

PENTECOST - YEAR A

11th May 2008

THEME: John 20: 19-23

Today is Pentecost Sunday - the 50th day of Easter, the day we remember that Jesus did not leave us when he rose to the Father and the day we remember and celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit moving through this world.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 14th May Matthias, apostle

THE HOLY SPIRIT, DIVINE GUEST

It is strange that our Lord's own teaching was not sufficient for his apostles. After three years of companionship with him, after his death and resurrection, even after the intimacy and instruction of the last forty days, they still did not understand the nature of his teaching or of his kingdom. But in blind obedience they retired to the upper room and in prayer awaited the promised Paraclete. "He will teach you all things," said the Lord, "and bring to your minds all things whatsoever I have said to you."

Only the Holy Spirit could give them a complete understanding of the kingdom of Christ. **It was God's decree that all three persons of the Blessed Trinity should take a part in our salvation.** It was God's scheme that we who were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ should become temples of the Holy Spirit, who would actually dwell within our souls and sanctify them. The Holy Spirit was to fertilize and bring out the seed that Christ had sown, to apply what Christ had won, to complete what Christ had begun. And that mission of the Holy Spirit was to endure until the end of time. The Spirit of Truth would be sent and never recalled till the end of time. "Behold I will be with you all days even to the consummation of the world."

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Eileen Gill, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Jack Walker, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, 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:

Fr Bertrand Nelson, Sr Mercedes Houghton, Ken Hanlon, Cameron Thompson, Madeline Karaffa, Len Egan and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Arthur Phegan, Margaret Foster, Gwen Ryan, Mark Tanner, Anne Powell, Anthony Kell and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill, Pauline Rodrigues and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

FOR YOUR DIARY

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have called for a national day of prayer this Sunday, in solidarity with the people of Burma who are suffering so greatly from the tragic effects of Cyclone Nargis.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - BURMA CYCLONE APPEAL

Caritas Australia is launching an appeal to assist those affected. To donate to Caritas Australia's Burma Cyclone Appeal call 1800 024 413 or via www.caritas.org.au

For more information contact Tim O'Connor 0417 284 831.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Albury branch of the Catholic Women's League is hosting a conference for all members of the CWL in the Wagga Wagga Diocese on Wednesday 28th May beginning with Mass at 9.30am in St Patrick's Church. (All parishioners welcome at Mass). The conference proper will be at the Commercial Club. All Catholic women are welcome to attend as observers. If interested, please contact Frances Murphy on 6041 1721.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday 19th May 2008 at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

ST PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP

St Patrick's Youth Group is looking for sponsors for the logo on their new parish soccer jumpers. If there are any businesses who would be interested in helping, could you please contact Fr Brendan Lee on 6041 2588.

DO YOU LONG TO GIVE YOUR LIFE TO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL?

The Daughters of St Paul are a community of religious sisters focused on Christ. We invite you to share our mission and explore the gifts that religious life can offer. Inquiries can be made to Sr Joanna on 0403 175 251 or vocations@pauline.com.au

GALONG MAY PROCESSION

Sunday 18th May 2008 - 150th Anniversary of Apparitions of Our Lady at Lourdes.

A special Youth Pilgrimage in preparation for World Youth Day. Open air Mass - 12.00noon. Bring a picnic lunch or BBQ available. Procession to Lourdes Hill 2.00pm. For queries contact: St Clements on (02) 6380 5222 or email: maria@stclement.com.au

BILLET FORMS DUE

If you are able to billet 2 or more international pilgrims during WYD, Days in the Diocese July 10th-14th please contact Miriam on 0400 419 981 or if you have already filled in a form, please give it to either of the priests or bring it into the parish office by Tuesday 13th May.

ALBURY DEANERY WYD FUNDRAISER

A roaring twenties Ball will be held on Saturday 31st May at Holy Spirit Hall Lavington at 7.00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each with proceeds going towards Albury WYD pilgrims. Live Jazz band and prizes for best dressed. Event is open to people of all ages. Come along and help support pilgrims going to WYD. For more information see poster at the back of the church. Contact Miriam 0400 419 981 or Carmen 0418 637 707 for tickets.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS - BLOOD SERVICE

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service is urgently in need of blood donations. If you are able to donate blood, could you please phone 6042 2000 or 13 14 95 to make an appointment.

INVITATION

The priests and brothers of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest invite the people of the Wagga Wagga Diocese to attend a Solemnity Mass at 7.00pm on Thursday 15th May 2008 to celebrate the Feast Day of Christ the Eternal High Priest at Holy Trinity Parish, 5 Bardia Street, Ashmont. Phone (02) 6931 3601 for further information.

VERITAS CENTRAL EVENTS

***Thursday 15th May @ 5.30pm - Hail Holy Queen** EWTN DVD Series 2 Screening - Bookings essential.

STEVE LAWRENCE COMING TO ALBURY

Steve Lawrence, director of evangelisation and catechisis, is coming to Albury to speak on the power of witness and how we can witness to Christ in our own lives. Talk starts at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Hall. Everybody is welcome to attend.

MODEL RAILWAY & HOBBY MAKERS DISPLAY

St Patrick's Hall Saturday 17th May 9.00am-5.00pm and Sunday 18th May 9.00am-4.00pm. \$4.00 per adult, \$3.00 students and pensioners, \$10.00 per family. Proceeds go to the Base Hospital.

SNIPPET

The vocation to Christian marriage is a missionary vocation: indeed, the spouses are called to live the Gospel in families, in work contexts, in parish and in civil communities.

(Benedict XVI)