

A parish with a 'Heart in our Hands'

ST JOSEPH'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CAMPERDOWN NSW, AUSTRALIA

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B

30 June 2024

Welcome to our parish!

PRIESTS

Parish Priest

Fr Renante Sentillas MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Ruben Mandin MI

Asst Priest & RPAH Chaplain

Fr Michael Gimena MI

PARISH OFFICE

🕒 **Mon, Thu** 10AM - 4PM
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SCHEDULE OF MASS & SACRAMENTS

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6:00 PM (Vigil)
Sunday 9:30 AM
11:00 AM
6:00 PM

Weekday Mass

Mon - Fri 8:00 AM
8:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM

Adoration

Mon - Fri 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
after 8:00 PM Mass

Reconciliation

Sat & Sun 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM
Mon - Fri After 8:00 PM Mass

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime (in hospital, page the Catholic priest on-call)

Baptism

Usually Sunday (Baptismal instructions are arranged with parents before Baptism)

Weddings & Funerals

By appointment; 6 months notice required for weddings

The theme running across the scriptural offerings this week is that of God as the Giver of life. This is present most strikingly in the Gospel where Jesus brings back to life a dead child. But the **First Reading**, from the Book of Wisdom (1:13-15; 2:23-24) prepares the way, offering its own distinctive interpretation of the creation story in the early chapters of Genesis. The author insists that human beings have been created to share eternal life with God. If there is death, as indeed there is, it has not come from God but from another source: the envy of a fallen angel, the devil, who by inducing human beings to sin has rendered them unfit for eternal life and so subject to mortality.

This understanding of physical death as the consequence of sin is at odds with modern thought which sees the destiny to die as simply an aspect of being human. Be that as it may, the Book of Wisdom is not open to question in what it affirms concerning eternal life and death. God's entire will to share eternal life with human beings; it is only human sinfulness that renders physical death eternal death in the sense of ultimate separation from God. By raising Jesus from the dead God has triumphantly demonstrated that physical death, though unavoidable, does not have the last word.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

The intertwined miracles told in the **Gospel** (Mark 5:21-43) dramatically present Jesus as the conqueror of death. Also, the fact that Jesus' journey to attend to the dying daughter of the synagogue ruler, Jairus, is interrupted by the healing of the woman suffering from a haemorrhage, offers a significant instruction in faith. In terrible anxiety, Jairus has to stand by and wait while Jesus attends to the woman. We feel his shock at the 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 now confronting not just grave illness but death itself.

What of the woman? She illustrates a different aspect of faith, not so much one that has to persevere as a faith that overcomes barriers. The account makes much of the fact that a great crowd of people presses in on Jesus as he makes his way to Jairus' house. Everyone in a sense is touching him, as the disciples rudely point out (v.31). But one person in the crowd touches him in a different way: touches him with faith.

Jesus, realising the "power" (of healing) that faith has drawn out of him, stops and insists that the woman come forward and be acknowledged. Knowing that her condition rendered her unclean and therefore not permitted to touch other people because that would transfer ritual impurity to them, she had hoped to access Jesus' power simply by a hidden touching of his clothes. That touch healed her physically but for Jesus healing involved much more. By bringing her out in public Jesus offers her social rehabilitation. By asserting that her faith had brought her healing he makes her an example of how faith gives access to the "salvation" he has come to bring.

POWER OF THE RISEN LORD

Through her affliction, the woman suffered social exclusion for 12 years. The little girl to whose deathbed Jesus has been summoned was 12 years old; she had died on the threshold of adult life. The numerical correspondence is not coincidental. In the house, with everyone else save the parents and three closest disciples excluded, Jesus raises the girl so that, now arrived at marriageable age, she may take up her adult life, just as the woman returns to life in the community – including the possibility of marriage – after a 12-year exclusion. The scene is attractively domestic. Faith has rendered the Christian household a place of access to the power of the risen Lord.

Of course, for parents who have themselves suffered the loss of a child the Gospel story will 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 God let Jairus' daughter 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 the physical death 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.

Paul's appeal for generosity in the **Second Reading** (2 Cor 8:7,9, 13-15) contains a beautiful reflection on the Incarnation of Christ in terms of richness and poverty.

Commentary by Fr Brendan Byrne, SJ, FAHA. Fr Brendan taught New Testament at Jesuit Theological College, Parkville, Vic, for almost forty years. He is now Emeritus Professor at the University of Divinity (Melbourne). His commentaries on the Gospels can be found at Pauline Books and Media.

Readings

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 1:13-15, 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

Ps 29(30):2, 4-6, 11-13

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 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

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 though his gospel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again 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 large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who suffered 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



William Blake (~1799-1800), *Christ Raising Jairus's Daughter*

GOSPEL (cont.)

Mark 5:21-43

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.

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH



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PRESENTS

PILGRIM MARY & HER HOLY ROSARY

HOME VISITATION

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More details to come.



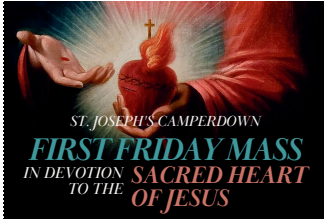
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Retreat 2024

Calling all legionaries

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Saturday, 6 July 2024 | 10am - 4pm
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Retreat facilitated by Fr Renante Sentillas



First Fridays | 8PM
followed by Eucharistic
Adoration and Blessing
until 10PM

We encourage you to **invite**
your families, friends, work
colleague, and others.



Lay Camillian Family
SYDNEY CHAPTER

If you happen to have **homebound, sick, handicapped, elderly, and frail family members and friends** who want to be visited and given Holy Communion on Sundays, please inform our parish office stjocamper@gmail.com or any members of our Lay Camillian Family and avail of our pastoral services to our suffering parishioners.

SCHEDULE OF READERS & COLLECTORS

Week	Mass Times	Commentator & 1st Reader	2nd Reader & Prayers of the Faithful	Collectors
This Sunday 29-30 Jun	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Genalor F Angeline L Lisa C Tim S	Louise S Ricky L Anna T Maddi S	Corazon, Alicia Maria, Francisco - Santa, Corazon
Next Sunday 6-7 Jul	Vigil 6 PM 9:30 AM 11 AM 6 PM	Corazon F Rachel S Philip F Gemma T	Francisco T Lesley A Cathy W Maria C	Genalor, Amy Maria, Francisco - Amy, Maria
Daily Mass	Morning Evening	Angeline L, Alicia B, Echie, Doris K (Thu only), Garry C, The Sisters, Gemma T (Sat only), Isabelle K (Fri only), Ricky L, Corazon F, Joan E, Josie M (Fri only), Louise S, Genalor F, Maria C		

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PARISH CHOIR

ORGANIST / PIANIST | CONDUCTOR
Saturday 6 PM Vigil Mass Fr Ruben, Dennis, Gemma
Camillus & Ave Maria Choir
Sunday 9:30 AM Mass Allen, Ethel, Tim | Yani
Sunday Morning Choir
Sunday 11 AM Mass Louise | Dr Peter, Elsa
Chinese Community
Sunday 6 PM Mass Teresa | Michael
St Joseph's Sunday Evening Choir

If you would like to serve in the parish through singing or playing instruments such as piano/organ, please don't hesitate to express your interest by **approaching our choristers before or after Mass** or messaging Angeline 0431 718 137.



FEAST DAYS

3 July Saint Thomas
4 July Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
5 July Saint Anthony Zaccaria
6 July Saint Maria Goretti
9 July Saint Augustine Zhao Rong
 and companions
11 July Saint Benedict
13 July Saint Henry

14TH OF JULY
ST CAMILLUS
DE LELLIS

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We're here for you

CATECHISTS' CORNER

Thinking of becoming Catholic?

We're happy to accompany you through your journey of faith. Send us a message at stjocamper@gmail.com.

Would you like to be a catechist and teach children about Jesus and the scriptures?

For queries, please contact our Parish Catechist Coordinator, Alicia Buxton 0412155967.



PARISH GIVING

LAST WEEK'S Parish Collection

1st Collection	\$ 637.65
2nd Collection	\$ 267.20
EFTPOS Giving	\$ 498.64

Thank you for your generosity and support!



WHAT'S ON IN THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

- Esther 4:14 -



SATURDAY
3 AUGUST
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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land, on which St Joseph's Camperdown stands, 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.

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or email safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.