

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of 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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. I praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second Letter of St Paul to the 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.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 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 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.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



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## **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**30<sup>th</sup> June / 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018**

*Creator God, we pray in thanksgiving  
for the many blessings we have received.  
In this Great South Land of Your Holy Spirit,  
we pray for healing, forgiveness, unity, for a path of  
good will, along with a justice & compassion for all.  
May we be reconciled with one another in the Name of Jesus. Amen.*



## FOCUS ON THE READINGS

This week's gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, 'interrupting' or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. Why is it that, with a horde of people crowding him in, Jesus noticed this one woman?

We understand that she suffers a serious physical complaint that must have left her physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd - she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. As for Jairus, he obviously believed that Jesus might be able to do something to help heal his daughter, but once news came that she had died he needed a strong reminder from Jesus to not be afraid and to have faith. Was it the example of the woman's faith in Jesus that gave Jairus the strength to continue to believe? When they arrive at the house the mourners laugh at Jesus and are consequently excluded from witnessing the miraculous raising. Since they don't have faith, they are not given the opportunity to witness faith in action.

All of us need Jesus's healing touch. For many of us there is some aspect of our lives that has an almost equally draining effect as the physical complaint of the woman. In effect, some aspect of our lives may be haemorrhaging – a constant outflow of energy and emotion that prevents us from being all that we might be. Can we say with the woman of today's gospel: 'If I can touch even his clothes, I will be well again.'

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

3<sup>rd</sup> July St Thomas, apostle

4<sup>th</sup> July St Elizabeth of Portugal

5<sup>th</sup> July St Anthony Zaccaria, priest.

6<sup>th</sup> July St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full*

*(John 10:10)*

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**MASS TIMES:**

**Saturday 6:00 pm**  
**Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am**  
 Tuesday 7.00 pm  
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am  
 Friday 11.00 am

**RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays at 5.15 pm

**BAPTISMS:**

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

**WEDDINGS:**

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

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**YEAR OF YOUTH****PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:*

*Those who we remember at this time:*

Anne Daelmans, Lilian Wikkramatillake, and Luigi Brotto.

*The sick:* Peter Collier, Tom McMahon, Paddy McCann, Brigida Mazzone, Stanley De Silva, Wilhelmina Weerden, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Mary Hill, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

**SICK LIST** – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**

Date: **Sat, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at 10.30 am**  
 Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.  
 Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING** Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10 am to 1 pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meet **every Tuesday at 10.00am** in the Parish Hall a cuppa prior, to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.15am, followed by inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986 or Andrew: 9755 2443.

**MOTHERS' PRAYER** Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together from **9 am–10 am each Tuesday (during school term)** in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO WEEKDAY MASS ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY** Please note that there will be no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July due to a planned interruption to our Electricity Supply between 8.30am and 10.15am. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**BAPTISMS** Congratulations to Elena O'Halloran and Aila Cook, who are to be baptised this weekend. The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY JULY 1<sup>st</sup> 2018:**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land 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.

**FIRST FRIDAY – 6<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018** Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10am. Mass at 11am. Please stay for a cuppa after Mass.

**MORNING TEA FOR CHARITY – Thursday**

**12<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 12 noon.** St John's Friendship Gathering will be hosting a morning tea in the Parish Hall. There will be patchwork quilts for sale – these were created and donated by the late Mary Maguire (RIP). Entry is only \$10 and includes both Morning Tea and a Prize Ticket.

**DON BOSCO WINTER CAMPS 2018** offer a fun and exciting break for all young people, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. When: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> July, and Mon 9<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July at 56–62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach. Cost: \$160 Bookings/Information: www.donboscocamp.org.au or Phone: 5987 2692 or 0491 065 590.

**EUROPE PILGRIMAGE** Fr Stephen from Highett Parish invites you to join a 17-day pilgrimage that he is leading, Departing 7th October 2018. All-inclusive price of \$7200. For bookings call: 8513 0680.

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July To apply go to: www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html

**IT'S NOT ABOUT THE GIRL: PARISH**

**MUSICAL** It's not too late to get your tickets for this uplifting Show. Check your diary /calendar *now* – are you free this week on either Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm; or on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, at 2pm? Come along to the Knox Community Arts Centre, cnr Mountain Highway & Scoresby Road, Bayswater, to see SJB Productions new parish musical *"It's Not About the Girl"*, a story of love, betrayal and forgiveness. A modern interpretation based on the story of the prodigal son, a great night of family entertainment featuring uplifting music, singing & dancing. Make sure you don't miss out! **Adults: \$12; Concession: \$10; Children U/12: \$8;** Bookings via email: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

**CELEBRATION OF LA DIVINA PASTORA**

on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at St Monica's Church, 820 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. The Italian community invites you to this year's exuberant **La Divina Pastora**, a celebration of Catholic liturgy and ceremonial. It begins at 1.45pm with the Rosary, Mass at 2pm, followed by a Eucharistic procession with a statue of the Blessed Virgin at 3.15pm, accompanied by the Bellini Band. Afterwards there will be a convivial gathering for refreshments at the Reggio Calabria Club, 476 Brunswick Road, West Brunswick. All welcome.

Details: Giuseppe on 9326 0982, Tony on 9382 0400 or Raffaele on 9386 9318. For more information see: www.cam.org.au/portals/0/2018/ParishUpdateFlyers/PU24/FestaDellaDivinaPastora.pdf

**CHOSEN 2018: NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

"You did not choose me but I chose you. and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" - John 15:16. The Chosen Conference is a national conference of young people and young adults between 18-30 years old, from **12th to 15th July 2018** at Mannix College Clayton,. For details Email: register@chosenconference.org.au or call: 0422 215 855.

<b>ROSTERS: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July to Sun 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Marg H & Ange C
<b>Altar Servers</b>	6pm Nicholas D
<b>Linen</b>	Jean B
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm Queenie J 9am Peter C Neil & Lorraine R & Johanna C 11am: Tony & Christine E
<b>Lectors</b>	6pm Louise D 9am Peter F 11am Sarah M
<b>Counters</b>	Tony B & Lia U
<b>Gardening</b>	JULY Michael D..