

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** **2 Timothy 1:10**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**GOSPEL:** **Mark 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 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 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 of him, Jesus turned around 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Ezek 2: 2-5;**  
**2 Cor 12: 7-10;**  
**Mk 6: 1-6.**

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.**

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or by calling (02) 9390 5810.



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**MASS TIMES:**

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10am
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (Year B)**  
**26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**  
**All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

**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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** **Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13**

**RESPONSE:** **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. **Response**

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. **Response**

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. **Response**

**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

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26 / 27 JUN 2021 – 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	A STANTON
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	GROUP 4A: WONG FAMILY	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: E & A BARAZ
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

3 / 4 JUL 2021 – 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	J KWONG	M MORELLI
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Altar Servers	GROUP 1B: J D'MELLO		GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Altar Flowers	K PERERA / T CHAMISA	JULY ALTAR LINEN: J DELAVEGA	

**PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:**

**Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died especially Stephen Lourey and all the deceased especially Marianne Cooper. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time.



**Baptisms this weekend.**

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Hudson Craig-Harris. We congratulate his parents Gregory & Layne and their families.



**Covid19 update.**

- **PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN IN.** The attendance book is there to record the number of people in the church & as a backup if the Service NSW App isn't working.
- The 4m2 rule is in place again in the church and **OUR CHURCH LIMIT is 75 people.**
- Avoid congestion before or after Mass.
- Remember to keep your social distance at all times.
- Some doors will be kept open this weekend for ventilation. *I hope you don't get too cold!*
- If you take a bulletin please make sure to take it home with you.
- No singing at the moment.
- Do not touch anything in the church if you don't need to and remember to sanitise your hands.



**Ordination anniversary.**

Next Saturday, the 3rd July, Father Roberto will celebrate his 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary as a priest. We congratulate and thank Fr Roberto for his loving service to the Church and our parish and pray that God will continue to bless him abundantly in his priestly ministry.



**Please support your Parish.**

You can help support the parish with your donations. All our collections have a purpose. At church we have TWO COLLECTIONS, each of these collections are individually important and totally separate from each other. Donations to both collections are appreciated each week.



A quick rundown on our collections:

- **FIRST COLLECTION** - helps cover the living expenses of your priest's everyday life.
- **SECOND COLLECTION** - consists of **"Loose"** money (*used for the upkeep of the church, electricity, and wages for our secretary*) and **"Planned Giving"** (*helps to maintain the church and pay our property insurances and save for future projects*) enables people to actively commit to helping the parish regularly in a financial way. Your donation gives you Tax deductibility of 30% and a tax receipt is issued annually.

**To obtain Planned Giving envelopes please call parish secretary during normal parish office hours and she will allocate you some envelopes.**

OR instead of envelopes you may wish to donate via Credit Card, our secretary can help with that too.

**And if you wish to change from a weekly envelope donation to a monthly credit card payment, then please call our parish secretary on 9809-2925 to organise this.**

# Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul.

**St Peter's true and original name was Simon.** He was born in Bethsaida a town on the Lake of Gennesaret or Galilee. The Apostle Andrew was his brother and the Apostle Phillip came from the same town. He settled in Capharnaum where he was living with his mother-in-law in his own house. In that town he pursued the occupation of fisherman, possessing his own boat.

Jesus changed his name of Simon to Petros, (Peter) a proof that Christ had already special views with regard to Simon. Though of irresolute character, he clings with the greatest fidelity, firmness of faith and inward love to the Saviour; he is full of zeal and enthusiasm though easily accessible to external influences and intimidated by difficulties. The more prominent of the Apostles in the list of the twelve on the occasion of their solemn call not only does Peter stand always at their head and his surname Petrus is especially emphasized. Peter wrote two Epistles in the Bible 1 Peter and 2 Peter. From 1 Peter 5: 8,9 we read: *"Keep sober and alert, because your enemy the devil is on the prowl like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand up to him, strong in faith and in the knowledge that it is the same kind of suffering that the community of your brothers throughout the world is undergoing."* And in the Gospel of John 6: 68-69 he said: *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God."*



**Saint Paul was born at Tarsus in Cilicia** of a father who was a Roman citizen of a family in which piety was hereditary and which was much attached to Pharisaic traditions and observances. Young Saul (his Jewish name) learned how to make tents or rather to make the mohair (fabric from goats) He received his education at the school of Gamaliel. He takes an active part in the martyrdom of St Stephen. He had a radical conversion after having had a spiritual experience where God spoke to him: *"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me"*. He was very adamant in getting all Christians and arresting them. Paul is certain of having seen Christ as did the other Apostles; He declared that Christ appeared to him after his resurrection. His conversion is due to all-powerful grace. He was baptized and recovered his sight that he lost during his encounter with the Lord. He made 3 great apostolic expeditions of which Antioch was the starting point. He became the apostle to the gentiles. He wrote 13 letters to the Christian communities that form a good section of the New Testament. In his 1 letter to the Corinthians, he wrote the famous passage: *"Love is patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited, it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage, it does not take offence or store up grievances. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but finds its joy in the truth."* In his 2 letter to Timothy he speaks a prophecy about the end of the world. He says: *"But mark this: there will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal...treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."*

St Peter and St Paul died as martyrs; their feast is the 29th of June. **St Peter and St Paul, pray for us.**

**This Sunday we hold the Holy Fathers Appeal.**

**Please use the special envelopes and add your donation to any of the baskets at the front of the church.**

**Confirmation Programme.**

It will begin with a Parent Information Evening on **Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in St Therese Church.** This is the second sacrament of the year and the celebrations will be on **Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 11.30am and 2.30pm.**

Due to the pandemic we didn't celebrate Confirmations last year so all those who missed the opportunity to be confirmed are welcome to join the programme this year. The application form will be available at the Parent Information Evening or call our Parish Secretary on 9809-2925.

