

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

6th April 2008

THEME: Luke 24: 13-35

Easter is the season of the impossible, when Jesus, who was dead, appears and speaks to his disciples. We, too, are called to believe the impossible - that Jesus speaks to us today.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 7th April John Baptist de la Salle, priest
Friday 11th April Stanislaus, bishop, martyr

“I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS”

The risen Jesus took his companions' story and began to tell it differently. Rather than view their sufferings and struggles as punishment from God, he helped them to see that it is always darkest before the dawn. In fact, it was within the very experience of suffering that God acted most powerfully. Through the many political crises that constituted their history, God never failed to act, but that action usually came when all seemed at the breaking point. It was the same way in Jesus' seeming defeat, and in what seemed to be the finality of his death, God effected salvation and a new beginning for Israel and all of humankind.

The truth is that Jesus is present to us all the time. In the last sentence of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus reminds us: "I am with you always, until the end of the world."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Jack Walker, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, Cameron Thompson, Joe Mullavey, Gerri Boldrini, Mary Egan, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Allanah Barnes, Anthony Gilchrist, 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:

May Bourke, Br Pat Keogh, Eileen Fagan, Marcie Donahee, May Thompson, Shawn McCallum and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Phillip Percy, Frank Percy, William & Bessie Fulton, Joan Rice, John Dyball, Kath Dyball, Rose Hayes and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Denis Spalding, Anthony Kell, Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

ZACH GRAHAM

FOR YOUR DIARY

MEMORIAL MASS

A Memorial Mass for Br Patrick Keogh will be held at Sacred Heart Church North Albury on Monday 7th April at 9.30am.

ACIES - LEGION OF MARY

Will be held on Sunday 6th April at 2.00pm in the old convent chapel. Followed by afternoon tea and social. All active and auxiliary members and friends are very welcome. Do come and join in this beautiful ceremony.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Accommodation is required, preferably with a family, by a young CSU trainee accountants student. Non drinker and non smoker, excellent references. Please ring Catholic presbytery on 6041 2588.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- * Bishop calls for zero tolerance on drugs, pornography
- * Prayerful memento of John Paul II

VERITAS CENTRAL EVENTS

- * Thurs 10th April - Miracle of Marcelino Movie - (5.30pm -7.15pm)
Bookings Essential
- * Thurs 17th April - The Good Pope, John XXIII Movie - (5.30pm-8.00pm)
Bookings Essential
- * Thurs 24th April - Real Choices Australia Talk and Presentation by
Debbie Garratt - (6.30pm)

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 14th April 2008.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of St Patrick's Pastoral Council will be held on Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

INVITATION

Veritas Central has been loaned two very special 2000 year old coins from the time of Christ. They are on view in the locked glass cupboards at Veritas Central. You are most welcome to

come and have a look at these very special pieces of Christian history. Enjoy a cuppa back in the kitchen while you're there.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships for Xavier High School are available for students entering Year 7, 9 and 11 in 2009. Application details may be obtained by contacting Mrs Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 or email info@xh.wagga.catholic.edu.au

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - SCHOOL FETE

The Holy Spirit Parish and School will hold their annual Fete on Sunday 4th May this year. The Fete will run from 11.00am until 3.00pm in the school grounds, corner of Mutsch and Prune Streets, adjacent to Holy Spirit Church.

SNIPPET

This divine heart (Jesus' Sacred Heart) is an abyss with all blessings, and into it the poor should submerge all their needs. It is an abyss of joy in which all of us can immerse our sorrows. (Saint Margaret Mary Alcoque)