



St Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

1 JULY 2018



1st Reading:

WISDOM 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

It was the devils envy that bought death into the world.

CORINTHIANS 8: 7,9, 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

MARK 5: 21-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

**I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued
me. Ps 29**

*Healer of the
Desperate*

MARK 5:21-43



Mark concludes his account of the ministry of Jesus in Galilee with descriptions of some remarkable miracles worked by Jesus during this ministry. In today's reading Jesus shows himself the Lord of life and death – healing the woman 'who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years', and bringing back to life the young daughter of one of the elders of the local synagogue.

Again, the words of Jesus and Mark's telling of the story emphasise the importance of 'faith' in what is to unfold – a trusting openness to the fact that, in the ministry of Jesus, God's great promises to Israel were being fulfilled. This faith, however, finds very different expression in the two cases. The synagogue official, well versed in the traditions of Israel, and with an openness that expresses the true spirit of Israel's faith, makes his request: 'Make my little daughter better and save her life'. His trust in what Jesus can do for him is in stark contrast with the attitude of those who report that the girl is already dead and urge him not to trouble Jesus further, and with the mourners already gathering in his home. The woman's faith is less informed; naïve perhaps, very like the faith of so many

simple believers. But what she knows of Jesus inspires her to seek a healing by 'touching his clothes'. The reaction of Jesus is to lead her to the personal meeting with him that should take place in an authentic faith.

This gospel narrative sheds light on the attitudes of Jesus. The two miracles, both worked for women, show the freedom with which he related to the customs that had grown up in old Israel. According to these customs, the woman's ailment would have made her 'unclean' – and perhaps that is why, when summoned by Jesus, she 'came forward frightened and trembling', concerned that she may have offended him. But her fears were brushed aside by the Saviour who came to bring authentic fulfilment to all that the life of old Israel foreshadowed; 'My daughter your faith has restored you to health; go in peace'. In bringing the little girl back to life, Jesus 'took her by the hand'. This was a remarkable thing to do. According to Jewish customs it was not acceptable for a man to touch a twelve year old girl – since she was now of marriageable.

John Thornhill sm

WELCOME VISITORS, to St Francis of Assisi, Thames. Whether you are here for the first time or visit periodically you are most welcome. Please join us in the Parish Centre for morning tea after Mass.





Meekness

Always prefer to be taught than desire to teach all.
Rejoice in the good of others; overcome evil with good.

Free yourself from aggression and bitterness
Humility – accept humiliations as Jesus – did.
Christ is our peace - Be a person of peace and love, be Christ. **Pope Francis: G & E # 112-121**

"Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the land."

If you think being Meek is Weak, Try being Meek for a Week



PAEROA 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

St Mary's Paeroa will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its consecration on Saturday 28th July 2018 with a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dennis Browne DD at 12 noon. A lunch will follow at 1 30 pm at the Ohinemuri Club, Main Road Paeroa.

A charge of \$15. per person will now apply for the lunch. Cheques payable to -
" St Mary's Parish Anniversary" should be sent to Sandy Saunders at 12 Prospect Terrace, Paeroa 3600. A receipt will be issued and this will confirm your attendance. The last date for confirmation of attendance will be 30 June 2018.

Any Queries to Sandy on 07 862 6326 or 021 159 2009 or by email to her at sfsaunders@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

Please do not delay in confirming your attendance at this event.

Liturgy News

At our liturgy meeting we reflected on the need to be more inclusive of the different ethnicities within our parish community, this can only enhance and enrich our participation in the Mass. However In order to do this we would need your assistance. If you are willing to help by teaching a small group a greeting, a prayer, a hymn in your language or a particular custom associated with your tradition of the Mass we would be delighted to hear from you.

The liturgy team is:

Father Albert, Sister Paula, Liz Govorko – Clark, Yolanda Kirkbeck, Sheila Jones, Olivia Pharaoh, Ann Teklenburg and Viv Lander.

FLOWERS

The Team on church flowers are asking if anyone has flowers in their garden they could use for the church.

Please contact any of the Team:

**MARY DIXON,
PAT FELICIANO
MARGIE HUMPHREY,
OLIVIA PHARAOH
LIZ GOVORKO-CLARK,
PAULINE JENKISON,
JUDY THOMAS**



**The
latest
issue**
in your
church
Sunday
July 1

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Can you help continue the tradition of giving?

Last weeks collection	Loose \$110.50
	Pledge \$300
TOTAL	\$410.50



RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Thames
02—0100—0120990 — 008

PLEASE NOTE: WE ONLY HAVE ONE COLLECTION

Have you considered giving your gift to the Parish through **Auto Payment?**

This is a way to show a strong commitment to your Parish. AP's continually support even when you are away on holiday.

House Blessing

See Fr Albert.

BOOK YOURS NOW!



End of Term School Mass Wednesday 9:15am in the Church

Reflection Day at Mary Mackillop
Centre, Mission Bay.

SPIRITUALITY of ELDERING **Tuesday 17th July 10am –2pm** **Facilitated by Sr Lyndall Brown**

This reflection day will offer
ways to discover the rich-
ness of life when we age
with grace.

Reflection around growing
contemplatively, learning
the art of letting go & the
wisdom of years.

*Anyone interested, please contact Sr Paula for
transport options. 07 868 6310 / 021 2068062*



Sr. Lyndall Brown

THE VOTIVE CANDLE STAND

Please note there is a
donation box located
at the front of the
stand for the purchase
of tea light candles.

**Please leave
candles on the
stand—as there is
a lot of wax that
has dripped onto
the carpet.**



Sacramental Programme

commencing after Mass
Sessions

TODAY, 5 Aug, 12 Aug

*For more information, call
Mary Hamilton 027 503 5505,
Eric Hamilton 021 509906 or
Sr Paula 021 2068062*

NEEDED

**If anyone has an extra fan heater at
home—it would be welcome at the
parish centre to warm the main room**



"I suppose technically you're right. But we still
prefer not to think of it as a gated community."

Thank You!

Will & Grant
Bourke & Mike
Hopkins have
been at it
again...check out
how awesome
the church porch
looks!



IN THE MAIL THIS WEEK

LifeFest 2018: 4th October 2018. Family Life International's wonderful youth event LifeFest will run again this October School Holiday and will be held at Epsom Girl's Grammar School on October 4th. Please make sure you register if you are aged between 13 and 18 for a full day of fun, food and prayer. Bring your entire youth group and all of your friends and meet the daughter of canonized saint, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla! She is also called Gianna and is a doctor, Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla from Italy. LifeFest will be the youth event of 2018. Don't miss out. Just \$20 per person (sponsorships available). Please visit www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018 for more information or ring Michael on 021 825 955.

Dove Women's Retreat Weekend - 27 to 29 July
Come and join us for a weekend to be "Refreshed - Renewed - Restored".

The theme for 2018 is "Harvest" with guest speakers Wilma

WEEKLY CHURCH ROSTERS

Readers

1 JULY	Lois Wright	Margaret Quinn
8 JULY	Michelle Sim	Barbara Hennessy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST & SACRISTANS

1 JULY	Yolanda Kirkbeck	Olivia Pharaoh
8 JULY	Jenny Cooper	Frank Schnuriger

PRIEST'S ASSISTANT

1 JULY	Margie Humphrey
8 JULY	Geraldine Sumner

GIFTS

1 JULY	Jenny Pius	Aby Saji
8 JULY	Mary Connors	Liz Govorko

MUSIC

1 JULY	Tea m Hamilton
8 JULY	Team Pharaoh

MORNING TEA

1 JULY	Team Liturgy
8 JULY	Team Leadership

CHURCH CLEANING

JULY WK 1	Gill Benton / Frank Schnuriger / Mary Wenzlick
JULY WK 4	Mary Dixon / Olivia Pharaoh / Teresa Yang

FLOWERS

JULY	Elizabeth Govorko-Clark
AUG	Mary Dixon Pat Feliciano

Conroy and Anne Claessens.

Venue: Willow Park Christian Camp, Eastern Beach, Auckland
There are optional weekend registrations for residential or non-residential.

To register or for further information visit our website www.dove.org.nz or phone Shona Williams 07 543 0101 email shonawilliams58@gmail.com

Society of Mary Priests & Brothers: Communities of men committed to lives of prayer and service, disciples of Jesus inspired by the example of His mother Mary, sharing the mission of the Church locally and internationally. If you know someone who might consider life as a Marist priest or brother, there is an information and prayer weekend on 24-26 August. Information at www.maristseminary.org.nz or facebook.com/marists or email Fr Pat Breeze SM on vocations@smnz.org.nz.

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CALENDAR

JULY

Tues 3rd	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Wed 4th	9:15am—End of Term School Mass in the Church
Thurs 5th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Fri 6th	12:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sat 7th	9:15am—Mass in the Chapel
Sun 8th	8:30am Mass in the Church
Tues 17th	Spirituality of Eldering

PARISH INFORMATION

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Catholic Women's League'

Lois Wright Ph 868 6600

1st Thursday of the month at Parish Centre

LITURGICAL TIMES

Sunday Mass

8.30 am

Tuesday—Thursday & Saturday Mass

9.15 am

Thursday

9.15am. Mass, Exposition, Benediction & Reconciliation.

Friday

12.15pm

Reconciliation

During Exposition, Thursdays
Saturdays after 9.15 am Mass.