



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year B

June 29th/30th 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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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

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, kumi!' 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 1st

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, July 3rd

Feast of St Thomas, apostle

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, July 4th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, July 5th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, July 6th

Reconciliation 4:30pm
St Joachim's

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 6th

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

Sunday, July 7th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



Have you thought?

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.

Readings – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

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 3rd 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 3rd commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Ring the parish office to register.

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday July 5th 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 7th. 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 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

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



"SPIRIT OF HOPE" CITY PRAYER MEETING

The monthly gathering will be held in St Stephen's Chapel, on Wednesday 3rd 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.



Thank you for your support!



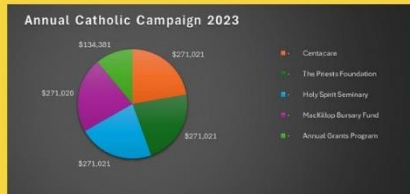
2024 YOUTH
Theology of the Body
RETREAT

Join us for an introductory Theology of the Body program exploring the fullness of love, life and purpose through a weekend of fun and formation.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank.
13-14 July. \$40 incl. meals.
For 14-19 yr olds. Participants need to be at all sessions.
RSVP by July 1.

To register or any queries:
hannah@realtalkaustralia.com


 <p>Mackillop Fund</p> <p>Because of you, six Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund students could graduate Year twelve in 2023.</p> <p>Your support also made it possible to award 21 new bursaries in 2024.</p>	 <p>Catholic Care</p> <p>With your gift, you have given women and children fleeing domestic violence a safe space.</p> <p>Because of you, they look forward to a brighter and safer future.</p>	 <p>Priests Foundation</p> <p>At the end of 2023, nine priests retired from active ministry.</p> <p>Your support helped to provide a modest home and basic healthcare in their retirement.</p>	 <p>Holy Spirit Seminary</p> <p>Holy Spirit Seminary welcomed three young men to the transitional diaconate in 2023.</p> <p>Through your gifts, we were blessed to ordain four new priests for in 2024.</p>
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Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign last year. Through our combined support, we continue making a positive impact in the lives of those most in need in our community.

 <p>Holy Cross FUNERALS</p> <p><i>For however you choose to say goodbye...</i></p> <p>Burial, Cremation, Church or Chapel Pre-arrangements & Funeral Bonds</p> <p><i>An Outreach of the Catholic Church</i></p> <p>Phone: 07 3293 0555</p>		
<p>Phone: 07 3293 0555</p>	<p>Binh Nguyen Mob: 0452 162 656 QBCC:15 113 118 ABN: 82 674 256 581 info@tgcmaintenance.com.au</p> <p>* Carpentry * Decks * Patios * Kitchen and Bathroom Renovations * Carports * Garages</p> <p>Domestic Commercial</p>	<p>Harvey & Co Lawyers Kieran Harvey, Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property Wills & Estates Commercial <p>☎ 07 5554 6994 0408 640 008 ✉ enquiries@harveylawyers.com.au</p> <p>Shop 4, 11 Kuring Gai Avenue, Tarragindi</p>

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY



We are committed to the
**NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.