

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

16th July 2008

THEME: Matthew 11: 25-30

In today's Gospel we hear the promise of rest for the weary and comfort for the burdened. Let us pray for discernment so that we may distinguish false gods from the one true God, our Lord Jesus.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday 11th July

Benedict, abbot

GRACE DEMANDS WE DIE TO SELF AND LIVE FOR CHRIST

People who lack both self-knowledge and a desire for generous love are happy in their own egotism. They are the learned and the clever spoken of by the Lord in today's gospel: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to babes" (Matt. 11:25). The wise and clever in worldly wisdom do not think they need healing and so they are not open to the revelation of truths from above; the meek and humble are, however, because they know that only in God's truth, in union with the interior Trinity, can they find peace of soul.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

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, 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:

Carmel Roach, Maria Prem, Helen Zivic, Stan Taylor, Margaret Gillespie, Daphne Coward, Kathleen (Wilma) Wighton, Mary McBrien, Tom Lupton, Mary Bohun, Ron Brooks and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Patrick Wighton, Arthur Wighton, Allan Hodda, Keith & Phyllis Salmon, John Fietz and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Bert Scammell, Lorraine Hill, 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

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our special collection, Peter's Pence, last weekend. We collected \$1,279.00.

PARISH BREAKFAST

St Patrick's Parish is holding a breakfast on Saturday 12th July 2008 from 7.30am-9.00am in the parish hall. The guest speaker will be Fr Raphael Boansi, Assistant Priest at Christ the King Parish, Accra, Ghana, West Africa. Fr Raphael is being sponsored by St Patrick's Parish to attend World Youth Day and will speak about life in a developing country.

RSVP (for catering purposes) to Chris Ryan 6021 8984. This breakfast is open to all parishioners.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

An extraordinary meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday 7th July at 7.30pm in the presbytery to finalise catering for the World Youth Day pilgrims visiting our parish.

ST PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP

We are combining the youth group with our last WYD pilgrim group meeting. It is Sunday night after 5.30pm Mass in the hall and our international pilgrim, Fr Raphael from Ghana, should be there to talk to the youth.

WYD PILGRIMS

The international pilgrims will be arriving in Albury on Thursday 10th July for the Days in the Diocese. Please see the noticeboard at the back of the church for more details on the events. There will be a Deanery Mass on Friday 11th July at 10.00am. There will be a bush dance on Saturday 12th July at 7.30pm in the Holy Spirit Hall, Lavington. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PARISH PICNIC

There will be a BYO parish picnic on Sunday 13th July after the 10.30am Mass. This will be the last day with the international pilgrims. Everyone is invited to attend.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

* New research 'removes any need for embryonic cloning'

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 7th July.

RETREAT - DOOKIE COLLEGE

A two-day retreat will be held at Dookie College commencing at 9.00am Saturday 24th August until 4.00pm Sunday 25th August. The guest speaker will be Fr Jack Soulsby SM who is a world renowned speaker and will speak on the life and teachings of St Paul. For further details ring Margaret (03) 5722 2221 or Gerri (02) 6056 2442.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms Australia is interested in meeting Teachers, Doctors, Nurses and other professional, technical and trades people willing to share their skills for 1-3 years in Asia, Africa or the Pacific. There will be a Palms Information Session at the Fair Trade Coffee Company, 33 Glebe Point Road, Glebe on Sunday 17th August at 4.30pm or Wednesday 20th August 6.30pm.

Enquiries: Jennifer Murphy
email: jenni@palms.org.au

Ph: (02) 9518 9551 Fax: (02) 9518 9550
Website: www.palms.org.au

1-2-3 MAGIC

Centacare is again presenting its successful parenting program at Slattery Catholic Centre, 449 Olive Street (In grounds of St Patrick's Church) Albury on 3 consecutive Wednesdays,

30 July, 6 August and 13 August

Days: 12.30pm-2.30pm

Evenings: 7.30pm-9.30pm.

The cost is \$40.00 per family

Bookings essential. Phone Centacare (02) 6042 3700.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

ARE YOU COMING TO WORLD YOUTH DAY AND INTERESTED IN BECOMING A RELIGIOUS SISTER?

Visit us at the Vocations Expo in Hall 1, Sydney Exhibition Centre, from Tuesday to Friday night. We look forward to meeting you and sharing with you something of what it means to be a Daughter of St Paul. Inquiries can be made to

Sr Joanna on 0403 175 251 or vocations@pauline.com.au

You can find out more about us at www.daughtersofstpaul.org.au

SNIPPET

A man ought not to consider himself (herself) perfect, but he (she) ought always to be a pilgrim who continues on his (her) way and ever tends higher. (St Thomas Aquinas)