

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.

*Shorter form Mk 5: 21-24, 35-43*

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# Breaking Open the Word

## A MATTER OF FAITH

Within the story of the healing of Jairus' daughter, Mark sandwiches the account of the woman cured by touching Jesus' cloak. The setting of a large crowd is where we see Jairus, a synagogue leader, fall at Jesus' feet and beg repeatedly for him to come and lay his hand on his daughter, twelve years of age, so she may be saved [σώζω] and live. In contrast, within this crowd, behind Jesus, we see an unnamed woman who, haemorrhaging for twelve years, suffered much despite seeking help from many physicians, and is worse off economically and physically. We hear this woman's thoughts 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be saved [σώζω].' Owning up, she also falls before him. Jesus calls her 'My daughter' and tells her that her faith has saved [σώζω] her.

Immediately the message comes that the girl is dead but Jesus says, 'Don't be afraid; only have faith'. Jesus goes with only three close disciples, no crowd, and finds the child is not dead but asleep. The mourners are turned out and Jesus takes her hand saying 'Talitha cum'. She arises and walks.

The story of the unnamed woman informs the audience then and now how we are saved through faith. Jesus' encouragement not to be afraid, and only to have faith, is intended for us also in face of all that comes to us, even death. The Wisdom reading stresses that 'death was not God's doing' and the Gospel reveals God's saving grace in Jesus.



Dr Rosemary Canavan



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

30 JUNE 2024

## FIRST READING

Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

*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.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP 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

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

*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.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 2 Tim 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*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 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

30 June 2024

Wk 13 Yr B

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND** Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.00am Sun: 5pm

**MASSSES**

**WEEKDAY** Wed: 12pm St Thomas

**MASSSES** Thurs: 9 am Fri: 12pm

### CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.00 pm

\*Or by appointment

**ENTRANCE** All peoples clap your hands.

**ANTIPHON:** Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**COMMUNION** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me,

**ANTIPHON:** His holy name.

**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**


**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Burke, Noeline Turner, Paul Burton.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6), Grant D'Elboux (21/6), Bridget Teo (29/7),

**DECEASED:** Bishop Peter William Ingham, John Nash, Peter Newley, Gary Donaldson, Colin MacPherson, Eva, Joe and Bill McLean, Mel and Harry Hutchens, Dalis O'Brien.

**SICK:** Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, Fr Anthony Koppman, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.

### VEENA'S VERSION: COMING EVENTS:

 A nervous taxpayer was unhappily conversing with the ATO auditor who had come to review his records. At one point the auditor said, "We feel it is a great privilege to be allowed to live and work in Australia. As a citizen you have an obligation to pay taxes, and we expect you to eagerly pay them with a smile." "Thank God," returned the taxpayer. "I thought you were going to want cash."



### COMING EVENTS:

**30 June** Peter's Pence Collection

**7 July** Concert at St Mary's Chapel, Gunnedah.

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** (BSB 082 105)

**1st. Collection West Tamworth Presbytery**

(Diocesan collection) Acc No:001023642

**2nd Collection West Tamworth Church**

(St Patricks Church Mgt) Acc No: 001041198

*"Do be faithful in little things." (1873)*



**VEENA'S UPDATE - FR ANTHONY'S LEAVE:** Please keep Father Anthony in your prayers.

We look forward to his return this week to light duties only before taking up his role as Assistant Priest at St Mary's and Joseph's Cathedral in Armidale later in July. He will still need to continue his healing journey. Please also keep in your prayers Peter Harrison, our former Deacon who is also unwell. In the meantime we are very thankful for Fr McHugh for his pastoral care for our parish along with Fr Ross for his assistance with our Mass celebrations.

**FATHER JOHN CURRAN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD:** A general invitation is extended to the friends of Father John Curran to celebrate a Mass with him at Saint Michael's Catholic Church Manilla on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 11am for his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. Followed by lunch at Manilla Services Club 25 Court St, Manilla. RSVP required for lunch by 9<sup>th</sup> August to Marie Flett on 0427 851 120

**RECEIVED INTO ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:** Recently we have celebrated two special new members into our community: Chloe Meehan and Thomas Kirby. We congratulate these people on receiving all the Sacraments of Initiation and warmly welcome them into our community.

**BAPTISMS:** We pray for all those who will be baptised at St Patrick's this weekend. Please keep in your prayers Justin Ho, Allison Tran, Carter Myers and Bodhi Myers. May they and their families be blessed at this special time for them, and throughout their lives in Christ.

**PETERS PENCE COLLECTION 2024** will be taken up this weekend. This collection goes to the Holy Sea for Holy Father's emergency relief efforts to aid victims of war and natural disasters.

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** Planned Giving Envelopes are now available. Please collect your set and please do not use them prior to the new financial year. If you would like to join planned giving either via Direct Debit or by weekly envelopes, please contact the office for assistance.

**DE LA SALLE ARMIDALE REUNION:** All Ex-students of De La Salle College Armidale are invited to a School Reunion to be held In Armidale on Saturday 26th October THIS YEAR, which is the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the College as we knew it. Very importantly - in order to secure our booking at this early stage - we need to soon know NUMBERS coming! IF you (wife/partner also welcome) intend to come please send a "YES" to dlscarmidale@yahoo.com. Limited seating. More information Pete Stanley, Ph. 0401745406.

**GUNNEDAH CONSERVATORIUM CONCERT:** Our Lady of Perpetual Succour chapel, Gunnedah. Saturday 6 July at 4 pm. See notice board at the back of the church for details.

### PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the person they choose be one of deep and true prayer, a person of a compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a person of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will. We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

### WEEK 4 ROSTER: 30/6/24

**Vigil:** R N Pullman Sr Kathryn  
**9am Sun:** R S Brown, M Donaldson  
**5.00pm Sun:** R D Bearman C Lavell  
**Counting Team** G & M Thrift, A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** K O'Brien M Brown  
**Altar Linen:** J Hutt

### WEEK 5 ROSTER: 7/7/24

**Vigil:** R C Ledwos, D Bolitho  
**9am Sun:** R J Ryan, G Clout  
**5.00pm Sun:** R J Parrenas J Parrenas  
**Counting Team** O & J Whale, A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** J Hutt J Moran  
**Altar Linen:** M Vella

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

