

## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**13th July 2008**

### **THEME: Matthew 13: 1-23**

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to make ourselves into fertile ground for the word of God.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 15th July - Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

### **GIVEN THE PROPER WELCOME, JESUS' WORD CAN TAKE ROOT, GROW, FLOWER AND BEAR FRUIT**

Words were Jesus' choice for communicating himself and his message. Some refused him a hearing; others took his words and tried to turn them against him. Others heard Jesus and for a time were interested, even fascinated, but then they moved on to toy with other words. Still others took Jesus' words to heart. They carried Jesus' words with them, and his words began to be the light that aided their decision-making and directed their daily journey. Jesus' words offered comfort, insight, clarity and courage. They also shared Jesus' words with those who had not heard them so that the truth of his message could be heard even when he could not speak it. All these "fruits" of the word became possible because, at the moment Jesus spoke his word into the human condition, believers opened themselves to become the soil where the word of God could be sowed.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Stan Sawaski, Frank Smith, Roy Poy, Jim Star, Ray Muntz, Matthew Doyle, Doreen Irons, Sr Celsus O'Grady RSJ, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, 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:

Sylvia Fox, Stan Taylor, Carmel Roach, Maria Prem, Stan Taylor, Margaret Gillespie, Daphne Coward, Kathleen (Wilma) Wighton and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Patrick Kernaghan, John & Monica Slattery, Stan Steer, Thomas Wales, Des Thistleton, Allan Hodda and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Margaret McCormack, Bert Scammell, Lorraine Hill, Marie Hanrahan and all our dear ones deceased.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **MASS TIMES**

Please take a pink sheet with the Mass Times for next Sunday 20th July from the back of the church. There will be no 9.00am Mass at St Patrick's on that Sunday.

#### **RETREAT - DOOKIE COLLEGE**

A two-day retreat will be held at Dookie College commencing at 9.00am Saturday 24th August until 4.00pm Sunday 25th August. The guest speaker will be Fr Jack Soulsby SM who is a world renowned speaker and will speak on the life and teachings of St Paul. For further details ring Margaret (03) 5722 2221 or Gerri (02) 6056 2442.

#### **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

Palms Australia is interested in meeting Teachers, Doctors, Nurses and other professional, technical and trades people willing to share their skills for

1-3 years in Asia, Africa or the Pacific. There will be a Palms Information Session at the Fair Trade Coffee Company, 33 Glebe Point Road, Glebe on Sunday 17th August at 4.30pm or Wednesday 20th August 6.30pm.

Enquiries: Jennifer Murphy Ph: (02) 9518 9551, Fax: (02) 9518 9550, email: [jenni@palms.org.au](mailto:jenni@palms.org.au) Website: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

#### **1-2-3 MAGIC**

Centacare is again presenting its successful parenting program at Slattery Catholic Centre, 449 Olive Street (In grounds of St Patrick's Church) Albury on 3 consecutive Wednesdays

**30<sup>th</sup> July,      6<sup>th</sup> August and      13<sup>th</sup> August**

Days: 12.30pm-2.30pm

Evenings: 7.30pm-9.30pm.

The cost is \$40.00 per family. Bookings essential.  
Phone Centacare (02) 6042 3700.

#### **ARE YOU COMING TO WORLD YOUTH DAY AND INTERESTED IN BECOMING A RELIGIOUS SISTER?**

Visit us at the Vocations Expo in Hall 1, Sydney Exhibition Centre, from Tuesday to Friday night. We look forward to meeting you and sharing with you something of what it means to be a Daughter of St Paul. Inquiries can be made to Sr Joanna on 0403 175 251 or [vocations@pauline.com.au](mailto:vocations@pauline.com.au) You can find out more about us at [www.daughtersofstpaul.org.au](http://www.daughtersofstpaul.org.au)

#### **SNIPPET**

When attending a Liturgy it may not always be possible to feel the fire that runs through the assembly, but we must be open to its transforming power. (Leonard Foley OFM)