



Bandon Parish Bulletin

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Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

At the core of today's gospel and first reading are how utterly foreign to the nature and will of God are death and illness. The wisdom proposed in the first reading, that sickness and death are utterly at variance with the ongoing plan of God, is clearly visible in the Master's saving action in the gospel. And the key phrase in today's gospel is one that sums up the pastoral activity of Christ throughout his earthly and resurrected life *'Do not be afraid: only have faith.'*

It is on this simple phrase that the whole passage hinges.

How much of life is fear? How much of life is doubt? Both engender fright or flight; the Master instructs the opposite. What is striking about the words of Jesus is both their authority and clarity. There is no fumbling here. The Son of Man acts swiftly and decisively.

Turning them all out, the scene is suddenly calmer. From a place where emotion, anxiety and unrestraint predominated at the time of his arrival, the parents and his own companions are now privy to a deeper understanding of life and the true nature of God; they enter a space where the miraculous occurs; all else - fear, lack of faith, unrestraint - is banished. The God of life acts.

The invitation this Sunday is to step into this space with Christ. Place sickness and death before him, as the parents of Jairus did. And allow him to put out of the room what is not helpful, and to show us what can happen when fears are banished and faith is present.

Fr John Carroll, Wexford

FIRST READING

Ws 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 29:2.4-6.11-13

R. I will praise you, Lord, 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 for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Cor 8:7.9.13-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

In giving relief to others, balance what happens to be your surplus now against their present need.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Jn 6:63.68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,

and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 5:21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Little girl, I tell you to get up.

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.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Parish Coach To Papal Mass

We have a small number of seats available on our Coaches to The Papal Mass in Phoenix Park on Sunday, August 26th.

Family Coach

This Coach is reserved for people travelling with children with stop-offs at Motor Service Areas for food, use of facilities, play area.

Coach including Morning Coffee & Dinner

Only 5 seats left on our Coach which includes Morning Coffee & 2 Course Evening Meal.

Your Ticket for The Papal Mass will be arranged through the parish so no need to book yourself.

Please contact Esther on (087) 149 7094 if you would like to book a seat.

The deadline for Coach Registration is July 15th.

ST MARY'S CEMETERY

Prayers will be recited at St Mary's Cemetery, Spring Lane on this coming Monday 2nd July at 7:30pm for all those who are buried there.

RECENT BAPTISM

Luke Michael O'Donovan, O'Neill, Ahilnane, Ballineen.

BANDON ATHLETIC CLUB - SUMMER CAMP 2018 Bandon Athletic Club are hosting their Annual Fun Filled Summer Camp for children from junior infants right up to sixth class children. It's been held in Bandon Grammar School from 9th July to 12th July (4 days). Members and non members can take part. Further info and application forms on club website www.bandonac.org / 087 113 5500.

A Thought For Today

‘The important thing is that each believer discerns his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts, rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them.’