

Today's readings are about Jesus as the giver of life. The gospel consists of two related stories, with one inside the other, a typical feature of Mark's gospel known as 'inclusion'. Jesus is approached by an official of the synagogue, called Jairus. His daughter is seriously ill and he wants Jesus to come and lay his hands on her "to make her better and save her life". So Jesus sets out for Jairus' house and is followed by a huge crowd of jostling people. It is at this point that the second story begins. An unfortunate woman who has suffered a haemorrhage for 12 years is in the crowd. Mark says she had spent all her resources on treatment from doctors. There was no improvement; in fact, she was feeling worse than ever.

Both of these stories, with one, as it were, enfolded in the other reveal Jesus as the source of life and healing. As the First Reading says today, "God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. " And it goes on to say, "To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them ... and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. " We have been made, the book of Wisdom tells us, to be in the image of God's own nature. "God made us imperishable, he made us in the image of his own nature." This is the goal of our lives: to know, to love and to share his life forever. Yet all of us, in some way or another, are constantly in need of God's healing. Healing, health, wholeness, and holiness are, in English, all linked words. We pray for healing which will give us health in every aspect of our lives, and not just in our bodies. The realisation of full health is to become a whole person, where every part of me – spiritual, intellectual, social, psychological and physiological – functions as it ought and in perfect harmony within itself, with people around, and with the environment.

And part of that wholeness is indicated by Paul in the Second Reading. He reminds the Corinthians how Jesus, rich though he was (not with money but in things of the spirit), became poor for our sake, "to make you rich out of his poverty". Naked and destitute on the cross he poured out his love on us. He even gave his life that we might have life. And because of that he, too, lives forever. And we have been immeasurably enriched. Paul gives that as a model for the way that the Corinthians should share whatever they can spare for their poorer brothers in other churches. Interestingly, he says that in sharing with others we are not expected to give away what we genuinely need ourselves but only from our surplus. And, when I share my surplus today with someone in greater need, I myself can hope to be treated in the same way in my own hour of need.

Part of our healing is in the wholeness of our communities, a wholeness which is based on truth, love, compassion and a deep sense of justice for all. And this, too, is holiness, because God is an integral part of the wholeness. He is recognised as the Creator, the Conserver and the Final Goal of all that I am and can be, of all that we are and can be.

Let us pray today to Jesus as Lord of life and ask him to help us reach that level of health, wholeness and holiness to which he is calling us.

Sacred Space

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 5.00 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday 8.45 am & 10.30 am

Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9.15 am

Confessions Saturday 10 —10.30 am
(In church through Landells Rd side door)

Baptisms 2nd Saturday of the month (by appointment)

Marriages By appointment with at least 6 months notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	Christian Meditation	7-8 pm Parish Centre (contact Chris Rowland 0411 440 746)
Tuesday	Italian Ladies Prayer Group	10.00 am Meeting Room
	Charismatic Prayer Group	7.30 pm Church
Wednesday	Drop-In Centre	1 - 3 pm Church/Parish Centre
Thursday	St Vincent de Paul	5.30 pm Meeting Room (last Thursday of the month)

FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY 11AM: Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)
6AM: Channel 10 - "Mass for You at Home"

MONDAY - FRIDAY 1PM : Live Streamed. *(Link below)*

SATURDAY 8.00AM: Live Streamed. *(Link below)*

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26/27 JUNE 2021

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

Response to the Psalm: **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

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

Communion Antiphon: O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
that the world may believe that you have sent me,
says the Lord.

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Those who have died: Jewel Ferraro, Gioconda Adelina Lindsey

Anniversaries: Mary Dillon

Those who are ill: Ida Pirro, Frances Tamayo, Ocean Goldsmith,
Dalmiro Bellio, Maria Coreno, Kath Layden,
Lamberto Cruz, Monica Wickerson, Pasquale Buonomo,
Joe Grech, Sofia Ruggiero, Karen Hardy,

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READERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	A. Breen [L], N. Farrell [R]	J. Pertile [L], A. Taglieri [R]
Sun 8.45 am	M. Tamayo [L], B. Messina [R]	M. Tomayo, [L], F. Minutolo [R]
10.30 am	E. Monaco [L], L. Willason [R]	R. Polastri [L], S. Bennardo [R]

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 5.00 pm	L. Bellio	A. McConnell
Sun 8.45 am	T. Baltatzis	M. Carabott
10.30 am	M. Dwyer	C. Dwyer

LAST WEEKENDS COLLECTION: Thanksgiving \$1433 Presbytery \$561.90

Please continue to support St Oliver's Parish and Fr James. The link:
<https://bit.ly/CDFpayPascoeVale> We are very grateful for your support at this time.

COVID19 Instructions Face coverings mandatory indoors. We can accommodate 120 people indoors, density quotient 1 person per 4sqm. QR code applies. Come 10 – 15 minutes before Mass. Doors will close when Mass begins.

At St Oliver's parish we aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment. Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This Parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

MESSAGE FROM FR. JAMES PUPPADY***"I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds" Ps:9:1***

My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ

First of all, I thank you for your warm welcome to the parish.

A short note about me. I am appointed as your Parish Priest from 9th June 2021 for six years. I was born on 2nd August 1964 at Thrissur district in Kerala State, India. In 52 AD St. Thomas the Apostle came to this state and converted the people into Christianity. So it is a strong catholic faith community in this state. I was the first child of my parents Varghese and Josephine. I had 4 siblings and the second one died at the age of two. Now we are four children and I have three nieces and 3 nephews. I lost my father on 24th August 2014. I did my schooling in the Carmelite fathers' school. The whole family is very strong in their faith. My childhood was very much attached to the church. So the childhood itself I had a desire to become a priest. After secondary, I joined the seminary.

I did my seminary studies in different places and I was ordained on 18th April 1993. I was ordained for a mission in India. I worked there 19 years as a parish priest and schools in different parishes. The place I worked is Vijayawada diocese, Andhra Pradesh. Different language, different culture and everything was different from my own native state. The mission life was really hard and I could do the best I can in the mission.

Then on 8th May, I arrived in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Archbishop Denis Hart DD, Gave me a warm welcome to the Archdiocese. Fr. Greg Burke and Mgr. Greg Bennett helped me to know the place and the people around. Then on 14th of June I was asked to be at St. Thomas Parish, Drysdale for one and half month to learn about the parish. On 1st of August 2012, I was appointed as an administrator of the parish. Fr. Des Panton who was the parish priest retired on 1st of August. After one year on 1st of November 2013 I was appointed as a parish priest at St. Thomas, Drysdale with 4 churches and two schools and 5 nursing homes. My parents were present on the occasion of my installation as a parish priest. So I was there for 9 years and served the people the best I could.

Now Archbishop Peter Comensoli DD, asked me to be the parish priest of St. Oliver Plunkett, Pascoe Vale and St. Paul's, Coburg. He appointed me on 9th of June 2021. In the future it is going to be a mission too. Now I am here to serve you. Let us journey together to establish God's kingdom. Kindly pray for me. You are all in my prayers too.

God bless us all.

Fr. James Puppady PP**St. Paul's Coburg and St. Oliver Plunkett Pascoe Vale.****Mass of Installation for Fr James Puppady****Mass of Installation for Fr James will be held on****Saturday the 3rd of July at the 5.00pm Mass.****Bishop Terry Curtin will be in attendance and will be the principal celebrant.**

We are hoping to continue our celebration after Mass with a cuppa and some finger food. Numbers permitting – at the Parish Centre/outdoors.

If you would like to help on the day with serving/catering, e.g. prepare sandwiches, cakes etc. please contact Marthese at the Parish office on 7036 9330 during the week.