



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.

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.

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

30 June 2024

First Reading Wis 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. 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

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 5:21-43

or shorter form Mk 5:21-24. 35-43

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 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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Rocco Crea

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frank Nelson (founding member of St Peter's Parish)

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BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 21st July 2024

Evie Principato

Autumn Rose Xerri

Please pray for these children & their families.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 3 July St Thomas, Apostle

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Good Works

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone their Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

PARISH NEWS



Happy Feast Day of Saints Peter & Paul, Our Parish Patron Saint – St Peter

We joyfully celebrate our Feast Day this weekend. May Saints Peter & Paul intercede for us and continue to bless us and our Parish and School communities and families. Thank you for making our Parish community more faith filled and for contributing your time and talent. May God bless you all.

Please join us in the narthex after Mass for a chat, something to eat and a hot cuppa.

PRAYER TO ST PETER

O Holy Apostle, you are the Rock upon which Almighty God has built His Church. Obtain for me I pray you: lively faith, firm hope, and burning love; complete detachment from myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, recollection in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be made worthy to appear before the Chief and Eternal Shepherd of Souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever.
Amen.

PETER'S PENCE – ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER – 29/30 JUNE

This weekend at all Masses, the annual collection for the Holy Father will take place. 'Peter's Pence' is the traditional collection to support the charitable work of Pope Francis to help our suffering brothers and sisters as well as to support the work of the Holy See around the world. Please support.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? Are you a person in search of the meaning of life? Are you a Christian wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic looking for an adult appreciation of your faith? The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the normal process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members, and we will walk with you on your journey of discovery. This journey of discovery begins with a time of discernment and **Enquiry**, continues through a period of **Catechumenate**, reaches its highpoint at the celebration of **Easter**, and concludes with a period of further deepening of and living the Christian faith. There will be a series of **Enquiry Nights** for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. They will take place on **Tuesdays 16th, 23rd & 30th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room**. For further info, please contact Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103, or contact the Parish Office.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT For Men - Saturday 6th July, 10.00am-4.00pm at Carmelite Monastery, Kew

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 3 July at: vocations@cam.org.au

STREAMS OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

Fr Arockia Sebastian is leading a 14-day Streams of Mercy Pilgrimage with Medjugorje, departing on 8th of September 2024. This pilgrimage features the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina for an all-inclusive price of \$7,990. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Enquiries & bookings
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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 1st July – Friday 12th July

Wishing all students, along with their families, teachers and admin staff, a safe and relaxing two-week break.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.