



## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

27 June 2021

**PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**



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**Principal:**

Ms Frances Stewart

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**With St Paul of the  
Cross we pray ...**

### For the sick

Patricia Stack  
Jovito Redaja  
Eimy & Kenzo  
Raul Cabrera  
Angela Di Donato  
Sr Julianne Murphy  
Helen & Robyn  
Natalina Gallace  
Ruth Wilson  
Raymond Hudson  
Lourdes Tee  
Fr Jim Duggan  
Pat Allport  
Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat  
Francheska Bechara  
Igor Tadinac

### Recently Deceased

### Death Anniversary

Anastacio De Oliveira  
Juan Bautista Campus  
Juan Ramon Campus

### For the Souls

Antonino & Maria Rosa Travia  
Nadim Sara, his parents,  
brothers and wives  
Naim & Nadia El-Etar  
Foula Moubaral  
Salima Kazzi  
Rena Boutros

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intentions

Leah Tillam

### **“Do not be afraid; only have faith”**

Last week's Gospel story of Jesus calming a storm ended with a question: “*Who is this that even the wind and sea obey him?*” This is then followed by three stories where Mark puts before us an answer to this question - the healing of a (non Jewish) man possessed by evil spirits and then the two interconnected stories that provide this week's gospel. This is the 'good news' that we all need to hear and to take into our lives.

There are a lot of details in each of these two stories of the woman healed and the young girl raised to life, details that reflect the nature of the 'illness' Jesus came to heal. Again, as with the calming of the storm, we see Jesus 'teaching' by the way he acted. Jairus, a synagogue official, throws himself down at Jesus' feet shortly after he had arrived at one of the towns along the Sea of Galilee. This would have been an uncharacteristic and undignified thing for him to do. In his position, a wandering teacher such as Jesus accompanied by his followers would have meant trouble. But he was desperate. Before anything else, he was a father and his daughter was dying.

Soon after, while Jesus was on his way to Jairus' house, a woman who had been suffering from uncontrollable bleeding for twelve years came up to Jesus through the crowd. She too was desperate. No doctor had been able to cure her. She was not only getting weaker and weaker but, in a society that considered an ability to bear children as a curse, she could never have children. She was also, because of her condition, 'impure' in everyday Jewish life, forbidden to take part in social and religious activities, just as lepers were.

Both however, in their different ways, demonstrated a faith in Jesus that neither the disciples in the storm nor the people who laughed at him when he said “The child is not dead but asleep”, were able to show. This faith in Jesus hadn't been easy for them. Jairus risked looking like a fool before the people in the town who would have looked up to him. The woman had to overcome a deep sense of personal shame just to be able to go up to Jesus and touch the hem of his cloak. Jesus' words to Jairus apply equally to both of them, “*Do not be afraid; only have faith.*”

This faith was based on a sense of trust in Jesus - who he is and how he appeared to them. We know how their stories ended but of course they didn't. To act as they did required both a profound trust in Jesus and a great deal of courage. They had to deal with all doubts, questions and barriers raised by their culture, their religious assumptions, their social position, even their gender. An important part of the 'good news' of this gospel is that faith in Christ can free us. We are not imprisoned forever by the limitations our life and our society has imposed on us. As our reading from the Old Testament book of Wisdom reminds us, “*To be, for this God created all. The world's created things have health in them; in them no fatal poison can be found.*”

Jairus' daughter and the woman were restored to full health, to life, in fact, whether literally so by being raised from the dead or by being raised from social, cultural and religious 'death'. “*Who can this be*”, that can give us life when we are dead? The life that Jesus can give us through our faith in him makes us “*imperishable*”, in the way that our reading from Wisdom describes God's intention for our life. Faith, our relationship with God through Jesus, enables us to overcome the disabilities and limitations of our life so that we can become what God has created us to be - “*made in the image of his own nature.*”

Deacon Louis

**Choir Practice** on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir rehearsal on the **28 June 2021 is cancelled.**

### **PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 3 & 4 July 2021**

Readers:	5:30pm	S Draysey R Lazarus
	8:00am	J Peters G Turnbull
	10:00am	J Duru V Simms

**A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction of churches in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. To help build a church today visit [www.aidtochurch.org/construction](http://www.aidtochurch.org/construction)

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

**Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.**

### **St Vinnies Winter Appeal Weekend 26th-27th June 2021**

Winter is well and truly here which means your local St Vincent de Paul Conference is holding their annual Winter Appeal

Any donation, big or small, will go towards providing food, shelter and warmth for those who need a hand up in their times of need

If you would like to donate, you can use a Vinnies envelope, hop online at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/> or by call 13 18 12

### **Go Make Disciples Online Lay Leadership Series- “Christ-centered Leadership”**

*What is Christian Leadership and how can I grow as a leader?*

On Tuesday evenings in August, the Parish Renewal Team is offering an **online leadership formation series** for all serving in parishes and those seeking to serve. Led by the Asia Coordinator at The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, Fr David Braithwaite SJ, the series will focus upon basics in Christian leadership and how we can grow as people who lead others to Christ. Bishop Richard Umbers will attend the first evening to introduce Fr Braithwaite and pray with those attending the series. **Topics include:**  
3 August: *The Wounded Servant: The Foundations of Christian leadership*  
10 August: *Leadership for Mission: Responding to Christ's Sacred Heart*  
17 August: *The Recollected Leader: The Spiritual Practice of Making Better Decisions*  
24 August: *Love that Risks: Creating Communities of Growth and Innovation*

If you are currently serving in your parish, please join us as a way to grow in your leadership and better serve Christ's Mission and His Church. Please also extend an invitation to others you think could benefit or might be interested in learning more about Christian leadership. To register go to <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/> or for more information contact Tania Rimac at [tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org).

Our parish will hold the **Holy Father's Appeal** next weekend for which we ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

### **Devotions**

#### **Holy Hour & Rosary**

Sunday - Friday

before morning mass

#### **Rosary & Benediction**

Sat 8:30-9:30am

#### **Elsa George Rosary**

#### **Group**

Second Saturday

of the month at 2.30pm

9716 6676 All welcome

#### **Novena to Our Lady of**

#### **Perpetual Help**

Wednesday 7pm

### **Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (28 June - 3 July 2021)**

Mon	28/6	St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr
Tues	29/6	Sts PETER and PAUL, apostles
Wed	30/6	First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church
Sat	3/7	St Thomas, apostle

**St Irenaeus** A native of Asia Minor and a disciple of St Polycarp. He studied in Rome, migrated to Gaul, and became bishop of Lyons. His principal works are *Against Heresies* and the *Proof of the Apostolic Preaching*, and he is a Doctor of the Church.

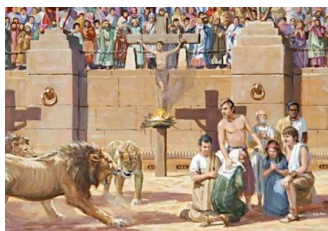


#### **Saints Peter and Paul**

Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom.

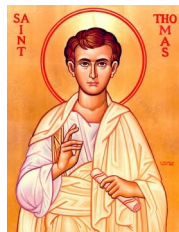


In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumour blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, many Christians were put to death because of their “hatred of the human race.” Peter and Paul were probably among the victims.



**The First Martyrs of the  
Church of Rome**

**St. Thomas** is famous for having doubted the Resurrection of Jesus and for demanding physical proof of the wounds of Christ's Crucifixion. The phrase “doubting Thomas” was coined for his lack of faith. When Jesus showed him the wounds, St. Thomas became the first person to explicitly acknowledge the divinity of Jesus.



### **Planned Giving Program 2021/2022**

The **New Form** for Planned Giving Program 2021/2022 is inside your new set of envelopes. Those who have envelopes, could you please fill in this New Form and indicate whether you “do” or “do not” wish to take deduction for FY 2021-2022. Please return the form before 1st July 2021. The new envelopes with the form inside are available at the back table of the church.

*Thank you for your continued and generous support towards the parish. May God bless you and keep you always.*

*\*FY 2020-2021 receipts will be issued a few weeks after 1st July 2021.*

