



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.**

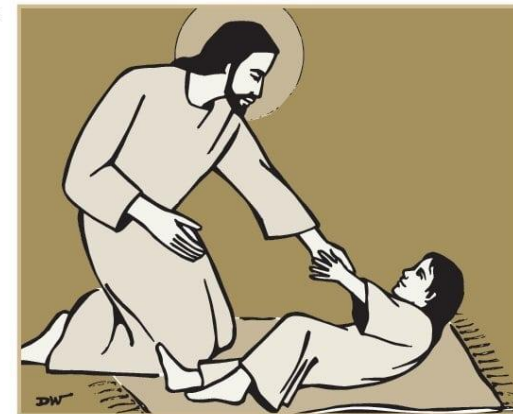
SECOND READING

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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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) & 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Holy Rosary: Mon – Thu after 7:30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th June 2021



Recently Deceased: Marie Wassef, Violeta Canales, Margaret Ellem

Our Deceased: Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families; Barbara Kierdal; Paul & Peregrine Lobo; Patrick Lander; deceased members of Coutinho family; and lastly, please pray for all the souls in purgatory.

Our Sick: Sam Wong, Donald Mees, Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

Saints Peter & Paul 29th June, Saint Thomas the Apostle, 3rd July

PARISH NEWS:

- **UPDATED COVID19 Restrictions: From 4pm June 23, face mask must be worn in places of worship.** Congregational singing is suspended until further notice. We can have up to 130 people at any one time under the 4sqm rule. No passing of bulletins & collection plates. Sanitise your hands and use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave.
- **Our condolences to the family & friends of Marie Wassef, Violeta Canales, and Margaret Ellem.** Please remember them all in your prayers. May God grant their soul eternal rest.
- **Fr Martin will be away on retreat next week.** We welcome and thank Mgr Kerry Bayada and Fr Raja for filling-in while Fr Martin is away.
- **This weekend is our Vinnies Winter Appeal.** Speakers from the Eastwood Conference of St Vincent de Paul will talk about how your donation can help provide food, clothing, financial assistance, care, and support to people in our community struggling to get by. New members welcome. If you are interested to join, please contact the parish office.
- **New planned giving envelopes for the next financial year is now available for collection at the back of the church. This is the last weekend for receipted Planned Giving Donation for this financial year.** To request for a tax receipt, scan the QR code or visit the parish website. Alternatively fill-out a form in the church foyer & place it in the box provided. Thank you for your continued support.
- **Congratulations to our Dempsey Medal awardee this year, Deirdre Macedo!** This award is given annually by the Archbishop of Sydney to members of the Catholic clergy and laity in recognition of their outstanding contribution and service to their local parish.
- **Liturgical rosters will be updated soon.** Contact the parish office for any changes.
- **Volunteer Projectionist needed for Sun, 8am Mass,** contact the parish office if interested
- **Sunday 4th July at 2.30pm - Great programme of music in the Haseler Centre, featuring the music of Beethoven. Kevinwood Orchestra & Bells are joined by George Carrard, solo violin.** Handbills at Piety Store - or go to www.kevinwood.org for details. Subject to



COVID restrictions. Should there be changes, announcement will be made on the website

- The next **Men's Mid-Week Gospel Reflection** is scheduled for Wed 30th June at 7:30pm.
- **Save the Date: The second MenALIVE weekend to be held at St Kevin's Eastwood has been planned for October 23rd / 24th.** All men invited.
- **St. Kevin's Men's Choir** will be singing at the 9:30am Mass on Sun, 11th July. New members are invited to join.

A MESSAGE FROM FR FABIUS:

Dear Friends: Fr Martin, St Kevin's Parishioners, Eastwood Uniting Church Congregation, and other contributors - My sincere heartfelt thanks to you all. Solely, through the sale proceeds of Fr Martin's book, 'Cuppa Time Reflections,' sufficient funds were raised to complete the Pit Latrine Project at Pere Achte Primary School, Uganda. See photos in the noticeboard or visit the parish website to read Fr Fabius note of appreciation in full.

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

LIFE'S EVOLVING CHALLENGES!

Experience has taught me that so much in life is learnt when people ask the right questions and then get the right answers! Fr Ron Rolheiser in his book *Wrestling with God* reveals some great insights to some great questions, such as "As you grow older do you still wrestle with temptations from the devil?" He answered by saying; "As I have grown older, I have found that the temptations to do wrong changes. In my youth I found that it was more in trying to effectively control my natural appetites such as my sexual desires and the excessive use of alcohol and food. Now as I have grown older the temptations are more like overcoming my ego so that I can deliberately choose to forgive people for the actual and the perceived wrongs they have done to me. Also, in now being patient enough to allow people to move on in life especially when it's time for them to die. The temptations of old age don't seem to come from the devil but from God!" As I read these words, I said to myself how profound and helpful these insightful words are to share around! Jesus of Nazareth I believe also knew this reality and that is why he said to his apostle Peter; "when you're old someone else will put a belt on you and take you to a place where you don't want to go." (John 21:18)

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 4th July 2021

AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – D Muljadi

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	A Rahme	B Gibson	M Velasco	T Jonas
Junior Servers	O Brown I Brown		E Velasco K Velasco	J Mercurio R Khalil
Readers	R: C Mourani C: I Mourani	R: Br J Curry C: R Brayan	R: L Butler C: R Tibbertsma	R: N Williams C: S Khalil
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	V Mourani A Mazzei	R Harvey D Tan	J Graziano C Campagna	K Anderson L Adams