

UNIT 16 THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

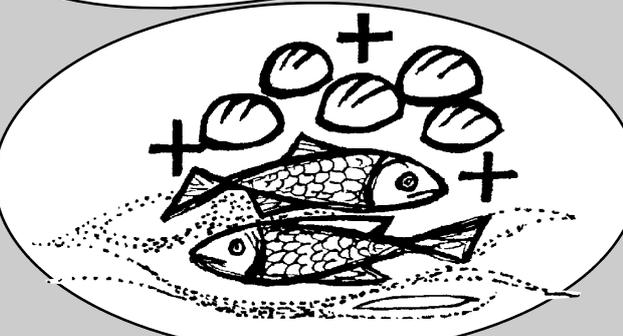


A Complete the following sentences:

1. A miracle is _____.
2. God permits miracles to happen so that _____.

B Read the following Bible passages and then complete:

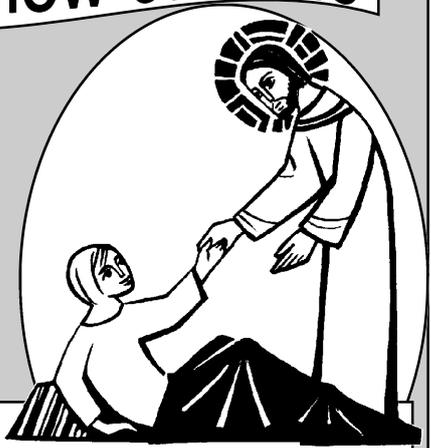
Matthew 14:13-21



Occasion: _____

Message: _____

Matthew 9:18-26



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Message: _____

MIRACLES TODAY

C God can make miracles anytime and in many ways even today.

On the 9 January 2007 Pope Benedict XVI officially approved the recognition of a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr George Preca (1880-1962).

It was in 2001, when doctors in the small Mediterranean island of Malta diagnosed little Eric Catania, just a few weeks after his birth, with a severe liver malfunction. His family was told that the only hope of survival was considered to be a transplant of the liver.

As time went by no suitable donor was found and the child's condition was getting worse all the time. It was then decided that the boy be taken to London for more intense and specialised treatment with a view of having a liver transplant carried out there. He was admitted to King's College hospital in south London and was placed under the care of Dr Anil Dhawan, a professor of paediatric hepatology.

Seeing there was not much hope for the boy's recovery Eric's parents decided to pray God through the intercession of Fr George Preca, the humble Maltese priest, founder of SDC who had just been beatified by Pope John Paul II. As they and their friends and family prayed, a glove that had been used when the body of Fr George Preca was transferred from his original tomb, was placed on the baby boy. Soon after Eric's liver started to function properly and it was thus decided by Dr Dhawan and his team at King's College hospital that a transplant was no longer needed. It was a case of a healing and a recovery that couldn't be explained by mere scientific reasoning.



Once released from hospital Eric was able to continue with his normal life. He was also present for the ceremony of the canonisation of George Preca on the 3rd June 2007 when he also had the opportunity to make his First Holy communion.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH



The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God. But his miracles can also be occasions for 'offence'; they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic. Despite his evident miracles some people reject Jesus; he is even accused of acting by the power of demons.

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D We can't make miracles!! But God gave us different qualities.

How can we share with God his healing power?
