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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

27th June 2021



Today we are invited to marvel at one of the most dramatic and amazing of the Lord's miracles the raising back to life of the daughter of Jairus. The story is told with a level of emotional realism: the calm faith but dreadful fear of Jairus, the servants who bring the news of his daughters death, the calm reassurance of Jesus and even the laughter of the servant who mock Jesus all these make this a story that can engage us and speak to us. And what it says is something profound: all the miracles of the Lord proclaim the Kingdom of God the world the way God wants it to be. God does not want us to die: death is not part of God's plan for us. This is reinforced by the unfamiliar first reading from the book of Wisdom, which opens our listening to God's Word today with the dramatic phrase: Death was not God's doing. God created us to live forever, and the raising of Jairus daughter to life is a vivid and outstanding proclamation of this truth. **"Little girl, I tell you to get up!"**

W/C 27/06/2021 This Weeks Intentions

Sanctuary	16th Birthday
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Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
John Seabrook, David Galloway,
Margaret Porter, Dominic McCrudden,
Rita Rossall, Sister Mary Higney,
Jean Brennand, David Walne, Josephine Mann.

Volunteers' Week takes place in June every year. It's a chance to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers make to our communities and say thank you. We give thanks and pray for the many people who have selflessly volunteered their time as stewards in our churches around the diocese, helping us all to continue worshipping safely throughout the pandemic.

ECO THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - The Old Testament Book of Wisdom addresses us with these inspiring words today: 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. *How can we value the health which is found in the world's created things and ensure their benefit for future generations? How can we keep 'fatal poisons' of discarded plastics and emissions and other pollutants from our lands and our seas and our skies?*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - 26th/27th June - We pray for the people of the parish of St. Mary and St. Anselm, Whitworth and Bacup, and for Fr. Christopher McGrane, their parish priest, together with their parish primary schools. May they rejoice as children of light who share in the Lord's victory over death.

CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT REMINDER

The diocesan safeguarding office have asked that parents be reminded of the need for them to supervise their children and young people at parish activities and events. It is important that children are not simply dropped off for activities unaccompanied, as there are robust guidelines re: the supervision ratios for all church activities and events. Furthermore there are legal requirements regarding activities for children and young people that we cannot meet unless a parent, or carer is present with the child or young person.

TRACK & TRACE - Following another easing of Lockdown we have been asked to encourage Smartphone Users to use the Track & Trace **QR Code** displayed in the Narthex on your arrival.

FOOD BANK - We are collecting food again for the Brownedge Christians Together food bank. Particularly needed are tins of meat, tuna, and tinned vegetables. There is a box for donations in the back of church. This will be emptied on Tuesday mornings and taken down to Brownedge. Thank you so much in anticipation.

BROWNEDGE CHRISTIANS TOGETHER FOODBANK - SECRETARY WANTED

Would you like to have a supportive role in our Food Bank? Have you got the skills and the time to organise and service our 4 Trustees meetings per year plus an AGM? **If so we need your help now** Please contact us foodbankbct@gmail.com or Tel. 07896245910

Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration

A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions

