

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Cor 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 word 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

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 5:21-24,35-43

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.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

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, 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

29th /30th June, 2024 – Year of Prayer

Heavenly Father,

In You we live and move and have our being.

Just as the suffering lady boldly

touched Jesus' cloak and found healing,

Let Your healing flow into us, too,

Let us seek and find You

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD This week's gospel passage presents **two miracle accounts**, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – **she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her.** Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he **made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her** (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories © Greg Sunter

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY

FEAST DAYS Wed 3rd July St Thomas Thur 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal
Fri 5th July St St Anthony Zaccaria Sat 6th July St Maria Goretti

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday 9.15am
& Thurs – 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 3rd Thursday 11am

BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.

Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:



Those who we remember at this time:

Maria Van Den Boogaard, Beverly O'Connor, Anne Daelmans, John Greene, David Waters, Margaret Irving, Caterina Fratino, Antonia Pallotta, Carmine Porcaro.

The sick: Trish Walton, Sabrina McKeeverne, Aileen Knox, Janet Roffey, Celia Ellis, Eamon Smith, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Ann Good, Ben Mc Laey, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne.



ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.

MOTHERS PRAYERS Will take a break over the school holidays, and resume on Tuesday 16th July at 9am in the Parish Office.

ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP are meeting in the new Parish Community Centre this week, 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING We meet **Thurs 10am** in the New Parish Community Centre. Please come and join us for a Chat, sit and knit or perhaps a game of cards.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
When: **First Saturday of the Month** at 10.30 am.
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

PALMS MISSION Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions while living authentically in another culture? If you're happy for the trip, come to Palms' [Discovery information session](#) at Altona on **11 July, 5.30-6.30pm**, at **Mary Help of Christians Altona** Meet Soraya and returned Palms participants to discover more about [Assignments Aboard](#). Alternately, please enquire at palms.org.au or phone **0422 472 567**.

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ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD

AUSNET POWER OUTAGE Dear Parishioners, There is another planned power outage on Thurs 4th July, from 9am-4pm. The Parish Office will be closed, and staff will work from home on that day. The outage was planned for the school holidays for least inconvenience. **Fr Sebastian will still celebrate Mass.**

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION: This weekend, Catholics around Australia are being encouraged to support the Peter's Pence appeal on 30 June, the Sunday after the feast of St Peter and St Paul. Donations to the appeal, which goes back to medieval times, **support Pope Francis' mission**, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education and peace. Thank you for your generous support.

St JOSEPH'S COLLEGE Enrolments The first round of Enrolments for Year 7 2026 close on **Friday 16 August 2024**. We have limited places remaining for Year 7 2025. Principal's Tours are operating on a regular basis and can be booked via the College website under Enrolment Events. Any queries about enrolments can be addressed by phoning 9756 3112 or emailing enrolments@stjosephs.com.au

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE applications for enrolments for **Year 7 2026 are due by 16th August, 2024**. Year 7 applications for 2025 will now be waitlisted until a place becomes available as demand has exceeded capacity. <https://www.materchristi.edu.au/future-families/join-us/enrolments>

Mater Christi College presents

CHICAGO

Book by Fred Ebb & Bob Fosse Music by John Kander Lyrics by Fred Ebb

Based on the play by Maurine Dallas Watkins Script adaptation by David Thompson Music editing by Paul McKibbins

TEEN EDITION

Thursday 1 - Saturday 3 August
Burrinja Cultural Centre, Upwey
TICKET SALES: Burrinja.org.au

GREAT NEWS - tickets to the combined production with Mater Christi College & St Joseph's College - **CHICAGO TEEN EDITION** are NOW ON SALE and already being snapped up! Adults \$33 Youth U16yrs, \$16 **BOOK YOURS NOW** here Burrinja.org.au

FIRST FRIDAY MASS will be celebrated on Friday 7th July at 11am with Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00am. All Welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEXT WEEKEND - No Children Liturgy (School Holidays)

LITURGY NEWS EVENT
NAIDOC Week (7 July - 14 July) This year's theme is **'Keep the Fire Burning - Strong in Faith'** The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has produced resources, go to the website to find out more: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2024-atsi-sunday.html>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass 7 July 2024, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
NAIDOC Week Mass Sunday 14 July, 11am St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN The Vocations office invites all men discerning a vocation to a day retreat. The day will include talks on the Priesthood and discernment as well as time for prayerful reflection. **RSVP by Wed 3rd July** at: vocations@cam.org.au

PETITION TO RETAIN THE LORD'S FORCES PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE. Early in May, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli joined representatives of Victoria's faith communities in signing a letter sent to each member of the Victorian Parliament expressing 'the fundamental and ongoing importance of prayer in Parliament,' and calling on them to **'ensure its practice continues to play an integral part of our democratic tradition.'** More than 10,000 people have signed a petition calling for the Victorian Parliament to retain the recitation of the Lord's Prayer at the commencement of proceedings in the state's Legislative Council. Source: Melbourne Catholic. A debate is now listed for 31st July. follow proceedings at: www.parliament.vic.gov.au

| ROSTERS: Mon 1 st July to Sun 7 th July 2024 | |
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| Flowers | Sue N & Lynne K |
| Linen | Carole D |
| Welcomers | 6pm Myra N & Kathryn C 9am Terry S, Joanna C, Thelma B 11am Patrick S & Anna M |
| Lectors | 6pm: Cynthia M 9am Gordon V 11am .Shami A |
| Counters | George & Genevieve, Bindu M |
| Gardening | Carlos E |