



Year B

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 29(30): 2,4-6, 11-13

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

Gospel:

Mark 5:21-43

"He said to her 'Talitha Kum!', which means 'Little girl I tell you to get up'"



Gabriel von Max, La Résurrection de la fille de Jaire, CC0, via Wikimedia Commons

Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings [here](#).

To watch a video of the Gospel for adults, click [here](#). Younger children will enjoy this [animated video](#) of the Gospel

Pray

Read the Gospel passage slowly. Use your imagination to pray with the Gospel. Close your eyes and picture the room in Jairus' home. Imagine that you are Jairus' daughter.

You are lying in bed, seriously ill. Pay attention to how you are feeling, and what you are thinking. What is happening around you? What do you hear? Imagine that Jesus comes into the room. What do you feel as he takes your hand? What does Jesus say to you? What do you say to Jesus?

Thank Jesus for coming to meet with you and for the time you shared together. Tell him what you need from him for your life at this time. Listen for his response. Close your prayer by slowly praying the Our Father.

Talk

We see in this week's Gospel that faith is the first step towards being healed. Jairus wholeheartedly believed that Jesus would heal his daughter. Think about the following questions and discuss them with your family or a close friend:

- When you ask God for things in prayer, do you believe that He hears you and will always answer you? Can you share an example of a time when you asked God for something in prayer and he answered it?
- Where in your life do you feel Jesus is calling you to greater trust in his love and mercy?
- What does this story tell us about Jesus and his desire to heal us?
- What is one thing you are taking away from this week's Gospel?

Family Challenge!

Make a special effort this week to pray for those you know who are sick and in need of healing. Consider praying a family rosary offering each decade for a different person or visit your local church to light a candle for them.

Mission: In this week's Gospel we see how Jesus shows love for those who need His help, and how He works great miracles. How can you show love for those in your family this week? Be on the lookout for opportunities to help every day!

Song of the Week!

JESUS IS THE HEALER

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A WORLD IN NEED OF HEALING

The Gospel for this Sunday portrays an example of the healing power of Christ in an uncommonly moving scene. Jairus, a respected synagogue official, has a little daughter who is seriously ill. In desperation he seeks out Jesus and begs Him to come to his house, to lay His hands on his daughter and cure her. Jesus responds without hesitation but, on His way to the child's home, news comes to say that the child is dead. To continue any further would be useless. But with calm authority Jesus calls for faith and proceeds to the house. In the quiet of the sick room, speaking only two words, He restores the child to full health.

The heart of Jesus could never resist an appeal for help made in faith. Healing was at the centre of His public ministry. He went round the whole of Galilee curing whatever illness or infirmity was among the people and filling them with the life-giving presence of God.

The Mission of the Church in every age is to continue the healing work that Jesus began through His miracles. Every Christian is called to this ministry in one way or another. The unique healing power of Jesus was in His willingness to show compassion. Nailed to the Cross on the Hill of Calvary, He pardoned the good thief even though he did not remove him from his agony. There can be no doubt that his sins were forgiven and that he was spiritually healed. Real healing so often takes place in doing the simple things of life, that are so often neglected or taken for granted.

All of us are called to represent God by Christ-like actions and nobody can be excused from caring because our vocation is to be healers. When a friend of ours is terminally ill, medical knowledge and skills together cannot make them well again. What they need more than anything else in this situation is the love of God be made real for them, through the actual experience of care and concern shown by the people round them. This passage reminds us of the generosity of Our Lord, and through Him we in turn are asked to go out and share that same richness with others.

Deacon Brendan Gallagher

EVENTS

"Eucharistic Amazement": Zoom Series for adults who would like to deepen their understanding of the Eucharist and the Mass. Wednesdays 8 - 9.15pm from June 30 for four weeks. Contact events@waterfordlismore.ie

Quo Vadis: Catholic Zoom Series for Young Adults aged 18 - 35. Sundays 7-8pm, June 20th - July 11th "Rooted: Lectio Divina for Beginners!" A four-part series on praying with Scripture. Join us for one session or for all! Contact events@waterfordlismore.ie/click [here](#)

Family Prayer

Lord Jesus, bring Your healing and restoring touch into our lives this week. Revive our spirits, strengthen our faith, and increase our love for You and one another. Amen

Carlo's Corner

GOD'S TIMING

"Faith in God includes faith in God's timing."

- Neal A Maxwell

Do you ever find yourself wishing for a different life, a different situation, different circumstances? Do you wish you could speed up the process and find out how things end, or what the outcome will be? Do you find yourself losing patience with God because He's not answering your prayers quickly enough? There's a story told of a little boy who got impatient watching a butterfly emerge from its cocoon. He decided to get a scissors to open the cocoon to allow the butterfly to become free more easily. But because the little creature emerged too early, its wings hadn't gained the strength they would from pushing their way out through the walls, and it didn't survive. All in good time - all in God's time.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus on his way to heal Jairus' daughter, but by the time He eventually gets there, she has died, a tragedy for all there. Yet, Jesus had a plan all the time. Jesus worked an even greater miracle and raised her to life. He restored her to life, to her family, and increased the faith of the witnesses.

God's timing can be different to ours. That's because He sees the bigger picture, always, in every situation. It can be difficult to trust in His timing and His plans, and yet nothing else really makes sense outside of them.

This week reflect back on your life, and try to see the wisdom of God's timing in your life. He knows when we are most ready.

- Letting God Take His Time (Fr Mike Schmitz)
- Waiting Here for You (Martin Smih)
- Handout: God's Timing

CHECK IT OUT: ST DECLAN'S WAY



Saint Declan's Way is a pilgrim walking route linking Cashel in County Tipperary and Ardmore in County Waterford. It follows the route that Declan took when going to Cashel to meet Saint Patrick in the fifth century. In turn, it is the way that Pilgrims have taken to visit Saint Declan's monastery, holy well and grave in Ardmore for the past one and a half thousand years. [Click here for info on booking.](#)



"Talitha Kum"



Mark 5:21-43



God's Timing

MARK 5:21-43

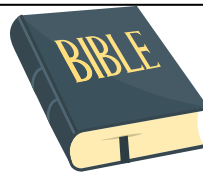


CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME YOU WAITED AND WAITED FOR SOMETHING, BUT WHEN IT FINALLY CAME IT FELT LIKE A LET-DOWN? MAYBE A CHRISTMAS GIFT, OR A HOLIDAY, OR AN EVENT? WHAT WAS IT AND WHY WAS IT DISAPPOINTING FOR YOU?



NOW TRY TO THINK OF SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T GO ACCORDING TO YOUR PLANS OR EXPECTATIONS, BUT ACTUALLY WAS FAR BETTER THAN YOUR ORIGINAL HOPES. CAN YOU REMEMBER HOW IT FELT?

Now read Mark 5:21-43



- We're going to focus on the healing of Jairus' daughter, but before we do, let's spend a moment with the story-within-a-story here.
- Can you imagine the pain and shame the haemorrhaging woman had been feeling for 12 years? At the time she would have been labelled as "unclean" and been suffered both social and religious isolation, since anyone who touched her would also have been made unclean within that understanding. Imagine her desperation and her faith.
- Jesus set her free because of her great faith in Him - her belief that touching just the hem of his garment would be enough to heal her. Now imagine her joy and sense of being set free!

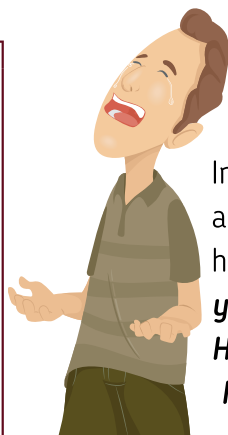
When you are hanging by a thread, make sure it is the hem of His garment.

— TOBY MCKEEHAN —

Check out the following Scripture verses about God's timing. Write out the one that speaks the most to you.



2 Peter 3:8-9 Proverbs 27:1
Proverbs 16:9 Jeremiah 29:11-12
Ecclesiastes 3:1 Proverbs 3:5-6



FOCUS: JAIRUS - THE DESPERATE FATHER

Imagine the desperation Jairus felt, pleading with Jesus to come and heal his sick child; the frustration at the delay on the way to his house; the devastation at hearing his little girl had died. **Can you identify with any (or all) of those emotions?**
Have you ever felt your prayers were not being answered?
Have you ever lost hope in a situation?

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God's Timing



MARK 5:21-43



DID YOU KNOW THAT
"BE NOT AFRAID" IS IN
THE BIBLE 365 TIMES?



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NOTICE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN JESUS GETS TO JAIRUS' HOUSE, AMIDST ALL THE COMMOTION AND WEEPING: HOW DOES JESUS ACT?

- Jesus tells Jairus not to fear, but to have faith in him, even in a seemingly hopeless situation. He raises his daughter back to life.
- Jairus had his own plan. God had another. Did God respond to his request? Yes, just not in the way Jairus had planned.
- God always responds, God always shows up, even if the answer isn't what we expected.
- Notice how Jesus treats Jairus' daughter with such

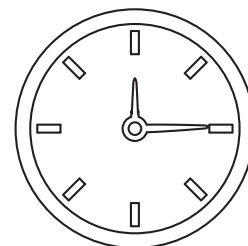
gentleness and tenderness, taking her by the hand saying, "Talitha Kum" / "Little girl get up." Imagine Jesus coming to you in your difficult moments where you feel you lack strength or the ability to press forwards, taking you by the hand and hearing him say to you, "Little Girl / Little Boy, Get up." Spend a little time journaling this.



WATCH FR MIKE SCHMITZ'S VIDEO ON "LETTING GOD TAKE HIS TIME."



We will never encounter God in the future, we will never encounter God in the past, we will only encounter God in the present moment. The only moment any of us have is the present. Do you struggle with staying in the present moment? Do you find it difficult to trust God's timing? Why do you think that is?



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What areas of your life do you think God could be calling you to work on right now?

CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO IN TIMES OF WAITING / FRUSTRATION:



- [Waiting Here for You \(Martin Smith\)](#)
- [While I'm Waiting \(John Waller\)](#)
- [While I Wait \(Lincoln Brewster\)](#)
- [Still in Control \(Mack Brock\)](#)

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suggestions!

