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#### **13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B**

#### 26TH & 27TH JUNE, 2021

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines. The following are effective from Wednesday 23rd June 2021, and applicable for the next seven days across Greater Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

#### **Face Masks**

THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS IS MANDATORY AT ALL INDOOR VENUES, INCLUDING PLACES OF WORSHIP.

#### **Places of Worship and Religious Services**

The maximum number of people at places of worship will now be limited by the <u>4 SQUARE METRE RULE</u> (rather than 2 square metres), both indoors and outdoors.

#### Singing

**INDOOR SINGING BY THE CONGREGATION IS NOT PERMITTED AT THIS TIME.** No information has been provided by NSW Health on choirs at this time. Further information will be communicated when this becomes available.

#### Weddings and Funerals

The maximum number of people at weddings and funerals will also be limited by the 4 square metre rule (rather than 2 square metres), both indoors and outdoors.

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

& Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell you are advised not to attend Mass.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 6pm (no Adoration) Thursday at 9.10am Friday Communion Service at 9.10am

You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.

\*\*\*PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN IN

**RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT** 

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS



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## **Parish News**

#### Sacrament of First Communion 2021



We have received a number of enquiries from parishioners regarding First Communion dates for this year.

The First Communion Program for all

children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March this year will commence soon in our parish.

All parents wanting their child to participate in the First Communion program are required to

pick up your child's enrolment pack on Wednesday 21st July between 6.30pm – 7.30pm

from the church.

Please note that all the information needed will be • Email to corpuschristippc@gmail.com, a direct email adincluded in the pack.

Dates for the Sacrament are 14th/15th August & 21st/ 22nd August.

#### **CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST HELPERS NEEDED**

Are you willing to share your faith journey? Whether you are young, middle-aged or retired, at university or a shift worker WE NEED YOU!!! What's Involved?

Teaching time (30 minutes) and preparation. \*

What do I need?

- An interest in children and the ability to communicate with them.
- What help will I get?
- Training to help you develop basic teaching skills and \* make the best use of your talents.
- A teacher's manual containing easy lesson plans.
- Student activity books for each child.
- Other resources to help make lessons interesting.

If you feel you can help as a teacher or assistant or to find Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer: out more information contact Marie at the Parish Office.

#### **Parish Ministries**

If at any time a member of the parish is seeking some involvement in parish ministries, you are warmly encouraged to contact the Parish Office ..

#### **Corpus Christi Website & Facebook**

Please visit our website or Facebook page for up to date James Vella Parish and diocesan news.

Website:

www.corpuschristi.org.au

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiParishCranebrook

#### Advertising in The Net

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 months or there is the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

#### 'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group...

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after Mass.

Come along, share some stories and enjoy the company. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome!!!

If you would like some more information, please contact the Parish Office.

#### The Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to submit suggestions in any of the following ways:

- Person to person with a Parish Pastoral Council Member
- dress to the Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Letter mailed or hand delivered addressed to: The Secretary, Parish Pastoral Council Corpus Christi Parish PO Box 21, Cranebrook NSW 2749

Suggestion Box, located in the fover of the Church. Please remember to include your name and contact number in case we need to contact you for any clarification or update.

#### **Clergy Support Foundation Donations**

It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the clergy support foundation of the diocese of Parramatta, which supports retired priests in the diocese. Please make donations via credit card at https://parracatholic.org/ csf or transfer directly to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Name CSF No 1 with names as reference and send email to csf@parracatholic.org with your details for receipt to be sent. Thank you.

#### **Recently Deceased:**

Magda Ghali (14/06 - Adel Ghal's sister), Charlie Vassallo, Joseph O'Neill, Sam Vassallo

#### **Anniversaries:**

Emma Gavin (19/06/17), Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), Margaret Sullivan (11/05/20)

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Jovito Jr, Maria Aquilina, Josephine Portelli, Margaret &

#### And for those who are sick:

Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



## **Diocesan News**

#### Themes of Faith 2021 -

#### **Diocesan Small Groups Formation Opportunity**



Catholic life through live small group discus sion of reading material. The discussion 🖕 groups are already underway but the remain-

ing 4 out of 10 sessions of the program are still open for sign up until 1st July 2021. Express your interest today and enjoy this shorter experience as a small taste of the full Themes of Faith Program by contacting Donnie Velasco 0432 o n 0 4 2  $1 \ 4 \ 0$ or donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org

#### **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening**

You are invited to attend a social justice reflection evening jointly hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club on Wednesday 30 June from 6pm. The reflection evening will discuss the ACBC's 2020-21 Social Justice Statement 'To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today'. RSVP by 16th June to this free event by visiting https://form.jotform.com/211228078037048

### Office for Worship **RCIA Teams Formation Sessions**

The Office For Worship will be running a series of formation sessions for RCIA coordinators and teams in parishes.

The sessions will take place in the evenings and will run over 5 weeks, beginning on Wednesday 21st July 2021.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

#### National Catholic Men's Gathering

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/ Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The gathering aims to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. Register for free at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

#### Catholic Outlook Magazine Book Giveaway

With thanks to Catholic Healthcare, the Winter 2021 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is giving away three copies of the wonderful book "Sharing the Wisdom of Time by Pope Francis and Friends" just in time for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. Entries are now open until 15 July 2021. Pick up your copy of Catholic Outlook to get details of how to enter today!



#### **Positions Vacant**

Formation for Mission Officers - Mission Engagement A guided exploration of key components of Team (MET), Diocese of Parramatta - Applications close Wednesday 10pm 30th June

> Head of Finance & Business Operations - Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited (CDPSL) -Applications close 5pm Monday 5th July More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

#### Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

#### Annulment Information Webinar: 21 July

The Diocese of Parramatta's Tribunal Office, together with CatholicCare Solo Parent Services, are presenting an Information Webinar to help people understand the process of Annulments in

the Catholic Church. The event will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 21 July from 7pm to 9pm.

Registration is essential. For further details and to register, please call the Tribunal Office on 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org

#### 2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 13 August

Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss "Living marriage, living faith, ideas to inspire your children" at the Life, Family & Marriage Office's Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 13th August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 7.30pm.

The event is free, but booking is required. Free parking will be available at the Cathedral and overflow carpark..

Please register your attendance to 02 8838 3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

#### Reflective Ministry 2021 -

#### **Diocesan Formation Opportunity**

Limited face-to-face seating for the Reflective Ministry formation program due to commence in August 2021. Explore Scripture and fundamental themes within Pastoral Theology through this locally developed diocesan leadership program, ideal for those serving in and through Catholic communities.

Expressions of interest close 3 August via tinyurl.com/ RMIFM. For further enquiries, contact Donnie Velasco on 0432 042 140 or donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org

#### 'The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021

The team from 'The Well' are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

# The Living Word

### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

#### **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.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

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

## (R.) 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. (*R.*)

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.*)

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.

#### Gospel Acclamation 2 Tm 1:10

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

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

#### Gospel

Mk 5:21-24. 35-43

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 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.

#### 27th June 2021

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.



#### 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.

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#### **REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate Subverting the Social Order

Jesus is on his way to fulfil the request of a named male synagogue official who has given voice on behalf of his ill daughter. Jesus is stopped in his tracks by an unnamed voiceless female who has been ostracised from the social and religious life of the town.

Part of her healing is to get her voice back. She tells Jesus everything and he addresses her with the beautiful title, 'Daughter'. Imagine the joy of this woman hearing such a term of affectionate relationship. Jesus went on: '... your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

Jesus did not regard this as an interruption to his journey to heal the daughter of Jairus. Stopping was an absolute priority subverting the expectations and power structures of society. The healing presence of Jesus was, and is, radically egalitarian.

Perhaps we could take a moment to pray that we have the courage to touch the hem of Our Lord's cloak in Confes- \* Why did Jesus instruct Jairus and his wife to tell no one sion. There we can tell him everything which has left us illat-ease in our relationship with God, our fellow human beings and in ourselves. With confidence in his Divine power, we can ask him to heal the dis-ease in some part of our personality. Hear him respond: "Daughter (or son), your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease". Then, share in the joy of the woman of our Gospel story.

#### **REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society - women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

#### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June**

Intention for evangelization -The beauty of marriage Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



#### **REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS**

#### **Questions for Adolescents**

- \* What is the impact of 'interrupting' one miracle story with another?
- \* What is the relationship between the two events?
- \* Why was it important that Jesus stopped and spoke to the woman after she had been healed?
- about a miracle that would be hard to conceal?
- \* What is the message in this gospel passage for a modern audience?

#### **Questions for Adults**

- \* What is the common link between the two miracles in this gospel passage?
- \* What do you imagine life would have been like for the woman with the haemorrhage?
- What image of the disciples is presented in this passage?
- \* What do we learn about the importance of faith?

### This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- Why was Jairus so worried?
- \* Do your parents worry when you or your brothers or sisters are sick?
- \* Why do we pray for people who are sick?
- \* Can you think of any times when Jesus healed someone who was sick?

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## Don't worry. Just have faith!

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Finish the story of Jesus and the little girl by adding the missing words and pictures



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