

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 27 June 2021



Readings for
this Sunday

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15
Mark 5:21-43



Readings for
next week:

Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6



Liturgical Jottings

The Homily II

One of the most important things is to learn how to use images in preaching, how to appeal to imagery. Sometimes examples are used to clarify a certain point, but these examples usually appeal only to the mind; images, on the other hand, help people better to appreciate and accept the message we wish to communicate. An attractive image makes the message seem familiar, close to home, practical and related to everyday life. A successful image can make people savour the message, awaken a desire and move the will towards the Gospel. A good homily, an old teacher once told me, should have “an idea, a sentiment, an image.”). Pope Francis 2013, *Evangelii Gaudium* n. 136

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Focus on the Gospel

“God did not create death” (Wis 13:1) opens the readings for today. It is a reflection from the collected experience of the author and his religious community and long faith tradition. The author draws on the lesson from the book of Genesis that God created all that is good and applied to our lives now. Jesus confronts death and dying people and offers them life and wellness. It is a sign of God’s intention that we have life, have life to the full and enjoy eternal life.

The miracles of healing in Mark’s Gospel gives us this understanding of God’s intention and equally the extraordinary witness of faith of an elderly woman and a young father in very ordinary ways: touching his cloak, laying hands on the sick. God creates and holds all things in being. When describing this to 10 year olds they can give lots of examples and comments and ask many questions. One comment was: “God must have millions and millions of hands!” Yes he holds us and lays his hand on us.

Scripture Quote for the Week

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through the Gospel. (Gospel Acclamation)

Anthropomorphisms

I was intrigued when I first heard this word and continue to be filled with awe, imagining God, a pure spirit, described in human terms. He does not have hands like us but the finger of God’s right hand creates all things and his hands holds us in existence. Our Scripture, hymns and prayers are rich in anthropomorphisms to enable us to touch God.

Words of Pope Francis

It is like a “kindly light” we reach not normally through reason, but “through the imagination, by means of direct impressions, by the testimony of facts and events, by history ...” John Henry Newman was convinced, as am I, that in embracing what often appear at first sight to be contradictory truths and trusting in the kindly light to lead us, we will eventually come to see the greater truth that lies beyond us. I like to think that we do not possess the truth so much as the truth possesses us, constantly attracting us by means of beauty and goodness. Let us Dream (2020), p56

On the Lighter Side

A hippopotamus and a giraffe walk into a bar. After a few drinks, the giraffe gets drunks and keels over onto the floor. The hippopotamus begins to walk out, the barman yells out. “Hey, you can’t leave that lyin’ there!” The hippopotamus turns around: “It’s not a lion. It’s a giraffe.”



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Agata Formica
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Tom Collins
	Our sick and their carers	Ev Leahy, Ann Sorolea

ROSTER		
Date	Saturday 3 July	Sunday 4 July
Commentator	Carol Coulston	Kay Gaffy
Reader	Peter Crombie	Anne-Marie Nihill

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN 2021

In 2020 almost 1000 men across Australia, including over 200 in Victoria across every Diocese, registered to participate in this ground breaking "Gathering of Catholic Men" by grouping in host sites and hubs as COVID allowed, or by watching the material privately.

In 2021 this event is being staged again on the 31st July in a shorter format. It would be wonderful to increase the reach to Catholic men and to have more men gathering with likeminded men in clusters. The aim of the event has always been to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. It is hoped that the event will reinforce the importance of gathering in the faith environment of the Church, ensuring that the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. To register go to the following link:
www.catholicmengathering.com.au.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Sandpiper e-News is a fortnightly newsletter distributed on alternate Wednesdays by the Diocese. The latest issue (Issue 21) can be accessed through the following link:

[Sandpiper e-News 21: 9 June 2021 \(mailchi.mp\)](https://www.mailchi.mp)

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page.)

Mass Timetable Week commencing 28th June

Weekday Mass

Monday 28 th June	No Mass
Tuesday 29 th June	No Mass
Wednesday 30 th June	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 1 st July	No Mass
Friday 2 nd July	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 3 rd July	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 4 th July	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 25th July 11:30 am



On the Journey this week: Fr John Paul Escarlan (Parramatta diocese) says Jairus' daughter's story is especially comforting during the COVID pandemic, as Jesus strongly invites us – do not be afraid, only have faith. Mother Hilda says we find God in our isolation, rejection, failures, & our pain. A Faith Testimony from NET member Ariana Salazar on how learning to pray creates a personal relationship with Jesus. And Michelle Vass on turning a simple "thank you" into a positive, loving way of being present in our world. Plus, more great music!

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Wishing all our students, teachers and staff, students and families a safe and enjoyable break over the school holidays.

How can I follow the Plenary Council assemblies as a non-Member?

The Plenary Council agenda has now been published and Members of the Plenary Council will consider the 16 questions during the assemblies. Which questions are being considered at different points during the assemblies will be published. People following the Council at home, in parishes or other contexts might also consider those questions. The parts of each day when all Members are participating together in the plenary sessions will be livestreamed, allowing those who aren't Members to hear how the assembly is unfolding.

There will be daily stories, photos, videos and other coverage of the Council assemblies. You are also invited to participate in the Plenary Council by praying before and during the assemblies. The prayers the Members will be praying will be publicly available.

Plenary Post, Edition 35 -- June 24, 2021

Archbishop: Synodality requires listening, isn't easy

In an interview with Catholic News Service soon after the official convocation of the Plenary Council, Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the synodality Pope Francis is calling for requires deep listening -- something that isn't necessarily easy.

"I've learned to listen in ways that don't come naturally to me," he said. The Plenary Council process requires him "to just shut up and actually listen and believe that in listening to this person, who may not be saying what I want or like to hear, I might actually hear some deep echo of the voice of God".

"I don't feel less a bishop because of what I am learning on the journey of the Plenary Council," he said.

"There's something liberating in it that enables you to exercise episcopal authority in ways that may actually work and look credible."

To read the full article go to <https://catholicphilly.com/2021/06/news/world-news/australias-plenary-council-requires-listening-by-people-leadership/>

From the Bishop - 23 June 2021

From Friday (25 June) this week: the main change for us is that the maximum number permitted in churches will be removed and the density quotient will be increased to 1 person / 2sqm (provided a check-in marshal is in place).

- Liturgies (including Mass) may be celebrated inside a church, with numbers limited only by a density quotient of one person/2sqm, provided a door marshal is in place to assist with check-in
- Funerals may be celebrated with a maximum of 300 attendees (in addition to infants, the celebrant and others required to conduct the funeral), subject to a density limit of one person/2sqm if there is a check-in marshal in place
- Weddings may be celebrated with 300 people attending in total, subject to a density limit of one person/2sqm if there is a check-in marshal in place
- Community facilities including parish halls and meeting rooms may be used by groups of any size, subject to a density limit of one person/sqm if there is a check-in marshal in place.

In all of the above circumstances, the following requirements apply:

- if there is no check-in marshal, the density limit is one person/ 4sqm
- face coverings, hand sanitiser, cleaning and recording contact details of attendees (except for support groups that require confidentiality) • social distancing (1.5m) and no contact or shared objects between household groups at liturgies (i.e.) no contact for sign of peace, no passing of collection baskets, no holy water stoups at door, communion received on the hand from a minister who uses hand sanitiser before and after distribution)

I remind you that all venues must use the Victorian Government QR Code Service for checkin, which is available for free download and use:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-touse-vic-gov-qr-code-service>

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