

First Reading

Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24

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

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

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

Second reading

2 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

Mark 5:21-43

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.



Reflection: WILL YOU PRAY FOR US?

As a still young Catholic Faith Community, we have much to aspire to. I often get asked: "When will we get our Church?" The answer is, "We have a Church - and you are part of it!" People, of course, are asking more specifically when we will have a Church building. Well, land has been set aside within the grounds of St Luke's, on the corner of Northbourne Drive and Frontier Avenue, for this future use. But that's just the start of it. The last Church building built in our Diocese cost \$5 million. That's obviously a lot of money. So, personally, I'm not too focussed on building a Church building right now. But I am VERY focussed on building up a Church community, of helping us all become more focussed on our relationship with God in the context of this faith community, of learning more about God, his Word and our faith, and in reaching out to those who have less than us. We are very lucky to be able to utilise St Luke's Catholic College as our place of worship. The new buildings at St Luke's were officially opened and blessed in the past week. On your behalf, I expressed, at the opening ceremony, my gratitude that we are able to utilise these wonderful facilities for Mass. So, you might pray a prayer of gratitude that this very young faith community has been blessed with this building for our communal worship. And also give thanks for the other graces and blessings that are being bestowed on us already as we grow into a community of faith. And finally, you might pray that God bless us in many ways as we seek to grow personally and communally in our discipleship of him within St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marden Park.
Deacon Tony Hoban,

8 July – 14th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Shalini Fouseka, Sohan Rodrigo

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Feba Abby, Tissa Thomas

Readers: Maria Rafael, Kath Bullas, Chris Laroche

AV operator: Joshua Emerson

Eucharistic Min: Maria Raymundo

Pastoral Director

If you are not able to fulfil your ministry role, or if you would like to volunteer for a vacant role, please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST – PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God
You show us in St Luke, our patron,
a person of faith
who desired all people to come to know and love you
in the community of your Church.

Teach us to embrace what St Luke
pioneered:
discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace
and nourished by Word and Sacrament
may we grow in our relationship with you
and together make our Catholic Faith
Community
a community of communities,
a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink
in the midst of their journey,
and a center of constant missionary
outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do**

you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the

Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

ACYMC 2018

Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops is now open at www.acymc.org.au. The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church. Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23. Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information (02) 8838 3428 or james.camden@parracatholic.org

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. To be held at the Institute for Mission at 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Enrolments close 9 August. NOTE: Introduction Session on 16 August is compulsory. Please see your Parish office for a form or for more information contact ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au or 02 8838 3456 or parracatholic.org/office-for-worship/

Holy Hour for Vocations: 5 July

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 5 July at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 1st June, e-mail: vocationscfn@gmail.com mob: 0449 656 406

LIFTED RETREAT 2018: 6-8 July

Young adults of our diocese are invited to join us in this Year of Youth open new horizons in our hearts for spreading joy. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life to be with the Source of all joy: Jesus! Get ready for a weekend of new friendships, great food, solid talks and times of quiet and prayer. For 18-35 year-olds. \$95 per person. Register at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat

Sea Sunday: 8 July

Sea Sunday takes place on 8 July 2018, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. The Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our

ports and is dependent on voluntary donations. For more information about its work and how to donate, visit www.aos-australia.org

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 8 July

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

Australian Catholic Historical Society

Lecture: 15 July

Emeritus Professor Desmond Cahill OAM - Humanae vitae: The beginning of the end of Tridentine Clericalism? Visit the ACHS website www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au for more information.

Volunteer Bus Driver

We are seeking a volunteer bus driver for St Hedwig Village aged care facility in Blacktown. Our regular bus outings are usually 1 or 2 days per month. The person must have an excellent driving record and hold a current LR (light rigid) or equivalent licence. Bus details: 18-seater Toyota coaster, automatic with hydraulic lift at rear for wheelchairs. For further information please contact the Manager on 8822 9903 or admin@sthedwigvillage.com

We welcome our Celebrant this week:
Fr. Meng of the Camillians.

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

St Luke's Catholic College (Enter via Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

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