Weekly Bulletin

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B **Sunday, 30 June 2024**

"IF YOU LOSE FAITH, YOU LOSE ALL"- Eleanor Roosevelt

Today's gospel reading from Mark reports two miracles performed by Jesus upon his return to the Jewish part of Galilee from the land of the Gerasenes. The first is the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus. The second is the healing of a woman with a haemorrhage she had endured for twelve years. In each case, the miracle performed by Jesus is in response to a courageous act of faith.

These two overlapping miracle stories contain a number of striking contrasts and one very important common element. The main character in one story is a man, Jairus; in the other, it is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has spent all her money and was probably reduced to penury in seeking a cure for an ailment that had isolated her from the rest of the community. She was indeed treated as an outcast. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches him secretly. Yet, in both cases, their distress leads them to seek out Jesus and their indomitable faith and perseverance bring about His miraculous response. Both of these healings are not just physical healings; at a much deeper level they are spiritual healings. Overcoming fear and approaching God in faith leads not only to being cured but also to being saved. Notice Jesus' final words to the woman were "Daughter, your faith has saved you."

In a world where sickness and loss are ever present realities, the miracle stories in today's gospel remind us of the Lord's healing power. The faith of Jairus and of the woman with the haemorrhage invites us to reflect on our own faith in Jesus and take steps to nurture and develop it, confident that Jesus' response will be gentle, loving and healing. Like the little girl and the woman in today's gospel account, we need Christ's saving power and love. At the same time, we are also called to be instruments in bringing the healing power of Jesus to the sick and wounded people all around us, by simple gestures of love and compassion. We can provide a listening ear for a troubled heart, make time to reach out to a lonely neighbour, or visit a friend in hospital, and pray with them, as well as for them. (excerpted and edited from articles and the authors are duly acknowledged).

Ann Jillian, a three-time Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning actress and singer, is an American actress born to Roman Catholic Lithuanian immigrant parents. Since 1985, she has added motivational speaking to her impressive list of credits, with her own unique blend of humour and inspiration. In 1985 the then 35-year-old actress made headlines when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. On her way to the hospital to check the nature of the growth which she had noticed, she stopped at St. Francis de Sales Church and read the inscription on the door. "The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations." She went into the church and prayed for the strength to accept her ordeal. The radiant trust in God and peace of mind she maintained before and after the surgery (double mastectomy), was big news in the media and a great inspiration for all cancer patients. She trusted in Jesus' words given in today's gospel, "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

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God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings

Entrance Antiphon:
All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First reading: *Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24*
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: 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 comes 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*
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 : *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. ***Alleluia!***

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43
Young girl, I say to you, arise.

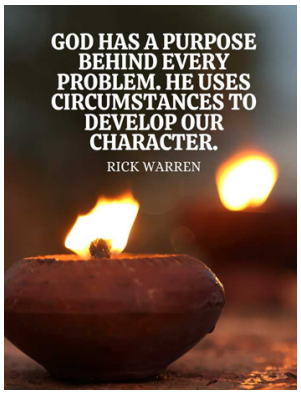
When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come 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.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she 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 shall 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, 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.

Communion Antiphon:
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me , his holy name.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



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Sickness and death have a way of shearing through the veneer of our self-importance and social status. These things touch us at our most vulnerable point. Sickness and death strip us of our illusions and remind us that, no matter how important we are in the eyes of others, we are still human—still very limited and transient citizens here on earth. By Indian Guru Ravi Shankar

Wishing You a Peaceful Winter Break

As the second term of school ends by 5th July, I wish all the students, staff and the parents a restful winter break to relax, reconnect, and enjoy. Stay safe and healthy!

Fr Vince

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

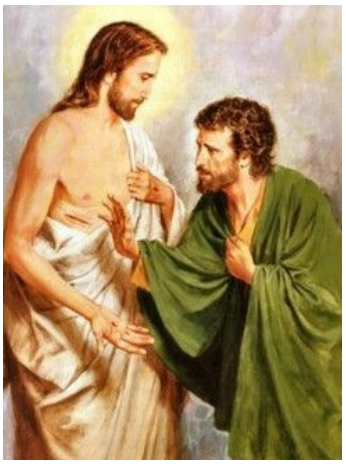
July

Wednesday 3 - **ST THOMAS** apostle
Thursday 4 - **St Elizabeth of Portugal**
Friday 5 - **St Anthony Zaccaria** priest
Saturday 6 - **St Maria Goretti** virgin, martyr

Kindly say a prayer for the **construction of the Parish Admin Office & Priest's residence** to commence with the providence of God.

ST THOMAS, one of the 12 apostles is best remembered for doubting the Resurrection until allowed to touch Christ's wounds, he made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" (John 20:24-28) In so expressing his faith, Thomas gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time.

St Thomas is largely credited with bringing Christianity to India, and he is the "Patron Saint of India."



Let us pray for ...

Sick

Aileen Pelias, Estelito Fenis, Tom Nayler, Louela Davis, Linda Dysoco, Judy, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika, Naza Nazah, Maree Buttenshaw, Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Nabiha Bousaada

Anniversaries

Sean Burrows
Margaret & Gerald Kohler

PARISH ROSTERS

06/07 July 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Eric Flores	Lynette Rodrigues Eli Ogrizek		Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	David & Sue Boulous Sheila Tapiador	Anton & Anne Fernando	Linda Tsang/ Lily Hon Grace Coco Gabriella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Ron Della Vedova Helen Wong		Lina Flores Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Sam Winders Nada Coorey		Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

13/14 July 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Sue Farrar	Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza		Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	David & Sue Boulous Francis Mathew	Sue Galletto Robert Saad	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Michael Majoor	Anne Marie Lyons Rozz Morris		Helen Wong Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Anne Fernando	Astrid Kossim Khush Jilla		Elaine Gade Sheila Tapiador			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SAFEGUARING MODULES & WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Thank you to all those who have sent through their current WWCC certificates.

For those volunteers who have a current Working with Children Check, can you please also fill up the **Working with Children Check Notification Form** placed at the back of the church. Please return the same in a sealed envelope next weekend at any of the Masses or to the Parish office.

In order to help volunteers complete the Safeguarding modules, we will be organising 3 sessions on a weekday night (after winter) and 3 sessions on a Saturday morning after the 9:15am Mass. Dates & details TBC.

Volunteers who are able to, please complete the Safeguarding modules.

Visit **https:// learning.safeguarding.org.au** to **Enrol** /sign up or sign in to the modules.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on **Saturday 27 July** at **St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens** for **Modules 1-3**. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: **https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training**. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Vinnies Winter Appeal Update

Dear parishioners, the Rydalmere conference of **St Vincent de Paul** would like to offer their **Heartfelt thanks** for your generous support to the Winter Appeal over the last two weekends.

Your generosity resulting to the significant tally of **$5616.30** being received. On behalf of the needy we serve, we thank you for your unbridled generosity which will provide our Conference with additional funds to render assistance where needed.

God bless you for your generosity, many thanks.

Ron Della Vedova -President

The blessed one asked:
" Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, naked or imprisoned?
And the Divine Master replied:
" Whenever you did this to the least of your brethren you did it to Me"

Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts go to Francis Makerry and family at the loss of their beloved mum **Nabiha Bousaada**. The funeral Mass is at St Charles, Ryde on Tuesday 2nd July 10:30am.

Safeguarding Kids Art Competition

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! ***Children and young people*** aged between **5 and 19** are invited to produce an artwork around the theme **"My Church community is a safe place for me"**. Entries close on Friday 26 July. For more information and to enter, please visit **parracatholic.org/artcompetition**

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am
Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)
Saturday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

BAPTISM
1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan
Parish Secretary
Tue / Wed / Fri
10am to 3pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator	Diane O'Shea
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator	Allison Markarian
Lectors Coordinator	Glenys Oxlee
Senior Server Coordinator	Anton Massillamany
Finance Chairman	Ron Della Vedova
St Vincent De Paul President	Ron Della Vedova
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