

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday 28th June 2015



Reflection

Mark concludes his account of the ministry of Jesus in Galilee with descriptions of some remarkable miracles worked by Jesus during this ministry. In today's reading Jesus shows himself the Lord of life and death – healing the woman 'who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years', and bringing back to life the young daughter of one of the elders of the local synagogue.

Again, the words of Jesus and Mark's telling of the story emphasise the importance of 'faith' in what is to unfold – a trusting openness to the fact that, in the ministry of Jesus, God's great promises to Israel were being fulfilled. This faith, however, finds very different expression in the two cases. The synagogue official, well versed in the traditions of Israel, and with an openness that expresses the true spirit of Israel's faith, makes his request: 'Make my little daughter better and save her life'. His trust in what Jesus can do for him is in stark contrast with the attitude of those who report that the girl is already dead and urge him not to trouble Jesus further, and with the mourners already gathering in his home. The woman's faith is less informed; naïve perhaps, very like the faith of so many simple believers. But what she knows of Jesus inspires her to seek a healing by 'touching his clothes'. The reaction of Jesus is to lead her to the personal meeting with him that should take place in an authentic faith.

As was the case with the miracle story which precedes this one – in which Jesus shows his Lordship by quelling the storm – the community for which Mark wrote his gospel would have listened to this narrative, in which Jesus showed himself Lord of life and death, against the background of their faith in his resurrection – the ultimate demonstration of this Lordship. This is confirmed, commentators point out, by the fact that, in the telling of the miraculous events, terms are used which echo New Testament faith in the resurrection: 'Lay your hands on her that she may be healed and live'; 'Your faith has healed you' (The Greek could also be translated, 'saved', a powerful word in the vocabulary of Christian faith); 'Little gift I tell you arise' (This Greek word is often used in reference to the Lord's resurrection). Against this background, the many reference to 'life' take on a deeper meaning.

This gospel narrative sheds light on the attitudes of Jesus. The two miracles, both worked for women, show the freedom with which he related to the customs that had grown up in old Israel. According to these customs, the woman's ailment would have made her 'unclean' – and perhaps that is why, when summoned by Jesus, she 'came forward frightened and trembling', concerned that she may have offended him. But her fears were brushed aside by the Saviour who came to bring authentic fulfilment to all that the life of old Israel foreshadowed; 'My daughter your faith has restored you to health; go in peace'. In bringing the little girl back to life, Jesus 'took her by the hand'. This was a remarkable thing to do.

According to Jewish customs it was not acceptable for a man to touch a twelve year old girl – since she was now of marriageable age.

John Thornhill sm

This is My Body

This is my Body, given for you
Go now and serve in my name
This is my Body, Given for you
I have no hands but yours.

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Lord we Come to your Table

Lord we come to your table
Lord we hear your Word
Lord, you are our bread of life
And we, the Body of Christ.

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Recent Deaths: Sr Sonia Dillon (Loreto), Jean Nolan,

Anniversaries: Peter & Silvia Campana, Thomas Coffey, Veronica Curran, Josie Hall, Mary Ann Neville,

Next week's readings: *Sunday 5th July* *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*
Ezekiel 2:2-5 Ps 122. R. v.2 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Pippa Rose Donnan daughter of Adam & Katherine

Noah Charles Hey son of Brett & Hana

Bailey Eden & Jensen Eli McCartin

children of Richard & Sharlene

Charlotte Edna Lavery daughter of Mark & Jane



May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

The winter appeal is on again, please place your donations in the envelopes provided.

Last year St V de Paul conferences throughout Victoria provided over \$10 million in assistance

CWL General Meeting

Members will attend the 12.05 pm Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday July 1st. This will be offered for the repose of the souls of recently deceased CWL members, Barbara Hall and Alma Norden. Lunch at GCs will be followed by a meeting at the Presbytery.

Enquiries, Gertie Ph 5334 1670

Damascus College Performing Arts presents Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps

Performances run from July 22 to 25 in the Valda Ward Auditorium at Damascus College. Adults \$15, students/children \$10, family of four \$40. Tickets can be purchased online through the Damascus website www.damascus.vic.edu.au

Fr Barry Ryan's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

Fr Barry Ryan will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination at the St Columba's Parish Church on Sunday, July 19, 2015 at 10.00am Mass. A morning tea will be held in the St Columba's Parish School Hall (Howard Street) following Mass. All are most welcome

Encountering Jesus in our Busy Lives - Archdiocese of Canberra Retreat: 11-13 September

This retreat is an opportunity for those who are always 'giving', to get away, unwind and relax amidst the beautiful surrounds of St Clement's Monastery, Galong. Within this haven, there will be beautiful times of prayer, inspiring talks and opportunities for silence.

Retreat Director: Archbishop Christopher Prowse, **Spiritual Directors:** Shane Dwyer and Eileen Glass, **Venue:** St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre, Galong,

Accommodation Options: Retreat House: \$280 or Monastery Rooms: \$320 (Includes meal Friday night, Saturday, Sunday - breakfast and lunch plus all materials.) info@catholiclife.org.au

Pope Francis' Ecological Encyclical

Pope Francis' Encyclical on humanity and relationship with their environment is released. For further information and follow up action prepared by Catholic Earthcare Australia (CEA) please refer to <http://catholicearthcare.org.au/ecological-encyclical/>

Disaster Relief in Nepal Fundraiser

Loreto College Ballarat are holding a fundraiser movie night for disaster relief in Nepal. The movie is "Paper Towns" on Friday, July 17, 2015 at 7.00pm at the Regent Cinemas Ballarat. Ticket prices are adults \$15.00 each, students/children \$10.00 each. To book contact Catherine Baker, ph. 5329 6137 or online at www.loreto.vic.edu.au/events

Mental Health First Aid Training free for Parents of Teenagers (TPOT)

Free training in Ballarat for parents to help the mental and physical health of teenagers is being conducted by The Centre for Mental Health at The University of Melbourne. Contact Julie Fischer, Trial Manager, Centre for Mental Health, The University of Melbourne, jfischer@unimelb.edu.au, 9035 6770 or mobile: 0401 772 648.

Centacare Family Support Program Bringing up Great Kids

Bringing up Great Kids is a reflective parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation

- Building supportive parent-child relationships
- Exploring messages and beliefs we bring to our experience of parenting
- Understanding the world through our children's eyes

August	Saturday	1 st & 8 th	9.30am – 1.30pm	<i>\$80 or \$40 with concession</i>
October	Tuesday	20 th & 27 th	9.30am – 1.30pm	

Proposed new Catholic Primary School in Lucas

We encourage parents and the local community to attend our Community Consultation Evening where information will be provided for the proposed new Catholic primary school in Lucas. We welcome an open dialogue and invite questions in order to help create a nurturing school for our future students. Tuesday, July 21, 2015 from 7.00pm - 8.00pm at the Ballarat Golf Club. To register expressions of interest please visit our website: www.ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au or contact the Catholic Education Office Ballarat, ph. 03 5337 7135, or email cklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au.

Stewardship – to receive your quarterly receipt via email please contact Jacinta in the office.

Collections Envelopes \$17,026.00(includes credit cards) Parish Loose \$253.70
Presbytery \$1,959.50

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Parish office hours Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Clergy Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu, George Areeckal

Parish Office Jacinta Westbrook

Finance Officer Philip Westbrook

Family Ministry Anita Houlihan

Hospital Pastoral Care Kerrie Gunsser

St Patrick's Primary Mark Hogbin, Principal

St Thomas More Alfredton Rosa Tocchet, Principal



Cathedral Parish Masses	July 4th/5th	Smythesdale	Linton	Skipton		
6.30 pm Vigil,	8.00 am,	10.30 am,	5.00 pm	7.30 pm	9.00am	10.30 am

Masses during the coming week

Monday	12.05pm Cathedral			
Tuesday	No Mass Mass Redan	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Wednesday	No Mass Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral		
Thursday	9.30am Redan	12.05pm Cathedral		
Friday	9.30am Sebastopol	12.05 pm Cathedral		1.30 pm Benediction
Saturday	10.00am Cathedral			

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am