

## **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**3rd August 2008**

### **THEME: Matthew 14: 13-21**

Today's Gospel challenges us to trust in God's unfailing abundance.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The hand of the Lord feeds us:  
He answers all our needs.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday 4th August	John Vianney, priest
Tuesday 5th August	Dominic, priest
Wednesday 6th August	Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday 8th August	Mary MacKillop, religious

### **VALUE OF SMALL THINGS**

God chooses the small things that seem insignificant to the world. When the disciples told Jesus that all they had were five loaves and two fish, their words implied that such a small amount was simply not enough for such a vast crowd. But for Jesus, it was enough. He took them, blessed them, broke them and gave them to the disciples to give to the crowd. Astonishing as it was, all ate, all were satisfied - and there were leftovers!

This is the way of God. If we allow it, God will take the small things, like the little love we have, the little knowledge we have, the little advice we have, the little possessions we have, and multiply them. The more we give them away, the more we discover how much there is to give, not because of ourselves but because of God.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Robert Joan Sullivan, Mary Cooper, Judith Falconer, Wendy Murphy, Stan Sawaski, Frank Smith, Roy Poy, Jim Star, Ray Muntz, Matthew Doyle, Doreen Irons, Sr Celsus O'Grady RSJ, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, Gerri Boldrini, Mary Egan, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Allanah Barnes, Rosel Free, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, 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:

Bill Brennan, Phyllis Holland, Betty Hogan, Mary Keogh, Eileen Houlihan, Anthony Gilchrist,

Ray Beech, Harold Southcombe, Kath Sefton, Bob Bartlett, Elaine Cox and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Joe Rooney, Patrick Roche, Neil Dick, Deceased Members of the Waterstreet Family, Pilan Deopalo and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

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

**HARRISON STEVENSON**

**WILLIAM KNIGHT**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **THANK YOU**

As Bishop of the Diocese, I wish to record my gratitude to the host families and parish organisations who worked together to welcome over 650 pilgrims to various parts of our diocese in the days prior to World Youth Day Sydney 2008. From all reports the days in the Diocese were particularly fruitful and the mutual benefits apparent; A wonderful expressing of the Church as "communion". For your efforts and your spirit of generosity I offer my sincere thanks.  
Bishop Gerard Hanna.

#### **FEAST: BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP**

Next Friday, 8th August 2008, the Diocese observes the Feast of Blessed Mary Mackillop, Patron of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. Mass on that day at St Patrick's Albury will be at 10.30am and 6.00pm. Please make every effort to attend Mass on Friday and seek the intercession of our Patron Saint for the effective mission of our Diocese.

#### **MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

At St Patrick's Church, Albury on Thursday 7th August 2008 at 10.30am. Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

#### **CATECHIST/SRE TRAINING DAYS FOR TERMS 3 AND 4**

SRE teachers/catechists of the Albury Deanery are encouraged to attend a training day at Lavington on Friday 8th August, in the Holy Spirit Parish Centre from 10.00am-2.00pm. Please bring lunch, bible and textbook.

#### **PARENTING TEENAGERS**

##### **WAR OR PEACE????**

This program offers parents the chance to explore with others practical ways to understand and communicate with their teenager during these growing, changing years. The program will be held on 4 consecutive Thursdays commencing 14th August at 7.30pm-9.30pm at Centacare, Slattery Catholic Centre, 449 Olive Street (in the grounds of St Patrick's Church), Albury. The cost is \$35.00 per person, \$50.00 per family. Supper provided. Bookings essential. Enquiries: (BH) 6042 3700 or (AH) 6025 4715.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

St Vincent de Paul Society Centres of Charity are in urgent need of the following items:

- \* Warm Winter Clothing
- \* Blankets
- \* Furniture e.g. lounges, wardrobes, mattresses (unstained)

With other welfare agencies no longer assisting persons in need with furniture, there is an increasing and constant demand placed on the Society to supply families and persons in need with these goods. Please contact Alan Dickens on 6025 2239.

## **CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

- \* Pope tells ex-street kid 'I'm proud of you'
- \* 30 extra copies of last week's souvenir WYD edition are available. So many missed it last week.

## **42ND MEN'S CURSILLO 29TH, 30TH, 31ST AUGUST 2008**

This is an opportunity to share your faith, deepen your understanding, listen and find others on a similar journey. The theme of the weekend will be from Matthew 28 .... "Yes my yoke is easy and my burden light".

Anyone interested in learning more details about the Cursillo please contact Frank Neville on (02) 6040 0820 (AH).