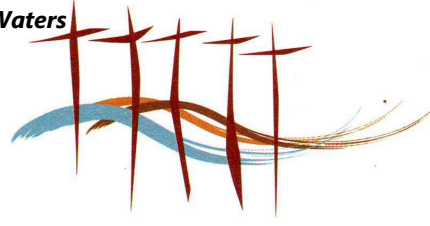


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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 1 July, 2018

Year B: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

next week's Readings: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6



Things couldn't be worse for the woman with the haemorrhage in today's gospel. Mark spells out her miserable circumstances: she has had her condition for twelve years and has "suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors." To afford such treatment she must have been a woman of means, but her persistent infirmity is compounded by the fact that she "spent all that she had." Her issue of blood makes her ritually unclean,

excluding her from community worship and contact with other people. She is suffering physically, is financially drained and cut off from religious practices and community. It couldn't get any lower than that. Plus, in her condition, if she touches anyone, that person also becomes unclean. She is a religious outcast and, by touching Jesus, he had become one too! Now the two are in community with one another – two religious and social rejects.

The story of the woman stands out from others in Mark's gospel. Usually a miracle story focuses more on Jesus But this one turns attention to the woman right from its opening, "There was a woman...." Mark then describes her condition in unusual detail. We are reminded of another woman in this gospel, the Syrophenician woman (7: 24-30). Unlike his usual rapid-fire, terse narratives, Mark develops the personalities of these two women and their exchanges with Jesus. Both women are in great need and articulate their situations. In today's story the woman told Jesus, "the whole truth."

The biblical world was dominated by men. When getting married, women left their own families, entered their husband's and were under his domination. A man had absolute power in the family, over his wife and their children. Still, women are frequently mentioned as among the followers of Jesus and the epistles reveal the prominence of some women in the early church – Priscus (Rom 16:3), the deaconess Phoebe (Rom 16:1) and Mary; or Elizabeth from last weekend's gospel. The witness of women is vital.

The woman in today's story must have been inspiring to women in the early church. She breaks the mould of repressed women of the time. She takes the initiative and risks being ostracized further as she manages to work her way through the bustling crowd to touch Jesus. She is a woman in a hopeless situation who, nevertheless, has hope in Jesus. She not only overcomes the physical impediments to get to him, she overcomes the religious ones as well. She trusts Jesus is for her, despite what others of her faith might say.

She is an example not only to women who struggle to break through the "glass ceiling" in the world of business and social standing, but also an encouragement to those women in religious settings who feel drained because their ministerial gifts are ignored, underappreciated, or even rejected. Still they push on and struggle to minister and serve, educating children, administering parishes, reaching out to families in need, training lectors and Eucharistic ministers, counselling, etc.

After the woman's healing Jesus addresses her as "Daughter" – she is restored to the family of God's people, no longer an outcast socially, or religiously. Jesus says her faith has saved her. What does that mean in this passage? She was rejected as an outsider, but now God has seen her need

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 2 July

9.00am **Mass** - Miami
- followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

Tuesday, 3 July

St Thomas
7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 4 July

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 5 July

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 6 July

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Palm Beach (Lay Led)
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
(Care & Concern Commissioning Mass)
2.00pm Funeral for June Greer - Mudgeeraba

Saturday, 7 July

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami
5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach
5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 8 July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami
Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 8 July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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for help and healed her. Jesus' word brings outsiders in and makes them whole. What brings us to Mass today? Are we here reaching out to touch and be touched by Christ? If that happens, how will it change our lives? How will our ties with this community be strengthened? And then will we notice those in the community who are also reaching out physically or emotionally to touch and be touched?

The story of Jairus' request for his dying daughter was interrupted by the woman with the hemorrhage. Actually, both stories are about "women" in need. Since Jairus' daughter is twelve, she is considered a woman of marriageable age. Just when her future is about to open up to a new life and wider family ties, she dies. With her death the dreams of both parents die as well. When Jesus enters the room and touches the dead child he, once again, has crossed over to the "other side" – this time, not by a boat across the lake, but by being on the side with the unclean and outcast. His compassion moves him to take on the taboos of religion and society to help those in impossible situations. Once he raises the girl, Jesus orders that she be given something to eat. The child and the rest of the family are once again whole. Death has been conquered and the community restored. Which is what happens each time we come to Eucharist. The grip of death caused by sin is broken, because Jesus reaches out a hand to raise us up and says to us, "My child, I say to you too, arise."

Padre

Because of her, we can!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

The decision of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to have inscribed in the General Roman Calendar this year, "The Memorial of Mary as Mother of the Church", was well received in Christian circles. Significantly it recognises the importance of Mary in our life and devotion echoing, as it does in some manner, the voice of Jesus dying on the cross as he tells the disciples - "Behold your Mother". Further, just as the Disciples of Christ were bound to His mother, so the faithful have found in Mary one who "has her maternal mission to carry out" for our benefit. For this we shall be ever grateful, anxious "to plant our life firmly on three great realities: the Cross, the Eucharist and the Mother of God."

In Australia, in the course of the history of inter-race relations, a great travesty of justice has left its mark, a dreadful slur upon our character as a nation. This burden of grief is born still by many of our First Nation peoples and was made possible by Acts of Parliament and the practices of governments. The forceful separation of Aboriginal children from their families and the placing of them in institutional care, mistakenly 'for their own good', was a policy almost universally held by others as an appropriate thing to do. Today we know how mistaken that opinion was in its entirety. By way of contrast the National Apology, published just ten years ago, has acknowledged the need for change in order that the "healing of our nation" might begin while the injustices perpetrated in the past must "never happen again."

One cannot help but be saddened by the countless stories of mothers sorrowing for their children taken from them, never to be seen again. The story of Margie comes to mind who has a childhood memory of being driven off in a truck by a policeman while her mother lies in tears on the road behind. Or Tillie who, as an adult, went searching through records in Government departments for information on her estranged mother, and then eventually discovered the elderly woman in an aged care home suffering from advanced Alzheimer's disease.

The societal upheaval and social dislocation wrought by the hideous Stolen Generation policies continues as an inter-generational problem affecting still the well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. So too has the effects of blatant racism, practised since the earliest days of European settlement, taken its toll on the vitality and self-worth of Australia's First Peoples. The enslavement of Aboriginal people by the pastoral and pearling industries is well known as is the wholesale occupation of their lands and their banishment from traditional country. The burdens borne by Indigenous people since the beginning of Colonial times has been nothing less than a pitiful disgrace that weighs heavily upon the moral responsibility of this nation to do better.

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. Despite predictions to the contrary, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to survive and to maintain a significant place in



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this Commonwealth of Australia. And for that we rejoice in humble gratitude.

A few years ago, in one outback town, a group of Aboriginal women gathered with their local priest to discuss the purchase of a statue of Our Lady for the Parish Church. Among the women were mothers who had lost sons to road accidents, suicide, alcohol, kidney disease, violence and long terms in prison. They were grandmothers who now cared for the younger children left behind. They were their custodians dedicated to providing for the youngsters something of a stable life. When given a number of holy cards depicting various images of Mary - Our Lady of Lourdes, Fatima, Walsingham, Carmel, Guadeloupe and the Pieta - they unanimously chose the Pieta, Michelangelo's statue of the Blessed Mother with the broken body of her son Jesus which lay upon her lap, cradled in her arms. It was an image they were familiar with after countless experiences of tragically losing their own sons. The sentiments expressed in the image of the Pieta resonated most profoundly with them for good reason.

The Pieta is a prayerful image of motherhood to be nurtured, supported and prayed for in our community. The loving care that this masterpiece portrays cannot be separated from the sorrow of the reality it represents. And yet mothers, like Mary, the Mother of the Church, in their maternal mission assist others to rise above the tragedies and tribulations of life in the knowledge that greater moments await us when in hope and in faith we are brought out of darkness into his own wonderful light.

The dark abyss of Aboriginal history in Australia, as we know it, has been remarkably bathed in the light that emanates from the goodness, and the heroic efforts, of many people who are driven by a sense of charity and a longing for what is right. Most notably among these people are numerous mothers in Indigenous Communities throughout the land whose love and determination have achieved inspirational things for themselves and their families. In prayerful thanksgiving we salute them and commend them to Almighty God and to the care of Mary, the Mother of the Church, who has steadfastly lived the Beatitudes of Jesus. May these mothers continue to emulate Mother Mary in what they say and in what they do. In the words of the Holy Father, Pope Francis: "She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side."

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Parish News and Happenings



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are available for collection at all churches this weekend.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM, please contact the Parish Office. Direct Debit options are available.

The half-yearly Parish Financial Statement will be published on 15 July.

40th Anniversary of Ordination - We celebrate and remember Fr Pat Molony who celebrates his 40th (Ruby) year of priesthood. The new walkway from Reedy Creek to Mary, Mother of Mercy Church will be named in his honour - for showing us the way to the Church. It will be called the *Fr Pat Molony Precinct*, leading from the Fr Frank Shine Walk from the Fr Martin Doyle Centre.

- **CHICKEN & CHAMPAIGNE BREAKFAST** - Saturday 21 July, 8am (after 7.30am Mass), Infant Saviour Church. Community fundraiser. Tickets now on sale at all churches.
- **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** - At all Masses this weekend (1 July) the annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up in support of the global ministry of Pope Francis. Please give generously to this worthy cause as a sign of our communion with the universal Church and an understanding of the many almsgiving needs requests made of the Pope.
- **YOUTH MASS** - Sunday 1 July. Theme: *Arise*. 5.30pm, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Followed by games, music and food. Musicians and singers wanted (please meet at 4.30pm for practice).
- All are invited to the monthly **PARISH LUNCH**, to be held at Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Avenue, from 12 noon on Thursday 5 July. Shuttle bus available if you need transport (contact club directly on 5576 3177). Enquiries please contact Margaret 5535 8714.
- **CARE & CONCERN** will be hosting a **COMMISSIONING MASS**, to be held at Mary, Mother of Mercy Church at 10am on 6 July. We welcome Care & Concern volunteers from across the Deanery to this yearly Commissioning Mass.
- The **PARISH CHOIR** will be in recess during July and August and will be back, refreshed and looking for new members, in the spring.

- The **PIETY STALL** workers in our churches are in need of people to assist at the stalls. As a helper you would assist for a short time before and/or after Mass. If you could give time for this, please contact the piety stall worker at your church.
- **AN INVITATION TO YOUNG WOMEN DISCERNING A VOCATION TO CONSECRATED LIFE** - Archbishop Mark Coleridge extends an invitation to young women who may be interested in discerning a religious vocation to join him for an evening meal and informal discussion on Thursday 19 July, beginning at 6pm. Please contact Padre.
- **DATE CLAIMER - menALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND** - 8/9 September. Could you benefit from joining with other men from 18 years of age to be inspired and encouraged in the renewal of your faith in God with the support of experienced leaders from the menALIVE team who since 2003 have helped over 22,000 men to make real changes in their lives? Contact Chris Kennedy 0412 270828 or christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au
- **MARYMOUNT ART SHOW** - Artist entry is open until 6 August. Please visit www.marymount.qld.edu.au for details. Gala Opening and Announcement of winners - Friday 24 August.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☺ = hangin' in there;
☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Mudgeeraba

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Summer and Joren who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Mirko Devcic and Patricia Helen Dooley who have died in Christ.

Let us remember their families and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up on eagle's wings

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Leigh Boulcher, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Carmel Clifford, John Costigan, Colin Dahler, Graham Dall, Brian Deere, Patricia Dowling, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Lance Fry, Joseph Gardener, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Tina Mass, Denis McEnery, Sheldon McEnery, Anne McInnes, John Mooney, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Mike Parker, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, Reg Rowan, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Nigel Tomlinson, Sarra Tyler, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Graham Zendler, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Edgar Perry, Christopher Haupt, Lina Schembri, Brian & Lea Dunlea, Clorene Lorraine Supple, Keith John Supple, Reginald Valentine Hudson, Pat Dooley, June Greer.

*May the choir of angels come to greet you ...
May you find eternal life.*

CHICKEN & CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

8am, Saturday 21 July



Infant Saviour Meeting Room, Park Avenue, Burleigh Heads

Fundraising for maintenance of Church properties

Tickets, \$20, available at all churches

CONNECT MASS 10am, Mary, Mother of Mercy

Yr 4	29 July
Yr 9	19 August
Yr 5	16 September
Yr 8	21 October
Yr 7	25 November

Liturgical Music for Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

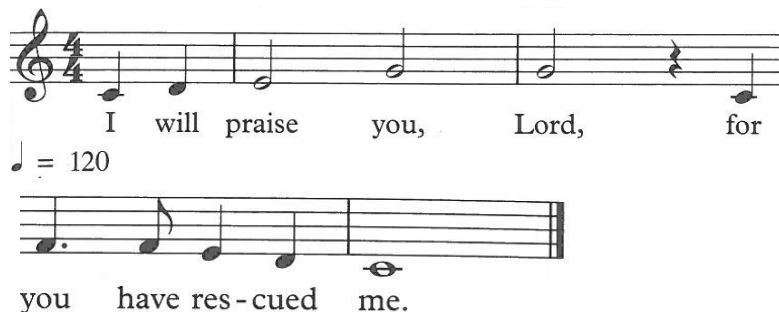
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday:

Remember this, you who never think of God.

Tuesday:

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Wednesday:

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Thursday:

The judgments of the Lord are true and all of them just.

Friday:

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Saturday:

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

We Are Many Parts

*We are many parts,
we are all one body,
and the gifts we have we are given to share,
may the Spirit of love make us one indeed,
one, the love that we share,
one, our hope in despair,
one, the cross that we bear.*

God of all, we look to you,
we would be your servants true,
let us be your love to all the world.

So my pain is pain for you,
in your joy is my joy, too,
all is brought together in the Lord.

All you seekers great and small,
seek the greatest gift of all,
if you love, then you will know the Lord.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Lord Of The Dance

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and for John,
they came with me and the dance went on.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
the holy people, they said it was a shame,
they shipped and they stripped
and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.

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