

**13th Sunday in ordinary time
(Year B) 27 June 2021**

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.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

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.

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

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

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

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.

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.*

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

**Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

Gospel

Mark 5:21-24,35-43

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.

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Do not fear, only believe...

Illness and physical death are part of every human life. Even if we have been personally blessed with good health and a happy life, we are inevitably affected by the sickness and suffering of those we love. How do we square this with the notion of a good and loving God? The Bible, a library of writings over a long period of time and social circumstances, approaches this question from a number of angles. One is to assert that all God created was good and humankind was made in the image of God's self to be carers and life-sharers. Pain and suffering are not punishments for wrong doing or unworthiness.

In today's Gospel Jairus is a synagogue leader who may have been quite accepting of the reality of death but the death of a child seemed unnatural and inexplicably too soon. The love he had for his daughter urged him to do everything he could to save her life – going to a wandering preacher that he heard was able to heal people of various physical and spiritual illnesses without consideration of their 'worthiness' or social or religious status. He asks for a miracle for his beloved daughter.

At this point in Mark's Gospel the story is interrupted by another healing involving a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years- which amounted to the life span of Jairus' daughter. This would have, according to the culture of the time rendered her 'unclean' and not to be touched. She also sought a cure from Jesus but such was her faith and desperation that she didn't ask, but through the crowd surrounding Jesus touched his clothing. Jesus would have, by the interpretation of the law of His time, been rendered "unclean" as well. But Jesus sensed through the woman's touch a courageous faith in the power of God in Him and restored her to health and life.

By the time Jesus reached Jairus' home, his daughter had died. Many were already in the ritual of mourning but Jesus' response was, "Do not fear only believe." Jesus took the girl by the hand and restored her to life away from the mourners, then tells them to get her something to eat. In other words, "Help her get on with life!"

The first reading from the book of Wisdom reminds us: Our God is a God of life who, like us does not delight in the death of the living. The kingdom of heaven we talk about so much starts now. May our faith in the presence, and the generosity and love of God who gave us this precious life, motivate us to be bearers of comfort, hope, healing and compassion to others.



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Sacred Heart Primary School 2022 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2022 school year are closing on Monday 21 June 2021. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>. At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.

Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021

Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) are required to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church.



Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit www.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime!



Welcome!



This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Thomas Garaffolo** into our Parish family

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. Please collect yours. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

Last Week's Collection: 20/6/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$925
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$580



catholic mission

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to support the Good Shepherd Sisters' mission in promoting the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

Please come with an open and generous heart.

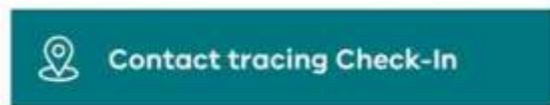


Electronic sign in by QR code

Sacred Heart church is now using Electronic Sign-in by QR Code for all Masses as directed by the Victorian Government. Paper based record keeping is no longer accepted. To Sign-in when you arrive at church, you can use the QR Code posters in the foyer. Scan the QR Code using the Services Victoria App on your smart phone.

Note: You MUST have the Services Victoria App installed
Tip: Install the app now from: <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/>

When you arrive at church, open the Services Victoria App and tap on the "Contact tracing Check-In" button (as shown below) then scan the QR Code on the posters in the foyer.



Then, you only need to enter your first name and phone number. The parish will not receive this data. The Victorian Government contact tracers will use this data if a Covid-19 outbreak occurs. The data is stored by the government for 28 days.

We will have volunteers in the foyer to assist anyone who does not have a smart-phone - please be patient and arrive with plenty of time before Mass.

ST Vincent de Paul Winter Warm-up Appeal.

"Little one, I tell you to get up". Jesus' healing words this week sums up beautifully the Gospel message and his invitation to all of us to share his mission by bringing the good news to the vulnerable in our midst.

The work of the St Vincent de Paul Society is about giving a 'hand up' to people in need that could restore hope and encouragement to enable them to regain their independence. Volunteers provide practical assistance - food, vouchers, clothing furniture, budget supports, back to school expenses, advocacy with various providers and agents - to render the right help at the right time.

Donations are most welcome: on line at vinnies.org.au; by phone- 13 18 12; in boxes in the church or through the special collection coming soon. Our deepest thanks to all.



#37 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES



COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne
Information Updated: 23 June 2021, 12:00pm

As of 11.59pm Thursday 24 June 2021, the following measures will apply across Metropolitan Melbourne until otherwise advised.

*Face masks must be worn indoors and recommended to be worn outdoors.

* PRAYER and RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:

Permitted for up to 300 people per venue.

Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sq. metre applies

Singing in Church : Singing is permitted under certain conditions:

- Face coverings must be worn by the congregation when singing indoors at all times. This will create difficulties for singing, and congregants should be encouraged to either refrain from singing, or to do so softly.

* **FUNERALS:** (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with up to 300 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

For Further details please refer to the DHHS website:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-settings> or

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website:

melbournecatholic.org/news

(click on "Coronavirus(COVID-19) guidance for parishes" in light green bar at top of page)

LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Laudato Si': means 'Praise be to you' and takes its name from St. Francis of Assisi's medieval Italian prayer "Canticle of the Sun," which praises God through elements of creation like *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, and "our sister Mother Earth."

Pope Francis who took his name in honour of St Francis of Assisi says:

LS 10: "I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically."

LS 84: "Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."



All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Everyone is invited to join the **Australian Religious Response to Climate Change**, a multi-faith network.

Go to <https://www.arcc.org.au> to see what they are doing for climate action.

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke,
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph
Paige Lapenta, John Plum ,and
Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

Catherine Hudson
Edwin Psaila

We Commemorate
Mario & Elssa Grossi
Rosina Vita

Antonio Sammartino

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: "I am with you always".

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 1 July: Healing Mass - 1.30pm

Ministers' Roster

The next roster for Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be prepared over the coming weeks. Thanks to all for your faithful service to our Eucharistic Celebrations. However, if you are unable to continue with your ministry or wish to change your availability, please contact Pauline O'Day as soon as possible on 9484 2445 or the office directly. New volunteers currently holding a Certificate of Formation in their ministry are welcome. Please note also that it is a requirement that all regular volunteers involved in parishes of the Archdiocese must hold or apply for a current Working With Children Check card linked to the parish in which they serve.

Roster for weekend of 3/4 July 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Teresa Dang Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Catherine Zanata Judeline Wadhvani	Tony Eley
Sun 6.00pm	Damian Casamento Ylenia Useli	Robert Dullard

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 3 July 2021

Anna / Volunteer
Thank you for your help

