



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.

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Mk 5: 21-43

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TWO MODELS OF FAITH

There are two richly intertwined stories in today's Gospel. Each one says something essential about faith. The woman who touched Jesus' cloak shows a faith overcoming barriers, especially social stigma. By making her come forward, Jesus restores not only her health but her social status and dignity.

The synagogue ruler shows a faith that has to persevere. In terrible anxiety he must stand by and wait while Jesus attends to the woman. We feel his shock at the devastating news so bluntly conveyed to him, 'your daughter is dead. Why put the Master to any further trouble?' Jesus' response, literally translated, means, 'Do not be afraid. Just keep on believing'. Jairus must continue on his journey of faith—a journey that must now confront not only grave illness but the reality of death. Yet Jairus and his wife will have their daughter returned to them.

For the parents among us who have suffered the loss of a child, the Gospel story could in fact be very painful. Fine in the end for Jairus and his wife. Where was Jesus when our son or daughter died?

There is no easy answer. But one can at least point to the fact that Jairus' daughter did die. Delayed by the woman, Jesus arrived too late on the scene. But his overcoming of physical death in this one case points, in a sacramental sense, to a deeper truth. In and beyond physical death—something that he himself tasted to the full—he is the One through whom God remains for all believers the author and giver of eternal life.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

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

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

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 2 Tim 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

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Sacramental Program

Congratulations to the 9 students and their families (ASRE) for completing their preparation and reception of First Reconciliation. May they continue to know the loving mercy of God in their lives.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
 St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Plenary 2020

The document "Synodality in the Life of the Church" states that one of the most important task for the Church is to "consult the faithful". If we are concerned about the future of the Church, then Plenary 2020 gives us the opportunity to voice not only our concerns but share our stories, our faith and experiences in loving dialogue and full participation in the life of the Church beginning in Australia. If we believe fully in our one baptism then it falls on each of us to actively listen, participate and act in the shared mission Jesus calls us to. We will be holding two further sessions for all the parishioners to pray, listen, share and act on Friday 3 August 2018 @ 10.30am and 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Workshop for Readers of God's Word

Thursday 26 July, 7-9pm (light refreshments from 6.30pm)
 Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

The ministries of the Reader of God's Word and Extraordinary Minister of Communion are essential components of Holy Mass. This workshop will focus on the role of the Reader of God's Word and is ideal for both existing and new readers. This workshop comprises an overview of the theological underpinnings of this vital ministry and an exploration and practice of the skills needed to support best practice. Please note: interested participants are requested to seek authorisation from their parish priest prior to registration. Cost: \$20 (includes light refreshments and materials)
 Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/VKZO> Details: Suzanne Hermon on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Emidio Di Battista

Death Anniversaries : Angela Passaro, Salvatore Marchesi, Paul Clarke, Brigitte Leguen, Eileen & Des Moore, Giovanni De Giacinto

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

Thurs 12th July @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Parish Office
 Thurs 12th July @ 7.30pm—Scripture Studies in the School Library
 Sat 14th July @ 5.30pm—Baptism Welcoming
 Tue 17th July @ 4.30pm—Eucharist Classes commence
 Tue 17th July @ 7.30pm—Eucharist Parents information session

Collections Last Weekend
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 1,856
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 976
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

Sacramental Program 2018

All enrolments for the year are closed. Please register your interest for 2019 once the dates for 2019 have been organized.

FIRST EUCHARIST: TERM 3

Classes commence: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Parish Office
 Parents' Information Evening: Tuesday 17 July 2017 @ 7.30pm in the Clifton Centre
 Commissioning Mass: Saturday, 21 July @ 5.30pm
 Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 8 September 2018 @ 10.00am
 First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 15 September 2018 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$200 per sacrament per child from 2019. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

Sacraments : A fundamental policy of our program is inclusiveness and meeting needs. From time to time we have children with special needs, who will need closer attention. If you wish to know more about this and need assistance, please ring the Parish Office.

Annual Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 July at 11am. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587.

RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE. We invite you to retreat at home! To go into your "inner room" for a short time daily to ponder the experiences of your ordinary everyday life – your joys, struggles, unexpected events, work, your relationships, griefs, enjoyment of nature, etc. and to discover God there. Then once a week, on Mondays 1.15 – 2.15 pm, to share your experience with a prayer companion at the Heart of Life Centre. Five weeks, beginning July 23rd. Please register your interest by July 16th - contact Heart of Life, 96 Albion Road, Box Hill, ph. 9890 1101, or email holsc@bigpond.com No cost – a small donation would be welcome.

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am	
30 June/1 July	<i>Sacristan</i> COMMENTATOR Reader Special Ministers	John Bruce Jacinta De La Cruz Rene De La Cruz Martin Teh Enza Wilcox Warwick Wright	Francis Ng Grace Canatelli Jim Cowhey Eleanora Mascitti David Mitchell Pam Mitchell Maria Papalia Elsa Waters Chris Zordan Trish Atherton
7/8 July	<i>Sacristan</i> COMMENTATOR Reader Special Ministers	Rita Gagliardi Rene De La Cruz Paul Sammut John Bruce Linda Cultrera Rene De La Cruz	Francis Ng Jim Cowhey Sylvie Duff Grace Canatelli Anne Fusca Fulvia Gerasolimo Gabiella Grande Eleanora Mascitti Elsa Waters Chris Zordan

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL'EUCHARISTA
08/07	T. CARAFA S. B. PUCCI	FAM. A. BROGNO	G. BAGLIERI J. FAGGION T. RECINELLA

Scripture Classes :

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" - St. Jerome
 You are invited to come to some or all of our gatherings for an in-depth exploration of Mark's Gospel. Meetings are fortnightly and held in the School Library from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please contact: Mark Gregor @ mgregor@bigpond.net.au or Sue De Bortoli @ sue.28@bigpond.com or Martin Teh @ mcyteh@gmail.com or cecilia.tan@cam.org.au
 Resources will be provided. Dates are as follows:

12 July 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 7
26 July 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 8
9 August 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 9
23 August 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 10
6 September 2018 (Thursday)	Extra Day in case a class has to be cancelled
20 September 2018 (Thursday)	Extra Day in case a class has to be cancelled