

Today's Gospel shows contrasting attitudes to 'impossible' situations. First there is the woman who has suffered a haemorrhage for many years. Many doctors had tried to heal her condition but none were successful. It seemed there was no hope of a cure. But the woman thought otherwise. "If only I can touch the hem of Jesus' cloak, I will be healed," she believed. And indeed she was. Meanwhile the mourners in the house of Jairus, the synagogue official, knowing his daughter had died, urged Jairus not to put the Master to any further trouble. They even ridiculed Jesus when He said the daughter was not dead, only asleep. This Gospel challenges us to consider our own attitude to impossible situations? Do we sometimes give up and stop praying for a particular intention deciding that there is no hope, or in faith do we persevere in our prayer? Of course, true faith is essentially faith in the infinite wisdom and love of God, not faith that God will always do what we want? But let us take heart from the wise teacher in today's first reading who assures us that God takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. God created all things, including Humans, to have health in them, not poison in any of its forms.

The Truth About St. Joseph (Part 2) The Hidden Life:

The exterior life of the saint is altogether unobtrusive and retiring. But this was not sufficient; the hidden life must needs be an interior life also. In this capacity alone does it fit in with Saint Joseph's office. For his vocation was precisely to be the protector and defender of the hidden life of Jesus. This life was essentially an interior life. Hence, no other saint but an interior one and one who cultivated the interior life could be the defence and protection of the Saviour's hidden life. The hidden life is the spiritual and nobler part of a human life, and elevates man to a more exalted and sublime position in human existence than a man's exterior allows us to

perceive. The hidden and interior life consists in the participation of the soul, that is, of the inner, spiritual faculties of man, in external affairs, but with a higher, supernatural motive that makes it ever aspire unto God. It is the life of a man from God, for God, and in God. Therefore, to sum up, the inner life consists above all in purity of heart and freedom from whatever can render us spiritually repulsive and displeasing to God; hence the avoidance of all deliberate and voluntary sin with the accompanying care of and attention to our interior life. Further, the inner life consists in the diligent effort to transform our exterior works into virtue, supernatural virtue, and meritorious activity in God's sight by means of a

supernatural motive and good intention. Finally, it consists in the practice of the most intimate union with God by prayer at definitely appointed times and by docility to God's inspirations. Such is, practically, the interior life, and such, too, must have been Saint Joseph's interior life. How glorious must have been this interior life for Saint Joseph! Who can grasp or comprehend it? We may come nearer to an appreciation of it by a consideration of his vocation and office and of the graces granted to him by God in appropriate measure.



Part 3 continued next week



*Immaculate Heart
of Mary Parish
Thurgoona*



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Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith. James 2:18

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Mass Times

Saturday: - (Vigil) 6pm
Sunday: - 9:30am & 5:30pm
Monday - 8am
Tuesday - 10am,
2nd Tues of month-Anointing of the sick,
3rd Tues of month-Mass of Mercy
Wednesday - 8am
Thursday- 7pm, Mass & Family Novena
Friday - 8am
1st Saturday of Month only:-8am- with devotions to Bl.V.Mary
Working Bee: Sat - 9am to 11am

Sacraments and Devotions

Adoration - Fri 8:30am to 10:30am
Precious Blood - Fri 10am
Rosaries - Thurs 6:30pm and Sun 9am
Reconciliation - Thursday after Novena
Sat 5:30 to 5:50pm before Vigil,
Sun 9 to 9.20am & 5.00 to 5:20pm
Baptism and Marriage - By appointment
Legion of Mary Praesidia :
Mon 9:30am - Mystical Rose
Wed 8:30am - Mary Immaculate
Thur 6.00pm - Mother of Divine Grace
Mary's Mantle - 1st Sunday of month after 9.30am mass

~ Parish Notices ~

A message from Fr. John:

Holiday Leave: From the 25th June to the 13th July I will be having two weeks annual leave and also annual retreat. In my absence Fr. Jim Victory will be offering the Masses. Fr. Jim has been a great helper here now for some years and I know he is loved and appreciated by all the community.

Mary's Mantle: After 9.30 Sunday Morning Mass *today*. Faith formation for all children 4 to 8 years.

'Have-A-Chat': Gosh! This month went fast. Here we are again at the Thurgoona Golf Club on Monday at 12 noon for all you ladies to come along for our monthly gathering. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon!. Special guest speaker!



Confirmation Preparation Classes: To be held - Marian Centre 4.30pm on the following days – 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th of August; 5th, 12th, 19th of September. **Confirmation will take place on the 23rd September 9:30am Mass.** If you have children ready to be confirmed please make arrangements with Fr John.

Collect O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

First Reading Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24

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.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

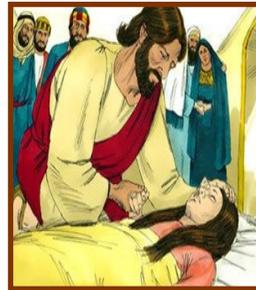
You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, 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.*

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

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 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 shall 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.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

Psalm 102:1

Feasts of the Week: Tuesday 3rd. July St. Thomas

Lord hear our prayers for the: Sick: Margaret Dunne, Joan McLaurin, Fran Kernaghan, Ernest Denouse, Danielle Scorah **Departed:** Laurena Antat, Geoff Jervois, Jack Evans, John Evans, John Foster. **Anniversaries:** Jack Fowles, Barry Pascoe, Sue Blyton

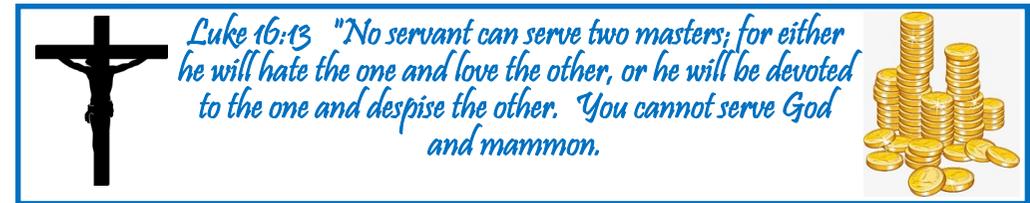


Readers this week: Sat 6pm-Damien Tocher Sun 9.30am-Steve McCrohan

Readers & Cleaners Roster - 30thJun/1July 2018

Readers: Sat: 6.00 pm - Peter Tobin Sun: 9.30 am - Jorgette Hudson

Cleaning: Grace Jodko

*Luke 16:13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."*

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