

**June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B Mark 5:21-43**

<sup>5-21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' <sup>29</sup>Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' <sup>32</sup>He looked all round to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li> <li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</li> <li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</li> </ul>
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In today's gospel we have two distinct stories of healing in the life of Jesus. They are examples of how God works and reminds us of the struggle we all know too well, the struggle between our fears and our longing to be able to trust in God. The biggest fear a lot of people have is the fear of death. The stories of Jairus daughter and the woman with the haemorrhage, are told so that we might know that faith will lead us out of fear.

When Jairus asked Jesus to come and cure his daughter, some thought there was no point.

Has this ever happened in your life? Who were the people who brought you new life as Jesus did in our gospel today.

**Prayer:**

**Thank you Lord** for the people of great faith who help and comfort us in our hour of greatest need when we feel "what is the point in trusting God or anyone"? They gently guide us into the presence of Jesus who wraps his gentle arms around us.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times we allow the dark and gloom of this world to take us over instead of acknowledging we are made in the image and likeness of God - the God of life and hope.

**Lord help us** as you helped the woman who touched your garment in faith to bring this healing in your name to all your people. Let us continue to love, care for, comfort and listen to our adult children and in doing this we are touching them with the love and compassion of Jesus.