

# St. Monica's Parish

North Parramatta

*"Our mission is to build up an active parish community with the Eucharist as the centre, foster deeper prayer and spirituality and reach out as a witnessing community"*



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

YEAR B

27TH JUNE 2021

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wis 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.  
*This is the word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 29

**Response:** 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

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

2 Cor 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.

*This is the word of the Lord*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 5: 21 - 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.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

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.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.

# St. Monica's Catholic Parish

Cnr Church Street and North Rocks Road, North Parramatta

<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>	Saturday Vigil - 5pm; Sunday - 9am, 11.30am (Cantonese/Chinese Mass) and 6pm	
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES:</b>	Tuesday-Friday - 9.15am	
<b>EXPOSITION:</b>	Every Thursday 8pm—9pm Every Friday following 9.15am Mass until 10.45am,	
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Friday 10-10.30am, Saturday 4-4.40pm, 3rd Sunday of the month 10:15-11am, or on request	
<b>MARRIAGES:</b>	Please contact the Parish Priest at least 12 months prior	
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	Please contact the Parish Office for appointment with the Parish Priest. Phone: 9630-1951	
<b>ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ EUCHARIST AT HOME</b>	Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630-1951	
<b>PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/ CHINESE CHAPLAIN:</b>	Fr. Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630 -1951	Email: shingmanlam@gmail.com
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS:</b>	8 Daking Street, North Parramatta, 2151	Website: <a href="http://www.stmonicanp.org.au">http://www.stmonicanp.org.au</a>
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	Tuesday-Friday 8.30am-2.30pm	Phone: 9630-1951 Fax: 9630-8738 Email: stmonicanp@bigpond.com

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## REFLECTION

### Subverting the Social Order

Jesus is on his way to fulfil the request of a named male synagogue official who has given voice on behalf of his ill daughter. Jesus is stopped in his tracks by an unnamed voiceless female who has been ostracised from the social and religious life of the town.

Part of her healing is to get her voice back. She tells Jesus everything and he addresses her with the beautiful title, 'Daughter'. Imagine the joy of this woman hearing such a term of affectionate relationship. Jesus went on: '... your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

Jesus did not regard this as an interruption to his journey to heal the daughter of Jairus. Stopping was an absolute priority subverting the expectations and power structures of society. The healing presence of Jesus was, and is, radically egalitarian.

Perhaps we could take a moment to pray that we have the courage to touch the hem of Our Lord's cloak in Confession. There we can tell him everything which has left us ill-at-ease in our relationship with God, our fellow human beings and in ourselves. With confidence in his Divine power, we can ask him to heal the dis-ease in some part of our personality. Hear him respond: "Daughter (or son), your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease". Then, share in the joy of the woman of our Gospel story.

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### Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.



### Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and  
courage,  
and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

### FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

June 29, STS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE  
OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO ARE SICK.  
ESPECIALLY**

Paul Chiu, John Rodrigues,  
Dave & Fan Lin Wilson, Francis Lee,  
Jerry A, Michelle Barnes,  
Levi Bell, Grace Boitano,  
Gesualda Borg,  
Monica Teresa & Fernanda Carigliano,  
Veronica Coorey,  
Margaret Dorahy, Heidi Ellich,  
Josie Estera, Philippe Kalife,  
Tim Kelly, Mary Korunic,  
Lillian Leigh, Monique Malouf,  
Maria Itang Tagle,  
Tina de Larrazabal, Rosa Santos,  
Llave Family, Sheila Watts,  
Gloria Cherote,

### MASS INTENTIONS

# PARISH ACTIVITES



**St. Monica is on Facebook!** Please join and get updates of the Parish during this current period. Please like our page : **St Monica's North Parramatta**



**Christian Meditation** Every Friday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enquiries/facilitator : Patricia Brown, 0418 406 661 or email: pabrown02@gmail.com.



**St Monica's Parish Rosary Group** Every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ST MONICA'S BRANCH** meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 10.30am in the meeting room. Enquiries : Julie Skulander on 0411 988 361



**Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Every Thursday from 8pm–9pm. All are welcome.



**St Monica's Piety Stall**  
Stall is open on Saturday 4.40 - 6.15pm  
Sunday 8.40 - 10.15am



**Collections toward Parish Toilets & Kitchenette renovation:** Special envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church and collections will be taken up to August. Please place your donation envelopes in the collections boxes.

**We have received a total of \$6787/- in donations to date and we have achieved 10% of our target (\$70,000).** Please continue to support us. Your generous donations toward this much needed renovation is greatly appreciated. **Thank you.**

## Weekday Mass Cancel

There will be **NO** weekday Mass from the 29th June (Tuesday) to 2nd July (Friday).

Exposition on 1st July (Thursday) and 2nd July (Friday) will also be cancelled.

Church will be closed during this time as Father Lam will be at Youth Camp. **Thank you.**

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** are ready for collection at the back of the Church. If you wish to join please contact the Parish office on 02 9630 1951 or visit the Parish office (Tuesday to Friday 8.30am - 2.30pm)

## Clergy Support Foundation Donations

It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the clergy support foundation of the diocese of Parramatta, which supports retired priests in the diocese. Please make donations via credit card at <https://parracatholic.org/csf> or transfer directly to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Name CSF No 1 with names as reference and send

email to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your details for receipt to be sent. Thank you.

## Readers Rosters

Readers please collect your copy at the back of the Church.

## 03rd/04th July ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
<b>Readers</b>	K. Handcock C. Maxwell	A. Dolahenty E. Espiritu	TBA TBA
<b>Acolytes</b>	Peter Handcock	Jeffery Lau	John Hilton
<b>Cleaning</b>	Group 1 – Chinese Chaplaincy		



## The Gospel of Mark

This month in Youth Group, we looked at the Gospel of Mark. We delved into the authorship of Mark, the key teachings and message that Jesus gives in the gospel, and the representation of Jesus as the Messiah, and the significance of his miracles. The gospel of Mark was believed to be written by John Mark. John Mark was described as a follower of St Peter and transcribed the teachings of Peter. He was the cousin of Barnabas and accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journeys. The gospel of Mark was likely to have been written between the 40-50 AD and most scholars believe that Mark was the earliest gospel to be written and was originally written in Greek. The gospel of Mark is often believed to be targeted at a Gentile audience, particularly a Latin speaking audience, because the original Greek manuscript uses Latin terms and phrases such as centurion (15:39) and denarius (12:15).

In Mark, Jesus is portrayed as the Servant of God, who willingly submitted himself to the Father's Will. The idea of servanthood is one of Jesus' key teachings in the gospel. Jesus teaches his followers everyone will eventually face God's judgement, and he invokes the symbolism of the farmer at a harvest to tell his followers that God will separate those who 'bear spiritual fruit' from those who do not. It is not enough to simply profess a belief in God in order to achieve eternal life. A person who believes in God must show that in their life and in their character. But, even following God's commandments; for example, do not kill, do not tell lies, respect you parents is not going to be enough. A person must wholeheartedly commit to following Jesus' example of serving others and reject attachment to vainglorious privileges that society can offer, such as power and wealth. In Mark 10:42-45, Jesus tells his followers that they should not act like foreigners who seek to have power and control over other people, but to be the servant of others if they want to be great.

But what does Jesus mean when he asks his followers to be the 'servant of others?' Does Jesus really mean that his disciples have to literally be a servant, and wait on other people, attend to their needs, such as cooking, cleaning like a domestic servant or slave would? No, of course not. To be a servant of other people is to always seek to do good for others out of love and compassion. Show charity to the poor. Love and forgive your enemies. Care for the vulnerable. The merits of doing these things can be obvious, but it is important that we are doing it for the right reasons i.e. because we desire to serve others out of love, not necessarily for our own benefit, such as to earn recognition or adulation.

Ultimately, in Mark's gospel, Jesus highlights to his followers that everyone will all face God's judgement one day. Our eternal fate is not predetermined, but always depends on the moral choices that we make in our life. Jesus' message is that God wants us to choose to serve others and follow and imitate Jesus, even if it means giving up on chasing after rewards that the world can offer, such as wealth, power and privileges that the world esteems.

- Rachel

## Youth Announcements



### St Monica's Youth Group (FYRE)

Face to face/ in person youth group has resumed at 10:30AM in the community room! Feel free to come along 😊 Our sessions will continue to focus on books of the Bible from both Old and New Testaments- in July we are looking at the Acts of the Apostles! Also follow us on Instagram @fyrestmonicas to keep track of the latest FYRE news and events!

### Youth Camp 2021: Mission Impossible

Youth Camp is **this week!** We hope you are just as excited for it as the leaders are- please note the new COVID rules apply, so masks will be compulsory in all indoor settings. If you have any questions please ask Cheryl Wong (0481 507 169) or Rebecca Cheung (0449 055 395).

### Bake Sale Success!

Big thank you to all who came to support our youth at the bake sale a few weeks back- we helped raise over \$2000 😊 We could not have done it without everyone's help/ donations so thank you so much!