

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

**10th August 2008**

### **THEME: Matthew 14: 22-23**

In today's readings we will hear about Elijah, who heard God's voice in a whisper, and about Peter, who could walk on water as long as he remained calm and kept his eyes on Jesus.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday 11th August	Clare, Virgin
Thursday 14th August	Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr
Friday 15th August	Assumption of the Virgin Mary

### **GOD MOMENTS**

In the middle of the night storm, far out on the Sea of Galilee, the already terrified disciples encountered Jesus walking to them on the water. Such a reality must have taken their breath away, leaving them barely able to exclaim: "Truly you are the Son of God."

Jesus continues to come walking into our personal tempests. When these are stirred up by forces from within ourselves or forces beyond our power to control, Jesus will make his presence known. Whether we venture forth and founder, like St Peter, or remain in the boat and allow Jesus to come to us, in whatever crisis we may find ourselves, he will indeed come bringing peace, strength and salvation. We, for our part, must welcome his presence and his power.

God is near, waiting to be found, longing to be welcomed. All we need to do is be willing to be surprised by the intimacy.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

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, Allanah Barnes, Rosel Free, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Glica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Helen Saffrey, 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:

Jim Star, Barry Goonan, Bill Brennan, Phyllis Holland, Betty Hogan, Lyla Cameron, Mary Keogh, Eileen Houlihan, Anthony Gilchrist and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Margaret Phillips, John Miller, Bobby Garratt, Brydie Plunkett and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Tony Miller, 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**

#### **ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

Next Friday 15th August is the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times for Friday are: 7.00am, 10.30am, 12.00noon and 6.00pm.

#### **END OF THE SPEAR**

The movie, 'End of the Spear' will be shown on Sunday 10th August at 2.00pm at the Regent Cinemas Albury as a one-off screening. Tickets are \$12.00 each with \$2.50 per ticket going towards RE teachers. 'End of the Spear' chronicles an amazing event in the 1950's. It tells of the extremely deadly tribe, the Waodani, living in the Amazonian jungles of Ecuador where there was only a 10% chance of living to the age of 35 years. They had no contact with the outside world until a child escaped from the tribe and reached the mission stations. The film makers are giving half the profits of this film back to the native tribes of South America. The preview for the movie is at: [www.endofthespear.com.au](http://www.endofthespear.com.au) Tickets can be obtained from Destiny Books in Wodonga and WORD Bookshop in Albury or at the door.

#### **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.

#### **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.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held next Thursday 14th August 2008 at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 18th August.

## **CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

- \* Rent crisis forces families to live in cars - St Vincent de Paul
- \* Skin cell research puts paid to cloning

## **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).

## **SNIPPET**

We must open our hearts and our minds and our lives to the Spirit being offered to us. If we do not, the offering will still be there, but to no effect. God chooses not to force the human heart. Michael Fallon MSC