

GOOD SHEPHERD VOCATION SUNDAY - YEAR A

13th April 2008

THEME: John 10: 1-10

On this Good Shepherd or Vocation Sunday, we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life; and for a renewed appreciation of our own calling or vocation.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

A VOCATION - JESUS IS CALLING ME

It is as if this gentle loving Word, my Son, were saying to you: 'Look, I have made the road and opened the gate for you with my blood. Do not fail, then, to follow it. Do not sit down to rest out of selfish concern for yourself, foolishly saying you do not know the way. Do not presume to choose your own way of serving instead of the one I have made for you in my own person, eternal Truth, incarnate Word, the straight way hammered out with my own blood.'

Get up, then, and follow him, for no one can come to me the Father except through him. He is the way and the gate through whom you must enter into me, the sea of peace.

(St Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogue*)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Lionel Jansen, Eileen Gill, Len Egan, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Jack Walker, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, Cameron Thompson, 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:

James McEnaney, Nathan Frances, Archbishop Frank Little, May Bourke, Br Pat Keogh, Eileen Fagan, Marcie Donahee, May Thompson and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Jack Friedlieb and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Jimmy Jackson, Nic Buzolic, Pat Kennedy, Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

HAMISH SANDRAL

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend for Vocations.

BILLETING FOR DAYS IN THE DIOCESE

50 international pilgrims will be coming to St Patrick's to take part in the WYD Days in the Diocese Program running from the 10th-14th July. If you are able to billet 2 or more pilgrims during this time please fill in a Days in the Diocese Billeting form found at the back of the church. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of the largest event ever to grace the shores of Australia - and without even leaving your own home.

For more information please see the noticeboard at the back of the church or contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 mizmim@gmail.com

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.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Accommodation is required, preferably with a family, by a young CSU trainee accounting student. Non drinker and non smoker, excellent references. Please ring Catholic presbytery on 6041 2588.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 14th April 2008.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

World Youth Day needs you! Bishop's call for volunteers

'Act now' call on young homeless

Don't put grandma in parking lot, says Pope

VERITAS CENTRAL EVENTS

Thurs 17th April - (5.30pm-8.00pm) The Good Pope, John XXIII Movie
Bookings Essential

Thurs 24th April - (6.30pm) Real Choices Australia Talk/Presentation
(Debbie Garratt is President of Real Choices Australia and she will make a presentation on the role that Real Choices Australia offers our society.)

Thursday 1st May (6.30pm) "Ratzinger's Faith" Book Launch.

The book's author, Dr Tracey Rowland from the John Paul II Institute in Melbourne will be in store to give an introduction to her book that has already sold over 2000 copies overseas.

Tea and Coffee are available afterwards

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships for Xavier High School are available for students entering Year 7, 9 and 11 in 2009. Application details may be obtained by contacting Mrs Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 or email info@xh.wagga.catholic.edu.au

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - SCHOOL FETE

The Holy Spirit Parish and School will hold their annual Fete on Sunday 4th May this year. The Fete will run from 11.00am until 3.00pm in the school grounds, corner of Mutsch and Prune Streets, adjacent to Holy Spirit Church.

SNIPPET

It (the Sacred Heart) is an abyss of lowliness to counteract our foolishness, an abyss of mercy for the wretched, an abyss of love to meet our every need. (Saint Margaret Mary Alcoque)