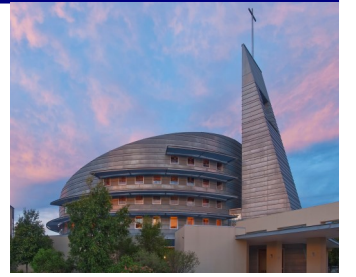




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



30th June 2024
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

3 July — St Thomas

4 July — St Elizabeth

5 July — St Anthony Zaccaria

6 July — St Maria Goretti

MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am

followed by the Mass at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Mass

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month
10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month
10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturday - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sunday - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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Mark 5, 21-43

Today's Gospel reading from Mark reports two miracles performed by Jesus upon his return to the Jewish part of Galilee from the land of the Gerasenes. The first is the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus. The second is the healing of a woman with a haemorrhage she had endured for twelve years. In each case, the miracle performed by Jesus is in response to a courageous act of faith. Jairus, we are told, is a synagogue official, and therefore a man of considerable standing within the Jewish community. Clearly distraught by his daughter's worsening illness, he approaches Jesus, goes down on his knees and earnestly pleads with him to lay his hands on her and heal her. We can only imagine the courage and humility it took for this *'important man'* to swallow his pride, abandon his dignity, and kneel at the feet of Jesus.

As Jesus accompanies Jairus to his house, followed by a large crowd, we are told that a woman with a twelve-years' bleeding complaint approaches Jesus timidly. In the eyes of her contemporaries, her condition would have made her legally *'unclean'*. Understandably, then, she approaches Jesus furtively from behind. She touches his cloak and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous; yet, in response to Jesus' question, she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. She comes clean *'with the whole truth'* of her *'shame-inducing'* condition. And Jesus responds by acknowledging her faith and sending her away with words that must have sounded like music to her ears: *'My daughter, your faith has restored you to health: go in peace and be free from your complaint'* (Mk 5:34). By addressing her as *'Daughter'* Jesus is ending her sense of isolation and including her in the family of God's beloved sons and daughters.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus' mounting anxiety. His daughter is seriously ill and may be dying, and now Jesus' arrival is being delayed. As if to heighten the tension Mark tells us that messengers suddenly arrive from the house of Jairus and confirm his worst fear: his daughter is dead. Jesus ignores their message and reassures Jairus with words that echo the message of last Sunday's gospel: *'Do not be afraid; only have faith'* (Mk 5:37). When Jesus, Jairus, and the crowd following them arrive at the house of Jairus, they find family and friends mourning the dead girl. But Jesus enters the room where she is laid out, takes her by the hand, and instructs her, in Aramaic, to arise: *'Talitha, kum'*. Jairus' faith in Jesus has not been in vain. His daughter is restored to life. And Jesus is revealed not only as having power over nature but also over death, reversing the work of the devil, as the first reading from Wisdom indicates (Wisdom 2:23-24).

In a world where sickness and loss are ever present realities, the miracle stories in today's Gospel remind us of the Lord's healing power. The faith of Jairus and of the woman with the haemorrhage invites us to reflect on our own faith in Jesus and take steps to nurture and develop it, confident that Jesus' response will be gentle, loving and healing. We are also called to be instruments in bringing the healing power of Jesus to the sick and wounded people all around us, by simple gestures of love and compassion. We can provide a listening ear for a troubled heart, make time to reach out to a lonely neighbour, or visit a friend in hospital, and pray with them as well as for them.

<https://sma.ie/homily-for-the-13th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-b/>

Parish News:

We warmly welcome Bishop Anthony and our Vicar General, Fr David Ranson, who will be with us this weekend. Fr David will celebrate Mass at 5.00pm on Saturday and on Sunday, Bishop Anthony will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our #59 candidates. We pray that the children continue to grow in faith and wisdom.

Thanks: Thanks to all who were involved in preparing the Confirmation candidates to celebrate the Sacrament this weekend. Your time and effort is priceless.

Thanks: Thanks to all who were involved in making the celebration of the Feast of St John the Baptist so special last weekend.



Morning Tea: Church cleaners and Children's liturgy volunteers are hosting a morning tea after the 9.15am on Sunday, 7th July. All welcome.



Congratulations to Carl and Myree Bliim who will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary on 4th July. May God Bless you with many more years together, full of love and happiness.

St John the Baptist Men's Group: Meetings to be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Leo Mahon Room. Next meeting 1st July. For further information contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

Cook Needed: We are seeking a dedicated and respectful person to prepare meals twice a week for our clergy as well as managing kitchen cleanliness. The ideal candidate will have a passion for cooking and uphold high standards of hygiene. Please contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073 for further information.

Cleaners for 5th July: Gay Tiansay, Jo Salter, Linda Potestas, Veronica Jordan.

Readers for 6th & 7th July:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Rutherford, Paul Rutherford, Kate Bravo

Sunday 7.30am—Veronica Jordan, Isaak Giunta, Joel Bajo

Sunday 9.15am—Ingrid Stevens, Olga Mhilli, Mabel Torres

Sunday 5.00pm—Armella Dogillo, Kris Aitken, Lorena Lalor

Servers for 6th & 7th July:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh & Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Jose Torres & Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib, Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

Safeguarding Team: Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

Fr John Hill: Fr John Hill will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination at a Mass at St John the Baptist Church on Thursday, 18th July at 11.00am. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Church grounds. All welcome.



Funeral Announcement—Rose Aloisio: Rose's life will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Monday, 1st July at 1.30pm. We offer our sincere condolences to Rose's family and friends.



Brown Scapular:

Interested in being enrolled in the Brown Scapular?

Want to learn more about our heavenly Mother?

Brown Scapular investiture Sunday, 21st July during the 9.15am Mass. Followed by morning tea, light lunch and guest speakers.

Gemma French - Mary in the bible

Fr Vincent Lourduswamy - Developing a closer relationship with God through Mary

All welcome. For more information please contact Emma Baker 0404 339 668 or Christine French 0431 765 401.

Year of Prayer: Very Rev Dr David Ranson's Meditation Series on Christian Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee is providing very positive feedback.

The series can be found at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/year-of-prayer> or on the [Diocese YouTube channel](#).

Peter's Pence: There will be a Peter's Pence collection next weekend. Envelopes will be available this weekend.

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 **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Reading 1: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them nor any domain of the netherworld on earth, for justice is undying. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.

Responsorial Psalm:**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

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

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to God's holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

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

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. You have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**Reading 2: 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15**

Brothers and sisters: As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also. For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. As it is written: *Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less.*

Alleluia:**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

R. Alleluia!**Gospel: Mk 5:21-24, 35-43**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him. While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?"

Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha kum,*" which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

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

Keep us in your Prayers—pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased: Rose Aloisio, Fr Tony McCarthy, Edward Shannon

Anniversary: Hilda Andrews, Rhoniel Santos

Remembrance:

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Lola De Souza, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilar, Alison Richmond, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt, Stan Page, Roger Lambert, Ron Manning, Ken Dixon, Maria Lourenco, Doris Coleman, Alice Lynn, Dianne Smyth, Gail Smith, Roy Cutrone, Wendy Cohen, Bill Hunt, Alan Ball, Betty McDermott, Vicki Pirie, Beau Burt, Joel Lloyd, Belinda Cochrane, Ken Stewart, Tom Shepherd, Lorraine Blandford, Michael Searle, Mary Lucas, Maxine Tinkler, Lindsay Clark, Jack Rogan-Clark, Helen Tiltins, Shirley Brinkworth, Iris Drewett, Dymphna Fitzpatrick, Van Mitchell, Chris Burt, Brian Searle, Sean McDermott, Gemma Tracey, Mark Richmond, Jai Kurt, Jodie Fleming, Alana Rose, Michael Juelg, Dr Richard Scolyer, Trevor Hailey, Joss Mitchell, Marie Day, Oakley Mitchell, Jessie Mitchell, Olive Drewett, Matt Mitchell, Cheryl Juelg, Stephen Edwards, Sophie Jordan



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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