

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

7th September 2008

THEME: Matthew 18: 15-20

We ask for guidance in our relationships with those we love and with those we are struggling to love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 8th September

Birth of the Virgin Mary

Saturday 13th September

John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

WATCHING OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER

When Christians live and work together, the time must come when each acknowledges the other as a sinner who, with all their dignity and freedom, can be lost if help is not lovingly offered and lovingly received. Mutual correction does not disparage the other or hold the other in contempt. On the contrary, when we watch out for the other, we accord that person "Number One" status and affirm our belief that even though we are sinners, we are given a share in God's grace and glory. Incredible as it may seem, God empowers us sinners to be channels of grace for one another.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Francesca Morton, Yvonne Gunton, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Gary Tyrrell, Joan Sullivan, Mary Cooper, Judith Falconer, Wendy Murphy, Stan Sawaski, Frank Smith, Roy Poy, Ray Muntz, Matthew Doyle, Doreen Irons, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, Gerri Boldrini, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Rosel Free, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Maureen Pidutti, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Gregory Cummins, Ben Harper, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Bess Harris, Sandra Varrasso, Effie Ray, Patricia Bourke, Bob Woods and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Helen Saffrey, Sr Jessie Mitchell, Jean Rothe, Norman Dwyer, Mary Purcell, Vic Zeinhert, Dell Galvin, Richie Bulman, Sr Ellen Yates RSM, Mother Teresa O'Loughlin, Jim Star, Jim Bell, Barry Goonan and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Francis Rodrigues, Pauline Rodrigues, Jack Surrey, Norm Acheson, Marain & Kath Carillo, Norm Harris and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Phillip & Frank Percy, Terence & Rodney Wales, 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

BAPTISM

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

PIPPA COYSH

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection at all Masses next weekend, 13th and 14th September, for Migrants and Refugees.

CARPENTERS BREAKFAST

The next Carpenters Breakfast will be held on Saturday 13th September 2008 commencing at 7.30am. Marcus Shaw and John Burton will be talking on the topic "WYD2008 - Where to Now?" and will be looking at the call made by the Holy Father for all of us to be witnesses to Christ. Please RSVP to Chris Ryan by Monday 8th September so that we can organise catering.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

(in the Gospel of Matthew) - Fr John McKinnon

Tuesday 7th October at Sacred Heart Parish Wodonga at 1.00-3.30pm and 7.30-9.30pm.

You may bring your own bible. Refreshments will be available before and after each seminar.

The cost will be a donation of \$5.00 (or as you can afford). Please ring the Woodonga Parish Office on 6024 3366 for bookings.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR GIRLS?

'What's happening to our Girls?' is a powerful book written by Maggie Hamilton exposing the tricks the media and marketing experts use to exploit young people. You are invited to meet the author at the book launch to be held in Albury at 2.00pm on Saturday 13th September at St Patrick's Hall, Smollett Street. Books will be available for purchase at the launch for \$29.95.

Minimum age group - Year 11 school students.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- * Need for a thriving free press
- * Hindus rape nun, torture priest - India

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent de Paul Society Centres of Charity are in urgent need of warm winter clothing, blankets and furniture. Please contact Alan Dickenson 6025 2239.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held this Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CHALLENGE

Vocation Information Weekend 2008

"Through World Youth Day 2008, the hearts of so many have been opened to receive the Word of God, to hear His voice in the *still small whisper*.

Such receptivity will allow the spark of a vocation to really ignite the generous hearts of the young, as they open the door of their hearts to Christ. Now Challenge 2008 gives you the opportunity to play a role in this transformation.

<http://challenge.christthepriest.com> (follow the link to "Challenge 2008") See the noticeboard for more details.

MARY'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

Every first Wednesday of the month from 3.30pm-5.00pm for children under 12. Monthly meetings begin with afternoon tea at Veritas Central followed by prayers and a brief talk in St Patrick's Church followed by activities in the parish hall. For details please contact Anna on 6023 3838.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP, 18-35 YRS

St Patrick's is starting a weekly discussion group for 18-35 year olds on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's hall.

For more information, please contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com John Burton 0400 474 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

SNIPPET

Concerning the Mother of God: 'There was never in her soul the impress of any created form whatsoever capable of distracting her from God, for she was always docile to the motion of the Holy Spirit.' (St John of the Cross)