

and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

27 JUNE 2021

## CREATED FOR LIFE

All peoples, including people of faith, have wrestled with the mysteries of life and death from the dawn of time. The book of Wisdom was written late in the development of the Old Testament, and centuries of experience and reflection are found in its verses that speak about how God has created all things in order that we might experience God's love in the gift of life itself. Created in God's image, our ultimate goal is to live our lives in such a way that we reflect this life-giving love of God for us in our attitudes and behaviour.

The Christian communities of Corinth were invited by Paul to join with other communities in Galatia and Macedonia to provide support for the poor believers in Jerusalem who were suffering in the midst of famine. In his previous letter, Paul had spoken eloquently of how they were all part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12) and how this called them to a life of faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13). Now was the time to live simply, giving of their excess, so that their brothers and sisters could simply live.

Jesus' actions in the Gospel today bear eloquent testimony to the claim of the book of Wisdom that we are created for life. Both Jairus' daughter and the woman with the haemorrhage will be lifted from their suffering by their encounter with Jesus. The woman's extraordinary faith leads her to reach out and touch Jesus' cloak resulting in her being restored to health. Jesus himself lifts up the young girl and brings her once again to the fullness of life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

*It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.*

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v. 2

**R.** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me / and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. / O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, / restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, / give thanks to his holy name. / His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. / At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

3. The Lord listened and had pity. / The Lord came to my help. / For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. / O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

*Your abundance should supply their want.*

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of



keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 2 Tim 1: 10

Alleluia, alleluia! / Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death / and brought us life through his gospel. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 5: 21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Young girl, I say to you, arise.*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him

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# WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND MASSES** Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm  
**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mon: \*No Mass Tues: \*No Mass  
Wed: 12pm Thur: 9am  
Fri: 9am Sat: 9am St Thomas

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm  
\*Or by appointment

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *All peoples clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.*

**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Burgess, Bruce Pullman, Sr Bede Hintz, Mary Plater.

**Anniversaries:** John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6), Stan Blanch (29/6).

**Deceased:** Fr Peter Liu, Tom and May Kennedy, Peggy Bussell, Lawrence Hartley, Margaret Barnes, Blagyna Nikolovski. Thomas Brown.

**Sick:** Margaret Marshall, Colleen Greer, Fr Bernie Flood, Maria Mood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Elaine White, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Brindley Cavallaro, Jack & Marge Attard.



## PADDY'S CORNER

- Young children have a unique superpower: Place a toddler in a queen-sized bed and they will find a sleeping position that ensures no one else can fit in there with them.
- A man comes home after a hard day's work and opens the refrigerator to get a soda. Inside, he sees a possum taking a nap. "What are you doing in my fridge?" the man asks. The possum opens one sleepy eye and says, "Isn't this a Westinghouse?" Um, yes," the man replies. "It is." "Well then," the possum says, shutting his eyes again, "I am twying to west."

## COMING EVENTS

26/27 June Peter's Pence Collection  
16 July Official Opening New Facilities  
18 July Confirmation  
18 July Fr O'Brien's 60th Jubilee  
31 July Launch Online Mens Gathering



*May the Sacred Heart shield you and uphold you in every trouble.*



**SOCIAL DISTANCING** \*\* REGISTER TO ENTER \*\*\* SANITISE HANDS  
\*\* KEEP YOUR DISTANCE \*\*\* SPRAY CLEAN BROADLY ABOVE SEAT

**WELCOME:** Through the sacrament of baptism we welcome into our Catholic family: Jock McCulloch, Callie Watson, Hannah O'Brien, Christian Moujalli, Essie and Jack Heyman. May they and their families receive God's special blessings at this time.

**PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The 2021 collection is to be conducted this weekend being the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul.

**PLANNED GIVING:** Envelopes are available for collection this weekend ready for use from July and please \*NOT BEFORE JULY. Several givers will have a number change as more parishioners have adopted the electronic payment method allowing us to reduce the number of envelopes purchased..

**OFFICIAL OPENING:** St Joseph's School invites parishioners to the official opening and blessing of the new facilities on Friday 16 July 21 at 10 am for a 10.30 am start. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND YOU MUST RSVP** to [schaffey@arm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:schaffey@arm.catholic.edu.au) or phone 6765 4079 by **25 June**.

**CONFIRMATION:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St Patricks on 18 July. With Covid conditions in place and to allow for extra relations and friends of the children to attend, parishioners are asked to consider their mass attendance times and if practical attend either the Saturday or Sunday evening services. This is a request only to comply with safe distancing.

**FR ROSS O'BRIEN'S 60TH JUBILEE:** On 18 July we will be very blessed to celebrate Fr Ross O'Brien's 60th Jubilee of his ordination. Mass with the Bishop and a number of concelebrating clergy will be at 12 noon. Lunch in the Parish Centre will follow and parishioners are very welcome. There is an attendance register at the back of the church. Please record your details by **11 July** to allow for planning.

**COUNTERS NEEDED:** Thank you to those who have offered to help; We can still use more people to lighten the load. Counting occurs on Mondays during the day. Please contact the office.

**DIMMING IN THE CHURCH:** Replacement of the church lights is imminent and a significant cost. We have seen the improved savings made with updating of lighting in the presbytery and grounds and would like to see the same in the Church. We hope to be able to address the issue in the future .

**CRACKER'S TALES:** To assist with the lighting project, we will aim to clear the stock of Cracker's Tales. The bargain price of \$10 will get you all the laughs you need. Please contact the office or speak with Fr Anthony after Mass or at the office if you would like to buy a copy.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** ACC 001023642  
**2nd Coll:** ACC 001041198

\*Please make separate payments for each account.

## WEEK 3 ROSTER: 27/6/21

**Vigil:** R C Greer D Bolitho  
**9am Sun:** R S Brown A Sartori  
**5.30pm Sun:** R M and J Murray  
**Counting Team** C Lavell, A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning:** 3/7K O'Brien J Cunningham  
**Altar Linen:** E Smyth

## WEEK 4 ROSTER: 4/7/21

**Vigil:** R D Gowing G Styman  
**9am Sun:** R R Paull M Donaldson  
**5.30pm Sun:** R M and J Murray  
**Counting Team** S Brown; A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning** 10/7 J Hutt & J Moran  
**Altar Linen** H Reid

We acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples. We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their cultures to the life and spirit of Australia.

