

ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS
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BEARING OUR LONELINESS

Two women alone in the middle of crowds! The first woman is older. No one else is mentioned in her story except the doctors who were no help. She is isolated because of her blood flow which would make her ritually impure. She is an anonymous figure in the crowd who are pushing and shoving, to get near to Jesus. A nobody. But she sees in Jesus someone who can restore her, if she can but touch him. Suddenly there they are, looking at each other, and he speaks the healing word, 'Daughter'. She is healed not just in her body but from her utter isolation. She has got back her life. She can go in peace.

Then there is the young girl whose isolation is different. She too is in a crowd of people, who are wailing and weeping, but she is the centre of the tumult. Everything revolves around her, but her isolation is more radical in her seeming death. Movingly, Jesus goes to her with just her own family and his closest disciples. The mob is left behind. She is restored to those who love her.

The first reading tells us that 'God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being.' Jesus here is the Lord of Life. He has come so that we 'may have life and have it abundantly'. (John 10.10) Sickness undermines our lives in many ways. Like the older woman, it can make us disappear from society. Going out to shop can be a laborious challenge. It is easy to lose touch with friends and relatives. They have their own lives to live and may not have much time for us. Loneliness is a vast affliction for millions of older people who may go days without speaking to anyone. Life seems to leave them behind.

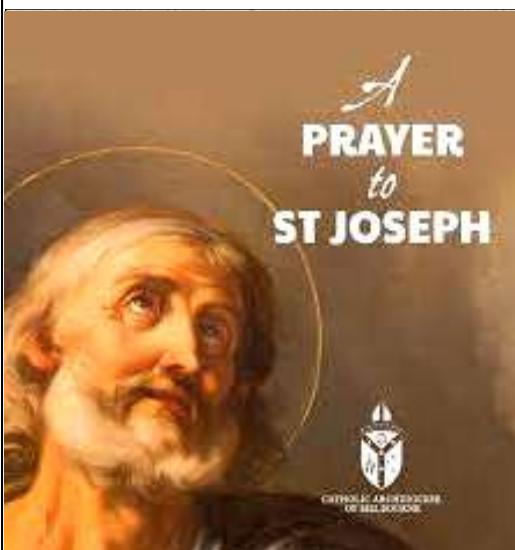
Then there is the loneliness of death, which has cast its shadow on the young girl. As death draws near, we can feel alone, even when surrounded by those who love us. In this gospel, Jesus heals both, giving the one back to herself and the other to her family. These are two dimensions of the same healing, for it is only in belonging that we can have a life that is our own.

Today's gospel foreshadows the great battle that lies ahead when Jesus will bear all our loneliness and overcome it. On the cross he will again be surrounded by another mob, baying for his blood; to be mocked is to feel utterly vulnerable and solitary. On the cross he will bear all the isolation of the sick, the depressed, people afflicted with failure or isolated in any way. Because he has done this, we believe that our own moments of loneliness are not final. He is with us as he was with the lonely woman and gave her back her life.

In his dying, he will know the most radical solitude of all. He will lie in the coldness of the tomb until on Easter Morning he will be given back to his closest companions, as the girl was handed back to her family. In the garden, the women who loved him will be astonished and their mourning turned to celebration.

Loneliness need not crush us. We can face illness and death with joy because we share them with the Lord of Life. The Lord will turn to us too and say, 'Daughter', 'Son', 'Sister', 'Brother.'

Timothy Radcliffe OP



ST JOSEPH, YOU WERE RECEPTIVE TO GOD WORKING IN YOUR LIFE.
HELP US BY YOUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME OF TRIAL.
YOU KEPT JESUS AND MARY UNDER YOUR WATCHFUL CARE: MAY YOUR PRAYERS ASSIST OUR LOCAL CHURCH TO RESPOND TO THOSE IN NEED.
YOU TAUGHT THE CHRIST CHILD YOUR TRADE AND PRAYERS: HELP US TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE OF LOVE. YOU WERE PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR ALL HUMANITY: ASSIST US TO BE VIGILANT AND RESPONSIBLE THIS DAY.
YOU SPENT YOUR LIFE IN SERVICE: MAY WE BE MINDFUL OF OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE, CARING FOR THEM IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS.
YOU TRUSTED IN THE CLEAR PRIMACY OF GOD OVER ALL HISTORY AND EVERY SITUATION: HELP US TO GROW IN FAITH AND PRAY TO THE FATHER; THY WILL BE DONE.

AMEN .

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality."

2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

PETER'S PENCE APPEAL 2021

We will have a special (3rd) collection at all Masses this weekend in support of Pope Francis' Peter's Pence Appeal.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- ♦ 28 June: St Irenaeus
- ♦ 29 June: Saints Peter and Paul
- ♦ 3 July: St Thomas

MASS ONLINE

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

Masses are livestreamed daily on our Archdiocesan YouTube channel and on Sundays are available to view on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).

BOX HILL PARISH

Daily Masses: <https://www.facebook.com/GBHparish>

Sunday Masses also on:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GreaterBoxHillParish>

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Available at Network Ten - 10 Play

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>



Our Thanksgiving Online Payment Portal is **Parish Pay Portal**

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=116521&langPref=en-CA>

Gratitude for your continuing support.

You may also opt to use the **direct debit facility**, email or call us to submit or for printed application form or, the Parish bank details.

ROSTERS: 6:00PM 9:00AM

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

♦ This Week	Susan Chen	Laura Cigana
♦ Next Week	Peter Naughtin	Anico Yee

PROCLAIMERS

♦ This Week C/P:	Hubert Lobo	Alfred Lee
♦ Next Week C/P:	Patrick Kelly	Stephen Fan

COUNTERS

This Week: Owen Grealy / Anthony Yeo
Next Week: Raj Fonn / Violet Fonn

St. Vincent de Paul Society WINTER APPEAL 2021

This bulletin note is to again seek your support for the St Vincent de Paul Society's 'Winter Appeal'.

As you know, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, being present in the community to assist people experiencing poverty and disadvantage is more important now than ever.

OUR WINTER APPEAL THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD DURING MASSES OVER THE WEEKENDS OF THE 26TH / 27TH JUNE AND THE 3RD / 4TH JULY.

This year, because there are fewer parishioners able to attend Mass, we have adapted our Winter Appeal so that donations can be made by calling 13 18 12 or online at vinnies.org.au. Donors can direct their gift to our Conference by entering 'Forest Hill' in the comments field or by naming 'Forest Hill' if donating by phone. Also, there will be some envelopes available in the church foyer for cheque and / or credit card donations.

We are also appealing for non-perishable goods including food and toiletries, suitable clothing, blankets, doonas etc and these items can be left at the Piety Stall.

All donations received are used for the local needs of the St. Timothy's (Forest Hill) Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We thank you again for your generous support now and over the past 45 plus years.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 GUIDELINE (as of 24 June)

- Masks will continue to be required indoors (except at home) but no longer outdoors – however it is still recommended when you can't maintain physical distancing. Masks required to be carried at all times.
- QR registration for covid-19 tracing required.
- Religious gatherings and ceremonies including weddings and funerals– 300 people per venue within a 1 person per 4 square metre density limit.

More details at: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Josephine Isola, Kevin Coffey, Rose Curmi, Melita Azzopardi, Ethel Donohoe, Angelo Viola, Tanya Egberts-Tobin, Veronica Carroll, Nellie Lissenden, Lillian Wills, Anna Koay, Margaret Bradley, Klaus Clahsen, Madeleine Bradley, Michael Kelly, Caterina Cannestra.

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism: 1st Sunday of the Month (9:00 AM Mass)

- ♦ Reconciliation
- ♦ Marriage
- ♦ Anointing of the Sick
- ♦ Funerals

Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

MASS TIMES:

- ♦ Saturday: 6:00 PM
 - ♦ Sunday: 9:00 AM
 - ♦ Mass in Vietnamese : 5:00 PM (All Sundays)
- VIETNAMESE ENQUIRIES: AHN LOC 0434 239 212 or ANDY TRAN 04 22 382 109

WEEKDAYS:

- ♦ Wednesday & Thursday, 9:15 am
- ♦ 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am, Anointing Mass
- ♦ Every Friday, 10:00 am





POPE: BRING YOUR PROBLEMS TO JESUS

In his Angelus message last weekend at St Peter’s Square, Pope Francis offered a reminder that the Lord wants us to seek his presence in the trials and storms of life. “How often do we remain fixated on problems rather than going to the Lord and casting our concerns upon him?” the Pope asked the pilgrims.

“Today, let us ask for the grace of a faith that never tires of seeking the Lord, of knocking at the door of his heart,” he said.

The Pope reflected on the Gospel account of the disciples caught in a storm at sea as Jesus slept on their boat.

Pope Francis said: “Quite often, we too, beaten by the trials of life, have cried out to the Lord: ‘Why do you remain silent and do nothing for me?’

“Especially when it seems we are sinking, because of love or the project in which we have laid great hopes disappears; or when we are at the mercy of the unrelenting waves of anxiety; or when we feel we are drowning in problems or lost in the middle of the sea of life, with no course and no harbour.”

The Pope urged that it is important to remember that even though Jesus was sleeping on the boat during the storm with his disciples, the Lord was there, present. In fact, he expects that we will engage him, to invoke him, to put him at the Centre of what we are experiencing.”

CARDINAL'S CASE HAS ‘LESSONS FOR CHURCH AND STATE’

More than a year after the High Court’s unanimous acquittal of Cardinal George Pell on child sexual abuse charges, Fr Frank Brennan SJ believes there are lessons for both Church and state.

These lessons will be the subject of Fr Brennan’s address to the annual St Thomas More Forum in Canberra on June 25.

The Australian Catholic Bishop’s Conference formally commissioned Fr Brennan to observe the proceedings and, when permitted by the lifting of suppression orders on media reporting, to offer commentary.

The respected Jesuit priest, human rights lawyer, and Rector of Newman College at the University of Melbourne, has drawn from these observations and his public remarks on the case for his latest book, *Observations on the Pell Proceedings*, published earlier this year on the first anniversary of the High Court acquittal.

“There’s a lot of complexities with the case and I thought it was best just to put it all out there and people can make their own assessment,” he said of his reasons for publishing the book.

Asked if being both a priest and a lawyer was a difficult thing to reconcile when following the case, he said it was probably very useful as it gave him not only a ready understanding of church rituals and processions but also of the legal issues.

The 16th Annual St Thomas More Lecture will take place in Braddon, ACT, on Friday, June 25, at 7.30pm and will be livestreamed on the [Catholic Voice Youtube channel](#)

GENEROSITY IN WESTERN COUNTRIES HEADS SOUTH

Australia and New Zealand remain the only Western countries in the top 10 most generous countries, according to the Charities Aid Foundation’s World Giving Index.

Against 2020’s backdrop of lockdowns and restrictions, the top 10 most generous countries changed substantially last year, with the majority of Western countries falling down the rankings.

Referred to as a “pandemic special” this year’s report is the 10th edition of the WGI and encompasses 10 years of interviewing – amounting to around 1.3 million global interviews. The result being one of the biggest surveys into giving ever produced.

Three questions lie at the heart of the report:

- *Have you helped a stranger or someone you didn’t know who needed help?*
- *Have you donated money to a charity?*
- *Have you volunteered your time to an organisation?*

Indonesia ranked as the most generous country, with an overall giving score of 69 per cent, up from 59 per cent in 2018, which was the last year the WGI was produced. The US (which dropped from the top five to 19th place), the UK, Canada, Ireland and the Netherlands have all seen a significant decrease in their index scores. In their place are several countries new to the top 10 – Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda and Kosovo.

Like most of the Western world, Australia and New Zealand both saw a decline in their scores and their place in the index. However, both remain in this year’s top 10 – Australia fifth and New Zealand seventh.

RELIGIOUS CAUTION GOVERNMENT ON ENVIRONMENT REFORM LAWS

Catholic Religious Australia has warned that the Morrison Government’s proposed environmental law reforms “will push Australia further towards an environmental crisis”.

CRA recently lodged a submission highlighting elements of the government’s proposed Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021.

CRA said the recommendations of the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee’s inquiry report do not address the many weaknesses of the bill.

In its submission, CRA expressed concern that this legislation would ultimately “lock in” new national environmental standards that have been drafted by the government, but not released to the public for comment or consultation.

“While the Senate inquiry agreed that the national environmental standards need to be strengthened, we’re concerned that they have allowed for interim standards to remain in place, if Parliament cannot agree,” said CRA’s national executive director Anne Walker.

“This is contrary to strengthening the standards, which should be implemented so that approval powers for mines and big developments are managed with a focus on genuine environmental conservation, not capital growth.”

INTRODUCTION TO MASS:

God's graciousness towards us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. We must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. It may require that we share material resources; at other times it may mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of these, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.— *Dianne Bergant CSA*

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, you come to heal and bring us strength

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are the joy of all who believe.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you bring peace not fear.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

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 :

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

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. *(R.)*
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. *(R.)*
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you forever. *(R.)*

SECOND READING: *2Cor 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:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. ***Alleluia!***

GOSPEL: *Mark 5: 21-24, 35-43 (short form)*

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.

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.

NEXT WEEK READINGS: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6