



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 July 2018

Year B

"We are a child safe Parish"



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

RESPONSE

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

ACCLAMATION

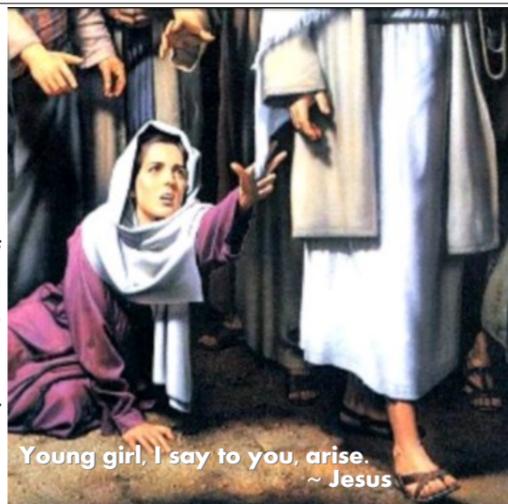
*Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with
death and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!*

JESUS WILLED LIFE, AND WILLED FULL LIFE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

The readings for today speak of the gift of life, both physical and spiritual, that God has given us. They urge and challenge us to be grateful for our health in body and soul and to use God's gifts of life and health responsibly.

Today's Gospel describes two of our Lord's miracles, the healing of a woman who suffered from a chronic bleeding disease and the returning of the dead daughter of Jairus to life. These healings teach us that Jesus willed life, and willed full life for all God's children. The two healings also reveal Jesus as a generous, kind and compassionate. God Who wills that men should live their wholesome lives fully. They also give us further proof of the Divine power and the Infinite mercy of our Savior. These miracles were worked by Jesus as reward for the trusting Faith of a synagogue ruler and of a woman with a hemorrhage. Although the Faith of the ruler might have been defective, and the woman's Faith might have been a bit superstitious, Jesus amply rewarded the Faith they had by granting them health and life.

Excerpted from the homily of Fr Tony Kadavil available at <http://stjohngrandbay.org/>. Image from <http://catholicismpure.wordpress.com>



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY



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.

Because of Her, We can!

Our Mothers, Sisters, Aunties, Grandmothers and Daughters have been, and continue to be the thread which holds our families together. They have fought for justice, reconciliation and social change.

Women form the backbone of communities across Australia. This is particularly true for Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Ministries.

Women are at the forefront of these community driven organizations designed to meet the spiritual and physical needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

It is time for us to celebrate and embrace the role that women play in our Ministries, our Church and our families.

"Despite all the horrendous stories of injustice and the untold thousands of chapters that could be written on the matter, it is heartening to recognise the mothers who have battled and largely succeeded in holding Indigenous families together."

~Bishop of Broome, Christopher Saunders

Excerpted from the Pastoral Letter of Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Bishops Commission of Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Vincent Schofield, Sydney Pollard, Frank Hickmott, Thomas Berry, William Dwyer, Gary Williams, Tony Lensen

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Margaret Ratcliffe, Margaret McLean, Matthew MacDonald, Nigel Goggin



CALLING TORTURE A 'MORTAL SIN,' POPE FRANCIS CALLED ON CHRISTIANS TO HELP VICTIMS OF THIS CRIME AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS.

Marking the United Nations' International Day in Support of Victims of Torture 26 June, the pope tweeted: 'Torture is a mortal sin! Christian communities must commit themselves to helping victims of torture.' The pope has spoken out many times against torture, calling it a 'very serious sin.'

The Vatican also marked the U.N. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 26 June with a message from Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

The cardinal called for outreach and support of all those who have been caught up in the world of illicit drugs, which is run by people 'without scruples, who, giving into the temptation of easy money, slow death, cut off hope and destroy so many families.' Citing a 2015 message from Pope Francis, the cardinal wrote, 'Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else -- God is in this person's life. ... Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.'

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

SOUTH KOREA TO BUILD 'CHAPEL OF PEACE' IN PANMUNJOM ON DMZ

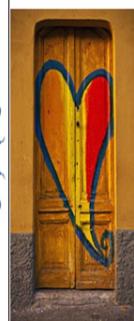
A new chapel will be built in the Joint Security Area (JSA) at Panmunjom, a truce village on the inter-Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) that was established at the end of the (1950-53) Korean War.

On June 5 a ground breaking ceremony was held for the new chapel presided over by Bishop Francis Xavier Yu Soo-il. The facility, which will be placed in front of the JSA Visitor Centre, will act as a "chapel of peace" in this historic setting where the scars of the war remain despite the latest wave of momentum for reconciliation and increased inter-Korean exchanges.

"The construction of the new chapel in the JSA is a gift showing God's grace and will serve as somewhere we can pray to overcome the division of the two Koreas as we hope for peaceful reunification," Bishop Xavier said.

Full report at www.ucanews.com

THE DOOR TO OUR WINTER HEART



PLEASE JOIN JAN WEBSTER FOR A HEART FILLED REFLECTION TO BE HELD IN THE NARTHEX ON WEDNESDAY EVENING 11th JULY AT 7.30PM
Light refreshments with coffee and tea
PLEASE BOOK WITH JAN ON 0448 489 729

PLEASE REMEMBER ALWAYS TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS & HEATER IN THE CHURCH, NARTHEX AND CHAPEL AFTER USE.

POPE MEETS GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA

Pope Francis on 25 June received in audience in the Vatican the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, General Sir Peter Cosgrove. Later, the Governor-General met Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin accompanied by the Vatican Secretary for Relations with States Archbishop Paul Gallagher. 'During the cordial discussion, the themes of migration, at both global and regional levels, and climate change, were considered,' a Vatican statement said after the meetings. 'Mention was also made of the role of the Church in Australian society, and the current discussion on the protection of minors and vulnerable people, reiterating the commitment of all members of the Church in this regard.'

The two sides also reviewed the 'social situation' of Australia and the 'question of peace and stability in the entire region of the Pacific and of Asia.'

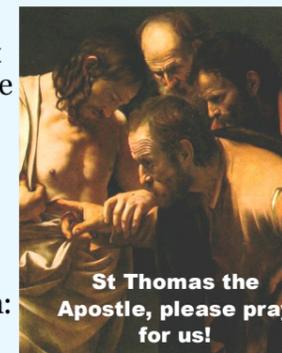
A retired senior Australian Army officer, Cosgrove is the 26th Governor-General of Australia. He is in office since 2014.

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FEAST OF ST THOMAS

Tuesday, 3 July

St. Thomas, the disciple who at first did not believe, has become for the Church one of the first witnesses to her faith. She is fond of appealing to his testimony and frequently puts in our mouths those simple words whereby he expressed the fervour of his regained faith: *"My Lord and my God."*



ST PAUL AND THE NEW TESTAMENT BY STEVE RAY, CATHOLIC TEACHER

All are invited to join the **Prayer Group** for a 4 week study and discussions on St Paul who wrote half of the New Testament. Every Wednesday night, 7:30 - 9:30 in the Narthex starting on 4th July.
For enquiries, please ring Andrew at 0459991867

We would like to thank everyone who responded to the Peter's Pence annual collection for the Holy Father.



through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.
- ROMANS 5:2 NIV