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
(*confession*):

*Sat 11am – 11.30am*

**St Mark's**

**Hollybush Lane**

Sat 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sun 10.30am

Tue 7.00pm

Wed 1.30pm

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
(*confession*) –

*before evening Mass*

**Church of the**  
**Resurrection**

**Highfield & Grovehill**

Sat 5.00pm (Vigil)

Sun 9.30am

Mon 7.30pm

Tue 9.30am

Fri 9.30am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
(*Confession*) –

*after morning Mass*



**BELIEF AND ACTION**

Today we hear about the miracle of the feeding of the 5000. But this reading is simply the first of five closely related gospel readings, which we hear over the next five weeks, in which Jesus explains exactly what the Eucharist is and what we should do about it.

As "actions speak louder than words" it is of no surprise that Jesus shows us the meaning of Eucharist before he explains it, in words. In a couple of weeks time we will hear Jesus explain to us that the bread is His body; but there is no point in the disciples, or us, believing this, unless we also understand that this belief leads to action, the same action that Jesus performed in our reading today.

Jesus explicitly links the action of sharing food with the belief in the true presence. Therefore belief in the true presence of Jesus in the Mass, in the bread and wine, leads us directly to the action of sharing our food with others. Jesus shared out the food equally, to all. Jesus pours out his love equally on all. If we accept His love, and the salvation He has won for us, then we must also accept the responsibility of sharing our food and our resources with those in need.

*Deacon Simon*

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

Elisha through the power of God fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves and fresh grain. The prophets are those human beings chosen by God to carry his word to the people, to speak to them on behalf of God, and so to nourish them in heart and mind and soul.

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

We become one with Jesus as we eat his flesh and we are identified with him as we drink his blood. Because of this mystery this Letter says 'there is one Body', as there is just one Lord and one Spirit. Through living in that Body, which is his Church, we experience the generous love of God and are made able to live in charity and selflessness, in gentleness and patience.

**Gospel John 6:1-15**

The sign, first given by Jesus at Tiberias, continues to be given in the Eucharist. The bread of life is offered to us as the Word is proclaimed. The living bread nourishes us as we eat his body and drink his blood. It is a sign, in the first place, of Jesus' generosity and limitless love.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

**DEADLINE IS**  
**WEDNESDAY**