

# St Therese's Parish Essendon

26 and 27 June 2021  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



**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.

**Gospel** Mk 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 even 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 from him, Jesus turned round 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.



**MASS IS BACK** and with attendee numbers now limited to 150 (under the 1 person per 4sqm rule) there is no longer a need to book.

**QR CHECK-IN** All attendees are required to check-in on arrival at Mass using the Services Victoria QR Code system.

**MASKS** All people attending Mass must wear a mask inside if they are over 12 years old.

**WATCH MASS AT ST THERESE'S ONLINE** Fr John is recording Saturday evening Mass. These online Masses are for parishioners and friends of St Therese's parish who are not able to attend Mass. [You can watch this week's Masses on our website here.](#) To view our archive of recorded Masses you can [visit our YouTube Channel.](#)

**COVID MARSHALS NEEDED** We must now have COVID MARSHALS AT ALL MASSES. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the parish office ASAP. All volunteers are required to have a current Working with Children Check which we can help with if necessary.



**PARISH CENTENARY 2022** St Therese's Parish will celebrate its centenary in 2022. Parishioners of all ages are invited to join the 'Centenary Planning Team'. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office on 9401 6330 or [essendon@cam.org.au](mailto:essendon@cam.org.au) or alternatively, email the Parish Leadership Team at [essendon.plt@cam.org.au](mailto:essendon.plt@cam.org.au). We welcome ideas/suggestions.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

**CURRENT RESTRICTIONS** as of Friday 25 June

**MASS CAPACITY AT ST THERESE'S:** Maximum of 150 people inside at Mass (under the 1 person per 4sqm rule). Funerals - maximum of 150 mourners. Weddings - maximum of 150 guests.

**FACE COVERINGS** Required indoors, (not in private homes), or when an exception applies. A face mask must be carried at all times

**QR CONTACT TRACING** 15 minute threshold removed. All attendees must register to visit the church, the parish office or PACE function centre. Each area has its own QR code.

**PARISH OFFICE WORKING FROM HOME** During the school holidays (28th June until 9th July) our office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and we continue to work from home.

**PACE** is closed except for parish group meetings with a maximum of 16 attendees

**THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE** provides regular pastoral updates on the COVID-19 situation on their new website: [melbournecatholic.org](http://melbournecatholic.org)

## PARISH DIARY

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 27 June	Parish Baptisms	12noon
Sunday 4 July	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Annual Collection	All Masses
Sunday 11 July	NAIDOC week Masses	All Masses
Monday 12 July	School term 3 commences (pupil-free day)	
Tuesday 13 July	St Therese's students resume classes	8:45am
Wednesday 14 July	SVDP Essendon Regional Conference in PACE Function room	7:30pm

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**School email:** [info@stessendon.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stessendon.catholic.edu.au)

**St Vincent de Paul helpline:** 1800 305 330 WEEKDAYS 10:00am–3:00pm

**Tiny T's Playgroup:** [stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com](mailto:stthereses.tinyts@gmail.com)

**Weekday Mass** 10.00am Tuesday Liturgy of the Word and Mass Wednesday to Friday 10.00am

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am and 10.30am

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*St Therese's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country of the land on which our church stands and recognize their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respect to them and to Elders past and present.*

# Refugee Week



This week (June 20 - 26) is Refugee Week, Australia's peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. The theme of this year's Refugee Week is Unity, which highlights that we can all play a role in helping to build a more cohesive community.

CAPSA recently issued a media release condemning the passing of the Federal Government's Migration Amendment (Clarifying International Obligations for Removal) Bill 2021, which will expose refugees and other people in need of protection to indefinite detention and cause significant harm. [Read it here.](#)

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen has written a piece for Eureka Street this Refugee Week. His piece highlights that embracing new arrivals helps Australia evolve. [Read it here.](#)

21st June, 2021

*In public debates, Governments will win more votes than they lose through the brutal treatment of refugees. If we care for refugees, then, we must be in for the long haul. When the national mood changes from suspicious of outsiders to a more hospitable outlook, we must be ready to encourage it, writes ANDY HAMILTON SJ during Refugee Week (June 20 to 26).*

In the cruel world of the nineteenth century Industrial Revolution an English poet wrote an ironic version of the Ten Commandments as practiced in Great Britain. The Fifth Commandment was:

Thou shalt not kill, but needs not strive Officially to keep alive.

In Arthur Hugh Clough's usage 'officially' did not mean 'bossily' as it commonly does today, but as 'one of the duties of your office'. The lines implied that governments and employers were not entitled to kill the people who depended on them, but had no responsibility to prevent them from dying of starvation.

As we mark Refugee Week (June 20 – 26th), Clough's lines speak to our world, too. Throughout the world preoccupied with coronavirus and the difficulties of overcoming it, people are tempted to be focused on their own lives, their own families and their own nations. They may see people who are outside their own group or their own country sometimes as threats to their health to be expelled and excluded, sometimes as a burden, and always as people to whom they have no responsibility.

We see this in the way wealthy societies hoard vaccine and refuse to make it available to people in poor nations, the way in which passing boats leave refugees fleeing in sinking boats, the way in which governments lock their doors against immigrants and visitors and even their own citizens caught outside the nation. It is seen also in the treatment of refugees and overseas students already living in the nation. It is reflected, too, in the general lack of sympathy for refugees both in developed nations and seeking to go there.

This is a global phenomenon that threatens to erode compassion for all people who suffer from disadvantage or are different, as are so many of the people whom Jesuit Social Services serves. The lack of sympathy for refugees is reflected in Australia in the separation of family members within Australia, the way in which security is appealed to in order to make detention centres inhumane, the sudden decisions to process people who have sought protection for seven years or more, with a finishing date that will prevent many from seeking legal advice essential for their cause, and in the cruel detention of people in hotels which offer the sights and sound of freedom while depriving people of its reality.

In the present climate it would be wishful thinking that things will change soon. In public debates governments will win more votes than they lose through the brutal treatment of refugees. If we care for refugees, then, we must be in for the long haul, encouraging one another 'officially to keep alive', to take the opportunity to meet refugees, to speak on their behalf to our friends and institutions, and to keep writing to government ministers and our members of parliament to support people in detention and in the community, and to ask more of our government. When the national mood changes from suspicious of outsiders to a more hospitable outlook, we must be ready to encourage it. Hospitality to refugees must begin in hospitable hearts which ultimately will outlive the walls that fear and prejudice erect against it.

[Andy Hamilton SJ](#)

**ANNUAL APPEAL** Next weekend we will hold our annual appeal to support the work of our Refugee and Asylum seeker group.

# Don't worry. Just have faith!



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

## Gospel Mk 5:21-24. 35-43

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Finish the story of Jesus and the little girl by adding the missing words and pictures

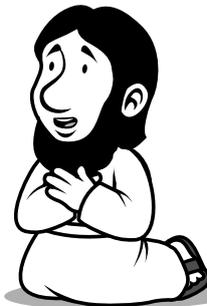
A crowd of people came to see Jesus as he stood on the shore of Lake Galilee.



Draw Jesus standing on the shore

A man named Jairus knelt at Jesus' feet and said, "My

\_\_\_\_\_ is about to die! Please come and \_\_\_\_\_ her and she will be well again."



Fill in the missing words

\_\_\_\_\_ went with Jairus, but along the way some men came and said, "Jairus, your daughter has \_\_\_\_\_."



Fill in the missing words

Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't worry. Just have faith!"

When they got to the \_\_\_\_\_ they saw people crying. Jesus said, "Why are you \_\_\_\_\_? She is not dead, she is only \_\_\_\_\_."

Jesus took the girl by the hand and said, "Little girl, get up!". Then she got up and started to walk around.

Draw Jesus talking to Jairus

Fill in the missing words

Draw Jesus and the little girl

# Don't worry. Just have faith!

A crowd of people came to see Jesus when a man named Jairus knelt before the Lord and said...

Draw Jairus and Jesus 

My daughter is about to die!  
Please come and bless her and  
she will be well again.

Along the way to Jairus' house, people arrived to say  
that the girl had already died. Jesus said to Jairus...

When Jesus arrived at the house he said...

Don't worry.  
Just have faith!



Draw Jesus holding the girl's hand 

Why are you crying? She is not  
dead, she is only sleeping.

Little girl, get up!