

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

3rd February 2008

THEME: Matthew 5: 1-12

My friends, today we consider one of the hardest lessons of our faith - the Gospel we know as the beatitudes. This lesson illustrates that God's ways are not our ways. Let us calm our minds and open our hearts to God's word today.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 5th February	Agatha, virgin, martyr		
Wednesday 6th February	ASH WEDNESDAY	Mass Times:	7.00am 10.30am 12.00noon 6.00pm

LENTEN GROUPS

Our Lord has told us 'where two or three are gathered in my name I am there with them.'

You are welcome to join a Lenten home discussion/prayer group. Groups start this week. There is no cost, but you may like to make a \$5.00 donation towards the cost of your guide booklet and the group CD. The hosts for the Lenten Program are:

Thursday Evenings - 7.00pm Sydney Program

John & Joan Travers
895 Pemberton Street
West Albury. Ph. 6021 5749

Friday Mornings - 10.00am Brisbane Program

Sr Monica Cahill RSJ
2/435 Olive Street
Albury Ph. 6021 3818

Monday Evenings - 6.30pm (Youth Group - All Welcome) Sydney Program

Danny Salmon Ph. 60403624
St Patrick's Supper Room

Monday Afternoons - 2.00pm Sydney Program

Julie Rigby
52 Mountford Crescent
East Albury Ph. 6021 8047

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Fr Wilf Plunkett, May Smith, Kristi Cassandra, Kathy Hendry, Cameron Thompson, Betty Hunter, Allanah Barnes, Anthony Gilchrist, Rosel Free, Joe Mullavey, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Sharon Witteveen, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grica, Alvin Horn, Fr John Fitzwalter, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Maureen Pidutti, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Helen Saffrey, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Patsy Hanley, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, John Williams, Gregory Cummins, Ben Harper, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Bess Harris, Sandra Varrasso, Effie Ray, Brenden Aldridge, Patricia Bourke, Bob Woods, Marie Cook, Luke Westaway, Bishop Brennan, Lloyd Bell-Chambers and Len Egan.

Grant eternal life to:

Cedric Billett, Sr Carmel Curtin, George Trotter, John O'Donoghue, Monsignor John Duffus, Robert Cox, Clive Hanson, Keith Hertzog and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

George & Margaret Azzi, Brendan Dodd, Warren Rigby, Casimiro Vlacci and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lucia Vlacci, Bridie McCormack, Brian Joyce, Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald Families, Bill Livsey, Rose & Harry Livsey, Mary & Bill Kotthoff, Eileen, Gus, Kerry, Patrick, Bonnie & Patricia Roche, Noel & Peter Rothe, Philip 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

BAPTISMS

Last weekend we welcomed into God's church the following newly baptised:

PAYTON RATCLIFFE

FOR YOUR DIARY

WELCOME

We welcome Fr Terrence Hoare who will be assisting in the parish until Fr Lee returns after Easter.

REGISTER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

The time to register for WYD is NOW!

Please pick up a '**Step by Step Guide to Registering**' or an '**Expression of Interest**' form from the back of the Church. Registrations with the Diocese close 31st March. Don't let your chance to be part of this great event pass you by.

JOURNEY OF THE CROSS & ICON (JCI)

The WYD Cross & Icon will be at St Patrick's on Thursday 6th March. More information coming soon.

BILLETING FOR WYD DAYS IN THE DIOCESE

If you are able to provide accommodation for young people coming from Europe in July 2008 for the days in the diocese, please fill in a billeting form from the back of the church.

For more information on WYD, Registering, JCI and Billeting, please see the WYD Notice Board at the back of the church or contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 after 5.30pm or email mizmim@gmail.com

ST PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP

First Sunday of every month after 5.30pm Mass in St Patrick's Hall. For ages 12+. Dinner provided. For more information please see the poster at the back of the church or contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 after 5.30pm or email: mizmim@gmail.com

ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

This year our St Patrick's Day Concert will be held on Saturday 1st March at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Hall. A plate for supper would be appreciated. The cost is \$8.00 per adult, children free. Proceeds to aid an African student to come to World Youth Day.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday 11th February 2008 at 7.30pm in the presbytery. Memberships are now due for renewal.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

Thursday 7th February at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church, Albury. Confessions 10.00am-10.30am.

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There are several Lenten discussion groups starting this week. The lists are at the back of the church. If you would like to join one of these groups, please put your name and details on the one of your choice.

XAVIER COLLEGE

Xavier College, Kew, Victoria, is offering a range of scholarships for students entering Years 7, 9 and 11 in 2009. The closing date for applications is Friday 8th February 2008. For registration and information see Xavier's website www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships or contact Mrs Dianne Odgers on (03) 9854 5397.

INVITATION

SRE teachers/catechists of the Albury Deanery are encouraged to attend a training day at Lavington on Friday 29th February in the Parish Centre from 10.00am-2.00pm. Please bring something to share for lunch and your textbook.

INVITATION

Since 1981, in a small village in the former Yugoslavia, the Mother of God has reportedly been appearing and giving messages to six people. Ivan Dragicevic is one of the six visionaries who reportedly still has daily apparitions and is visiting Australia in 2008. Come and listen to the message that Ivan has for us on Wednesday 20th February 2008 at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wade Avenue, Leeton. Be touched by Mary's words of hope, love and peace for the world.

Itinerary for the evening:

5.00pm - Confession
6.00pm - Rosary
6.40pm - Apparition
7.00pm - Holy Mass
8.00pm - Ivan's Talk.

We are in the process of organising a bus to transport those interested to Leeton. If you require transport, could you please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

SNIPPET

Any community desiring to follow Jesus must have within it the whole range of humanity from the most broken of sinners to the purest of saints. (Fr Michael Fallon, MSC)