



# Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Year B**

**June 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Mark concludes his account of the ministry of Jesus in Galilee with descriptions of some remarkable miracles worked by Jesus during this ministry. In today's reading Jesus shows himself the Lord of life and death – healing the woman 'who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years' and bringing back to life the young daughter of one of the elders of the local synagogue.

Again, the words of Jesus and Mark's telling of the story emphasise the importance of 'faith' in what is to unfold – a trusting openness to the fact that, in the ministry of Jesus, God's great promises to Israel were being fulfilled. This faith, however, finds very a different expression in the two cases. The synagogue official, well versed in the traditions of Israel, and with an openness that expresses the true spirit of Israel's faith, makes his request: 'Make my little daughter better and save her life'. His trust in what Jesus can do for him is in stark contrast with the attitude of those who report that the girl is already dead and urge him not to trouble Jesus further, and with the mourners already gathering in his home. The woman's faith is less informed; naïve perhaps, very like the faith of so many simple believers. But what she knows of Jesus inspires her to seek a healing by 'touching his clothes'. The reaction of Jesus is to lead her to the personal meeting with him that should take place in an authentic faith.

As was the case with the miracle story which precedes this one – in which Jesus shows his Lordship by quelling the storm – the community for which Mark wrote his gospel would have listened to this narrative, in which Jesus showed himself as Lord of life and death, against the background of their faith in his resurrection – the ultimate demonstration of this Lordship. This is confirmed, commentators point out, by the fact that, in the telling of the miraculous events, terms are used which echo New Testament faith in the resurrection: 'Lay your hands on her that she may be healed and live'; 'Your faith has healed you' (The Greek could also be translated, 'saved', a powerful word in the vocabulary of Christian faith); 'Little gift I tell you arise' (This Greek word is often used in reference to the Lord's resurrection). Against this background, the many references to 'life' take on a deeper meaning.

This gospel narrative sheds light on the attitudes of Jesus. The two miracles, both worked for women, show the freedom with which he related to the customs that had grown up in old Israel. According to these customs, the woman's ailment would have made her 'unclean' – and perhaps that is why, when summoned by Jesus, she 'came forward frightened and trembling', concerned that she may have offended him. But her fears were brushed aside by the Saviour who came to bring authentic fulfilment to all that the life of old Israel foreshadowed; 'My daughter your faith has restored you to health; go in peace'. In bringing the little girl back to life, Jesus 'took her by the hand'. This was a remarkable thing to do. According to Jewish customs it was not acceptable for a man to touch a twelve year old girl – since she was now of marriageable age.

John Thornhill sm

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## READINGS FOR 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

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

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.

### Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

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.

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.

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

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.

### Gospel Acclamation

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

### Gospel

Mark 4: 5:21-43

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

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.

## Parish Diary

Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Feast of St Thomas, apostle  
Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'

Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation 4:30pm  
St Joachim's

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

Mass (Vigil) 5:00pm  
St Joachim's

Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes'



**What's my haemorrhage?**

In the gospel story, the woman suffers a serious physical complaint – an unending flow of blood – that must have left her physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted. For many of us there is some aspect of our lives that has an almost equally draining effect as the physical complaint of the woman. In effect, some aspect of our lives may be haemorrhaging – a constant outflow of energy and emotion that prevents us from being all that we might be. It may be an unhealthy relationship; an addiction; a lack of confidence; a grudge; a lack of emotional control.

**PARISH NEWS****WE REMEMBER**

We remember Rodrigo Manlongat. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

**COUNTERS**

Robyn's team.

**ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 6:00pm mass at St Agnes' Church on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> for approx. 15 minutes.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

A baptism preparation evening for families who are having their child baptised in the parish is being held on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Ring the parish office to register.

**MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY**

The mass on Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by hospitality.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)**

All children are invited to join us for CLOW at the 9am mass at St Agnes' next Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. All parents are very welcome! Children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.

**SUNDAY HOSPITALITY**

There will be hospitality next Sunday after the 9:00am mass.

**INVITATION TO ALTAR SERVING**

Dear Families,

We are currently seeking to train new Altar Servers!



If you have a child in Grade 4 or above and they have received their First Holy Communion, please talk to your child to see if they would be interested to serve.

For further enquiries please email [sacpr.hpmq@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmq@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone the Parish Office on 3349 2280

**Some Benefits of Altar Serving**

- \* Nurturing Faith
- \* Actively Involved
- \* Hands-on Learning offering closeness to what is happening and a better understanding of the Mass
- \* Chance to meet others in the Parish
- \* Builds Confidence & Belonging

**WINTER APPEAL 2024**

*Thank You*

The St Joachim's St Agnes' Conference would like to express their sincere thanks for your support of their recent Winter Appeal. To date we have received \$2551. These funds will go a long way in enabling our conference members to continue their vital work in the local community by offering support and assistance to those who are most in need.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

Each year, parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence Collection as a retiring collection. The collection is to be taken at the Masses around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul.

**This collection will be taken up this weekend. There will be collectors at the doors of the churches as you are leaving.**

The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in July this year. Enrolments now OPEN and close Friday 28th June.

This program is open to all baptised children in year three (3) and above.

If you would like to receive a copy of the invitation and details of how to enrol please email Mary at [sacpr.hpmq@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sacpr.hpmq@bne.catholic.net.au)



If you have missed the cut off date please ring the office by Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

**"SPIRIT OF HOPE" CITY PRAYER MEETING**

The monthly gathering will be held in St Stephen's Chapel, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, commencing at 10.45 to 12.15pm, following the regular 10am Mass in the Cathedral. Please join for a morning of, Prayer, Praise and Worship, calling on the Holy Spirit to lead us in praying for, Renewal for our City Brisbane, Australia and the World.



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