



# St. Mary's Cathedral

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## This Week 28<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Yr B/1 – Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7,9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

*(Would that I should “fix” myself!)* – Our staff recently had a discussion about the disease of poverty. We talked about ways we might make a difference in the lives of those in our parish who live on the edge. One family came to mind. Their situation seemed chronic. We wanted to help them, not just put a Band-Aid on the situation, but really help. In our zeal we thought it might be helpful to get a few people together to help them with some of the core issues, parenting, cleanliness, and the like. We reached out to them, hoping to remedy their situation. Even though they had constantly sought the help of the parish, they were now overwhelmed with our overtures. They did not want that kind of help. The mother wryly reminded us that such help was hardly what they needed, as they were being evicted out of their home in less than four days. Mother, father, and four children were going to be out on the street. Our overtures meant little.

Their situation seemed hopeless. They did not need philosophical advice such as was offered by the medical community to the haemorrhaging woman. That woman needed concrete help. She needed to be reinstated in the community. She needed her condition to cease. She needed freedom. Jesus did not offer her advice on why she had this condition or possible remedies to try to fix it. He addressed the problem head on and remedied it.

This family needed help that reached to the very core of their family life. But their immediate need was a home and a place to live. Our parish administrator jumped on the situation and after a couple of days found public housing for the family.

I know I am being simplistic when it comes to a complex problem. Yes, the family needed long-term help. They needed our community. The woman in the gospel was excluded from the community because of her condition. Jesus restored her to full life in the community. In a sense, our family in question was also excluded – psychologically excluded – from our community. It is the kind of unconscious exclusion that invites people to ignore, or at least fail to see, people who do not fit our stereotype of what people in our middle-class communities should look like. I would hope that I am not blind to such people. But the reality is, I probably am. I do not want to be – I try not to be. This gospel invites me to ask myself: Do I go out of my way to reach out to the marginalized in my own community?

I thought my efforts to help the family constituted reaching out. Perhaps it was to give myself the self-satisfaction of philanthropic activities. I was the one in control when I approached that family. Little time was spent asking them what they wanted or needed. I was in a position of power. It was

*Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass) & 6.00pm Youth Mass*

*Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon, Public Holidays: 12noon*

*Reconciliation: Monday-Friday 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS*

*Saturday 11.30am-11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm- NO SUNDAY TOUR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*

*St Columbkille's McElhone Street Woolloomooloo - Sunday Mass 9.00am - Rosary at 8.40am*

*Divine Mercy Novena - with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12noon, Divine Mercy Novena Prayers 12.30pm.*

*Devotions will conclude at 1.00pm with Benediction in the Lady Chapel behind the Main Altar.*



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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10

NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL: Mk 6:1-6 WITHOUT FAITH JESUS CANNOT EXERCISE HIS POWER

### ENTRANCE HYMN

**1. All creatures of our God  
and King,  
lift up your voice and with  
us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden  
beam,  
thou silver moon with softer  
gleam,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*  
**2. Let all things their Creator  
bless;  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father,  
praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three  
in One;**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

**The Holy Fathers Appeal will be held on Sunday 28 June 2009. Please support the work of the Holy Father through this appeal and through your prayers.**

### A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

You came from among us, to be, for us, one who serves.

We thank you for ministering Christ to us, and helping us minister Christ to each other.

We are grateful for the many gifts you bring to our community: for drawing us together in worship,

for visiting us in our homes, for comforting us in sickness, for showing us compassion,

for blessing our marriage, for baptising our children, for confirming us in our calling,

for supporting us in bereavement, for helping us to grow in faith, for encouraging us to take the initiative,

for helping the whole community realise God's presence among us.

For our part, we pray that we may always be attentive to your needs and never take you for granted.

You, like us, need friendship and love, welcome, a sense of belonging, kind words and acts of thoughtfulness.

We pray, also, for the priests who have wounded priesthood. May we be willing to forgive and

may they be open to healing. Let us support one another during times of crisis.

*God our Father, we ask you to bless our priests and confirm them in their calling.*

*Give them the gifts they need to respond with generosity and a joyful heart.*

*We offer this prayer for our priest, who is our brother and friend. Amen.*

**Cathedral Staff:**  
Father Paul Hilder -  
**Dean**  
Father Huy Trong Phan  
Father Arthur Givney  
Father John Flynn

Chris Backhouse - *Cathedral Sacristan*

Peter Kneeshaw - *Principal Organist*  
Dominic Moawad - *Assistant Organist*

Elizabeth Swain – *Director of Music*  
Eric Peterson – *Assistant Conductor*

All creatures of our God and King – William Henry Draper 1855-1933 Tr.  
I am the bread of life – Words & Music by Suzanne Toolan

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**I know that a good number of you are still seeking a spiritual homeland. Some of you...hover at the edge of a parish and Church life. To you I wish to offer encouragement: step forward into Christ's loving embrace; recognize the Church as your home. No one need remain on the outside, for from the day of Pentecost the Church has been one and universal... I wish also to include those who are not present among us... young, people in prison, those struggling on the margins of our societies, and those who for whatever reason feel alienated from the Church. To them I say: Jesus is close to you! Feel his healing embrace, his compassion and mercy!**

*Benedict XVI, WYD08*

You are all welcome to the Cathedral Choir Morning Tea which will be served at the school hall immediately after the 10.30am High Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of July. Cost is \$5.00 for a family and \$3.00 single. There will be *pikelets with jam and cream, sandwiches, cakes and sausage rolls*, plus bottomless cups of tea and coffee. Just follow the crowd after the Mass to the school hall to mix and mingle.

*The Genesian Theatre is proud to present Hay Fever by Noel Coward and Directed by Nanette Frew!* Preview night 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009. Showing: Friday and Saturday night at 8pm and Sunday at 4.30pm. Bookings for shows can be made through MCA Ticketing on Ph: 1300 306 776 or at [www.mca.tix.com](http://www.mca.tix.com). The live stage production will be presented from 4 July to 8 August 2009 at the Genesian Theatre, 420, Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Ticket prices: Adult \$25, Concession 20, Family x 4: \$75 (conditions apply). Group of 10+: \$20 each, Dinner and Show Deal \$45.

*Yucan Dialogue* – Sunday 5 July, 7.30pm: For Young Adults (20's & 30's) wanting to go further in their faith, searching for more or wanting to meet others who are keen to make a difference...All are welcome to "YUCAN DIALOGUE". Our guest speaker is Fr John Sullivan, retired priest of St Patrick's Sutherland. Fr Sullivan will be talking on how each persons different personality will influence their personal growth and spiritual journey. St Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay (Nth Sydney). Donations \$5. For more information go to [yucan.org.au](http://yucan.org.au).

*Empty and Beautiful: The Matt Maher 3&4 July 2009 Experience* – International musician and worship leader Matt Maher will be in Sydney for a concert Bethlehem and De la Salle College Hall, Ashfield. The concert will be a powerful and intimate night of music and prayer for both youth and young adults. Tickets are \$10. Hurry as tickets are limited. For bookings or for more information, call Vincent on 02 9746 4357 or email [vincent@cys.org.au](mailto:vincent@cys.org.au)

*Tim Staples Speaking Tour:* Dynamic speaker from a Pentecostal background, Tim Staples converted to Catholicism and now presents around the world about his passion for the Church. His powerful presentations explain, challenge and inspire young people to embrace their Catholic faith. From Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Tim Staples will be speaking at a number of locations and events all over Sydney. Program details at [www.thecatholicforum.org](http://www.thecatholicforum.org).

***Children of Hope: 6-9 July 2009*** with Fr Antoine and Br. John Mary Ignatius of the St Jean community (France, USA), who are leading a Children of Hope tour two weeks prior to SCENE. For more information please contact Kay at [kay@alphabetacom.au](mailto:kay@alphabetacom.au) or 0411 080 276.

**SCENE's Vocation Expo** – in the style of the one held during WYD, will be held in Martin Place, Monday to Wednesday 20-22 July 10am – 7pm, during the Congress. Go now to youtube (search: SCENE message from Bishop Julian Porteous) & [www.scene.org.au](http://www.scene.org.au)

***SCENE – Sydney Congress Embracing the New Evangelisation*** – Register now at [www.scene.org.au](http://www.scene.org.au)! 19-26 July 2009, St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. The Congress celebrates and works with the Spirit of World Youth Day. It calls each and everyone of us to be “Witness at the heart of the Church”. At SCENE there is something for everybody. Register now at [www.scene.org.au](http://www.scene.org.au)

***Celebrate Love:*** Would you like your marriage to be the best... committed, intimate, joyful and passionate! Grounded in the Theology of the Body, these two courses from PMRC are Catholic, private and practical. **Embrace** – For engaged or committed dating couples. (May/July/Sept/Nov). [www.embrace.org.au](http://www.embrace.org.au) 9662 7272 **Celebrate Love** – Newly married & ‘Very married’ couples. Phone 9662 7272 or [www.celebratelove.com.au](http://www.celebratelove.com.au).