



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.

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CREATED FOR LIFE

All peoples, including people of faith, have wrestled with the mysteries of life and death from the dawn of time. The book of Wisdom was written late in the development of the Old Testament, and centuries of experience and reflection are found in its verses that speak about how God has created all things in order that we might experience God's love in the gift of life itself. Created in God's image, our ultimate goal is to live our lives in such a way that we reflect this life-giving love of God for us in our attitudes and behaviour.

The Christian communities of Corinth were invited by Paul to join with other communities in Galatia and Macedonia to provide support for the poor believers in Jerusalem who were suffering in the midst of famine. In his previous letter, Paul had spoken eloquently of how they were all part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12) and how this called them to a life of faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13). Now was the time to live simply, giving of their excess, so that their brothers and sisters could simply live.

Jesus' actions in the Gospel today bear eloquent testimony to the claim of the book of Wisdom that we are created for life. Both Jairus' daughter and the woman with the haemorrhage will be lifted from their suffering by their encounter with Jesus. The woman's extraordinary faith leads her to reach out and touch Jesus' cloak resulting in her being restored to health. Jesus himself lifts up the young girl and brings her once again to the fullness of life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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

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From my desk

Greetings to one and all. As I pen these words we are once again experiencing retractive COVID restrictions, back to 4 metre square restrictions, 185 people at Masses, compulsory mask wearing and no congregational singing. Let us hope and pray that this outbreak can be controlled and that many will be vaccinated ASAP.

After many years of service to the community of St Agnes' Matraville, sadly Yvonne Larssen has decided to resign as Secretary to St Agnes' as of the 30th June, 2021, I wish together with all at St Agnes' to thank Yvonne for her years of service to this community. Only being here for a few months I have had the experience of working with a very dedicated person in Yvonne and ask for God's continued blessing on her. Thank you, Yvonne!

School holidays are now upon us and hope many can enjoy our metropolitan Sydney with these COVID restrictions for the time being.

Just a note about next term's Sacramental Program. This term our 2021 First Holy Communion Year 3 will take place. A Parent/Carer Information evening will be Thursday, 22 July and the celebrations will be St Andrew's Sunday 8 August 10.30am & 12 Noon, St Agnes' Sunday 15 August 11.30am.

This Tuesday is the solemnity of the Saints Peter and Paul. The general tradition in Australia the Sunday following we have the annual Peter's Pence Appeal - The Holy Father Appeal. Envelopes are available to return next week and there will be retiring collection for the Appeal.

Next Sunday 4 July is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday and our prayers in our liturgy will reflection this Sunday.

God bless you all,

Fr John

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Georgette Khederlian, Mary Reynolds,

Giuseppe Musumeci, Joseph Sultana, Doleres Ybanez, Gregorio Waban SR.

John Malcaus Charlie Jurisic, and Adriano Maradini.

Anniversary: Xavier Micallef, Carmelo Borg, Antonio Lopes, Herbert Milton,

Charles Moore, Maria Lurpes, Alves De Araujo, John Weeks, George Kerbage,

Aldo Viselli, Adriano Maradini, Mario Maradini,, Anthony Farrugia

Jenny Moy, Lydia and Joe Bujeya, and Robert and Yolande Aquilina



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St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe. *Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend. Please observe signs on the pews.* Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for St. Andrew's

Please pick up your new set of envelopes at the back of the church.

A few have a **different** number so please check your name and address.

You are encouraged to stay in or join the Planned Giving Program even if you will not be claiming a tax deduction.

COVID MARSHALLS – if anyone can volunteer, to help as a Covid Marshall on Sunday mornings at Malabar, it would be much appreciated. Please contact the office.

Where will Fr John be??

This Week Saturday 26 June - 5.30pm Matraville, Sunday 27, June, - 9am Malabar

Next Week: Saturday, 3 July – 5.00pm Malabar, Sunday 4 July - 10am Matraville