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Sunday Reflection – “The little we have can be enough”- Jesus seems to have been disturbed by Herod’s brutal use of power in ordering the death of John the Baptist. John was a great spiritual leader and he had a profound influence on the spiritual formation of Jesus. So, when Jesus hears of John’s death he needs to withdraw to a lonely place. He had to retreat, to be alone, to pray, and to consider his future. So, he goes “to the wilderness”. But on arrival he finds a large crowd and his need for solitude is overtaken and submerged by the needs of the people who followed him, hungry for teaching and healing. Touched by their needs he had compassion on them and gave himself wholeheartedly to ministering to their needs. The disciples are worried about where to get food for all these people. They urge Jesus to think about “sending them away”. Jesus’ response is very telling: ‘Give them something to eat yourselves’. They point out that they have so little to offer to so many. But Jesus takes the little that they have, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples to distribute to the crowd. There is enough for everyone and lots left over. The parable illustrates that when we bring our meagre human resources (our “five loaves and two fish”) to Jesus, he will bless and multiply our offerings and enables us to share our blessings and gifts with those around us. Generosity is more than giving “things” or money. More often it is about “giving ourselves away”. This is why this wonderful miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist. It recalls the Old Testament story of manna in the desert. Jesus is the new Moses, who feeds his people in the desert. We can all heed the beautiful teaching of today’s Gospel: When love is present, even the little we have to give can be more than ‘enough’!

Masses – Welcome back to our Holy Mass. Due to the continued possibility of infection various precautions are in place. These are aimed at ensuring maximum safety and peace of mind among those who worship and pray at our Servite Church. We ask that you sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church and that you complete a slip for tracing purposes. Please leave this slip on your seat when leaving and if you change seats you will need to fill out 2 slips. Where you sit needs to be sanitized. Also, please do not move kneelers, leave them up (it will be less to clean).

St Peregrine Mass – Will be on Wednesday 26th August at 6.30pm. If you could give some time to volunteer at this Mass and others, we would be grateful. We now need volunteers to hold Mass due to the extra precautions needed to keep everyone safe.

The Rite of Baptism: Can now take place. To have your child baptised, you must be a practicing Catholic in our Church. To arrange a Baptism, please email the Parish Office.

Weddings: Those in our Parish that plan on getting Married, you must start your Marriage paperwork at least 6 months before your Marriage.

Servite Parish Manila – Every day of the week our Servite Parish in Manila, Philippines are distributing food to those in great need. There is an offertory box in the Colonnade if you would like to donate. Their need is Great!

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.30am
Mon, Wed & Fri 10am

Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

Saints Days

Tue 4th - St John Vianney

Wed 5th - Dedication of
St Mary Major

Thu 6th - The Transfiguration
of the Lord

Fri 7th - Ss Sixtus II &
St Cajetan

Sat 8th - St Dominic

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Programme 2019/2020 – Re the completion of these programmes, once it has been decided how/when to complete them, Candidates and Families will be contacted.

Safeguarding

Representatives – We Welcome Dorota Trawinska & Alexia Carter who are our Safeguarding Representatives. For Safeguarding concerns, please contact them in confidence on their contact details which is on our website and in the Colonnade.