

## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

8th June 2008

### THEME: Matthew 9: 9-13

We pray today for a sincere heart and the perseverance to live our faith throughout the coming week.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 11th June - Barnabas, apostle

Friday 13th June - Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

### HOSEA FOR TODAY

A non-believer can make sacrifices, refrain from killing, stealing, etc. and donate to charitable causes. Anyone with a mind to do so can go through the motions of being religious and appear to be holy. Where many practices are indeed pious and admirable, every one of them can be performed by anyone. But in order for it to be authentic, **our spirituality, our responsiveness to God and to others, must be prompted by an inner conversion rather than being simply an outward conformity to rules, however difficult these may be to observe.**

When Hosea's contemporaries were living split lives and when their worship and spirituality were in danger of deteriorating into mere external behaviours and action, Hosea (today's reading) along with his prophetic colleagues called for a spirituality that integrated heart and hands. What people offered in sacrifice with their hands should be an expression of the love in their hearts. "God desires love, not sacrifice, knowledge of God rather than holocausts," insists Hosea. With this exhortation, the prophet put his finger on the spiritual pulse of his people and challenged them to rediscover within themselves the God who loves and enables love. Begun in and inspired by God's love, true spirituality moves from mere negation to a positive responsiveness to God's love that chooses to express itself in similar love for others.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Mary O'Brien, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Jack Walker, 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:

Mary Bohun, Judy James, Denis Hales, Brian Twomey, Joe Mullavey, Bob Speers, Richard (Dick) O'Grady, Malcolm Wright and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Mary Percy, Rita Byrne, Frank Plunkett and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill, Phillip, Frank and Anne-Maree Percy and all our dear ones deceased.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

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

### **ATTICUS WALSH**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

There will be a special collection this weekend at all Masses for Propagation of the Faith.

### **MOVIE AFTERNOON**

The Catholic Women's League are holding a movie afternoon on Sunday 15th June at 3.30pm at the Cinema Centre. There will be a scrumptious afternoon tea beforehand in the supper room at St Patrick's Hall at 2.00pm. The movie is 'Narnia - Prince Caspian'. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased from Frances Murphy 6041 1721 or Marie Carroll 6021 6881 or any Catholic Women's League member. This is a fundraiser for the charitable work of the Catholic Women's League.

### **RED CROSS TELECROSS PROGRAM**

With more older people living on their own, Red Cross is helping older Australians remain connected with their community and live independently in their own homes. Telecross is a community program which provides a free reassuring daily phone call to people living alone to confirm they are safe and well. They are currently recruiting volunteers from the business and community sector. If you would like more information on becoming a volunteer, please call Lucy Little or Chris White on 6041 2190.

### **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL - KINDER ENROLMENTS**

St Patrick's School are now calling for applications for Kinder enrolments next year. Please contact the school office on 6021 4464 to request an application package

### **BURMA CYCLONE AND CHINA EARTHQUAKE**

Caritas is running a special appeal for the victims of both the Burma Cyclone and China Earthquake disasters. If you are able to make a donation, please use the envelopes at the back of the church, call 1800 024 413 or donate online [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

### **CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

\* Interest rates send a new group of NEEDY knocking at Vinnies doors

\* Harm of Vodka-based Alcopops

## **XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL**

Applications for Enrolment in Year 7 2009 close on Friday 13th June 2008. If you would like further information about enrolment at Xavier High School please contact Mrs Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 or email [info@xh.wagga.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@xh.wagga.catholic.edu.au)

## **INVITATION**

Parishioners of the Albury Deanery are invited to a presentation by Fr John Frauenfelder at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, North Albury on Tuesday 10th June. There will be two sessions: 10.00am-2.00pm and 7.30-9.30pm. You are most welcome to attend one or both sessions. Fr Frauenfelder will help people to have a better understanding of the Eucharist and Mass.

## **CARETAKER NEEDED**

A caretaker is needed for the Diocesan Shrine of Divine Mercy a "Marian Hills", 20km south of Tarcutta. Free accommodation; light duties; ideal for retired or semi-retired couple. For more information please call Fr Peter Krigovsky on (02) 6927 6438 or (02) 6928 7414 after 6.00pm or send your resume and reference to P O Box 16, Tarcutta NSW 2652.

## **VERITAS CENTRAL EVENTS**

\* Thursday 12th June @ 6.30pm - Divinity Board Game Night (Bookings essential).  
Come and enjoy a night testing your knowledge of the catechism against other players. This board game is the fun new Catholic Catechism Learning System.

\* Saturday 21st June - 9.30am til 12.00pm - WYD Fundraising BBQ  
Come and enjoy Brunch and a chat with the young people who are heading off to WYD08 in Sydney in July. Everyone Welcome.

## **SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE**

University Student Accommodation - Applications Now Open

Sancta Sophia College is a friendly and vibrant residential college for undergraduate women and post-graduate men and women set in beautiful grounds on campus at the University of Sydney and is open to those studying at any of the universities in Sydney. Open Days are Saturday 30th August 2008 and Tuesday 6th January 2009. For more information and details about applications and scholarships please see the website or contact Mrs Jacqui Ingram on (02) 9577 2100 or email: [sancta@usyd.edu.au](mailto:sancta@usyd.edu.au) [www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au](http://www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au)