

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

1st June 2008

THEME: John 6: 51-58

Religious observance is not enough if it doesn't guide our daily lives. We pray for a sincere heart and the perseverance to live our faith throughout the coming week.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, be my rock of safety.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; those who live in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 3rd June - Charles Lwanga, & companions, martyrs

Thursday 5th June - Boniface, bishop, martyr

Saturday 7th June - first Saturday, Fatima

OUR LIVES BUILT ON JESUS' WORDS

Jesus offers the powerful image of a wise person building a house not on sand, but on the bedrock of his words. How significant that Jesus uses the image of a house! For those fortunate ones who have a house to call home, this sheltered intimacy and secure haven is the place where we become who we are, where we learn about loving and being loved, where we grow both roots and wings. **Build that house, Jesus challenged, on the sure foundation of listening and acting on the word of God as spoken by Jesus.**

Jesus' image of the house on rock is also applicable to the church: the community of believers who build their lives on Jesus' words. Within the community called church, those who have no home should find a welcome. Those who have no secure haven or network of relationships should find fulfillment with family and friends who are bound by faith, not only by blood. Those who have no direction, purpose or meaning in their lives should also be able to discover all three in the church, the house of living stones built on the rock of Jesus' words - stones dedicated to giving voice to these words with their lives.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Mary O'Brien, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Jack Walker, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, Gerri Boldrini, Mary Egan, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Allanah Barnes, Anthony Gilchrist, Rosel Free, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Glica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Maureen Pidutti, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Helen Saffrey, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, John Williams, Gregory Cummins, Ben Harper, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Bess Harris, Sandra Varrasso, Effie Ray, Patricia Bourke, Bob Woods, Marie Cook and Luke Westaway.

Grant eternal life to:

Bishop John Morgan, Brian Twomey, Joe Mullavey, Bob Speers, Richard (Dick) O'Grady, Norm Cameron, Yvonne Wells, Malcolm Wright, Andrew Gibbs and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Bride McCormack, Angela Gomes, Ita Moore, Ethel Wales, and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill, Bill Livsey, Rose & Harry Livsey, Mary & Bill Kotthoff, Eileen, Gus, Kerry, Patrick, Bonnie & Patricia Roche, Noel & Peter Rothe, Phillip Smith, Victor Bruce, Lil Munk, Frank Kelly, Henry Wynter, John Dallinger, Malcolm Nicholson, Sr Helen Shortall RSM, Sr Monica Esler, Brian Esler, Dan Moore, Alice Plunkett, Clare Flynn & the Flynn Family and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection next weekend at all Masses for Propagation of the Faith.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

It is St Patrick's turn to host the first Friday Eucharistic Adoration on Friday 6th June from 6.00pm to Saturday 7th June 9.00am. It is necessary that we have at least two people in the Church during this time. It would be appreciated if people could choose a time which suits them and record their name on the roster in the church porch this weekend - it need not be a full hour.

MOVIE AFTERNOON

The Catholic Women's League is holding a movie afternoon on Sunday 15th June at 3.30pm at the Cinema Centre. There will be a cup of tea beforehand in the supper room at St Patrick's Hall at 2.00pm.

The movie is Narnia - Prince Caspian. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased from Frances Murphy 6041 1721 or Marie Carroll 6021 6881 or any Catholic Women's League member. This is a fundraiser for the charitable work of the Catholic Women's League.

INVITATION

Parishioners of the Albury Deanery are invited to a presentation by Fr John Frauenfelder at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, North Albury on Tuesday 10th June. There will be two sessions: 10.00am-2.00pm and 7.30-9.30pm. You are most welcome to attend one or both sessions. Fr Frauenfelder will help people to have a better understanding of the Eucharist and Mass.

TEN PIN BOWLING FOR YOUTH

Young people 12-18 years and WYD Pilgrims are invited to come bowling with St Patrick's Youth Group on Sunday 1st June from 7.00-8.30pm. The cost is \$7.00 a game. Contact Fr Lee on 6041 2588 or Miriam on 0400 419 981. For more information see poster on the youth noticeboard.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- * Same-sex Bill puts 'fathers' under siege
- * Thousands join in profession of faith - Body of Christ procession in streets of Sydney

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

At St Patrick's Church, Albury on Thursday 5th June at 10.30am. Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

Applications for Enrolment in Year 7 2009 close on Friday 13th June 2008. If you would like further information about enrolment at Xavier High School please contact Mrs Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 or email infor@xh.wagga.catholic.edu.au

CARETAKER NEEDED

A caretaker is needed for the Diocesan Shrine of Divine Mercy a "Marian Hills", 20km south of Tarcutta. Free accommodation; light duties; ideal for retired or semi-retired couple. For more information please call Fr Peter Krigovsky on (02) 6927 6438 or (02) 6928 7414 after 6.00pm or send your resume and reference to P O Box 16, Tarcutta NSW 2652.

VERITAS CENTRAL EVENTS

*** Thursday 5th June @ 6.00pm - Mother Teresa DVD Night (Bookings essential).**

Starring Golden Globe winner Olivia Hussey this film powerfully portrays the life of Mother Teresa and has been described as the most spiritually uplifting film since The Passion of the Christ.

*** Thursday 12th June @ 6.30pm - Divinity Board Game Night (Bookings essential).**

Come and enjoy a night testing your knowledge of the catechism against other players. This board game is the fun new Catholic Catechism Learning System.

Tea and coffee available after all events.

SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE

University Student Accommodation - Applications Now Open

Sancta Sophia College is a friendly and vibrant residential college for undergraduate women and post-graduate men and women set in beautiful grounds on campus at the University of Sydney and is open to those studying at any of the universities in Sydney. Open Days are Saturday 30th August 2008 and Tuesday 6th January 2009. For more information and details about applications and scholarships please see the website or contact Mrs Jacqui Ingram on (02) 9577 2100 or email: sancta@mail.usyd.edu.au

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The daughters of St Paul are a community of religious sisters focused on Christ. Engaging with the world through modern media and technology. We invite you to share our mission and explore the gifts that religious life can offer. Inquiries to Sr Johanna on 0403 175 251 or vocations@pauline.com.au