

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

16th June 2008

THEME: Matthew 5: 38-42

What do you have that you have not received? This is a question that God could readily pose to each of us. Something of that very question lies at the heart of the readings for today's liturgy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Saturday 21st June - Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

EVERY BREATH WE TAKE IS A GIFT

St Paul, in today's second reading from his letter to the Romans, emphasizes the unworthiness of human beings to be loved by such a Love. God never ceases to love and proves that love to be genuine, unconditional and absolutely altruistic "**in that while we were still sinners, Jesus died for us.**" If ever there were words worthy of a billboard or a bumper sticker, these are. When struggles, suffering, temptation and the daunting effort of being Christian threaten to overwhelm us, these words and the reality they communicate should lift us up, as on eagle's wings. In good times, as well, these words remind us of who we are and keep us truthful, repentant and reliant on God. St Paul celebrated the reality of God's forgiveness and love in his own life, and his enthusiasm remains contagious. It is clear that St Paul knew Jesus intimately and was known by Jesus just as dearly. That knowledge he continues to share with us without stinting.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Doreen Irons, Sr Celsus O'Grady RSJ, 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:

Phyllis Egan (Yarram), Mary Bohun, Judy James, Denis Hales, Brian Twomey, Joe Mullavey, and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Helen Ovens, Sadie Berkley, Bill Barwick, Fr Roger L Pageot SSS, Frank Plunkett and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Margaret McCormack, Lorraine Hill, and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

HAILEE FROST

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously last weekend to our special collection, Propagation of the Faith. Our parish collected \$1,429.00.

FULLY (100%) TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT FOR CONTRIBUTION BEFORE 30TH JUNE

Parishioners of St Patrick's are invited to make a first or additional one-off contribution to our Parish School Building Fund before 30th June. Receipts will be issued immediately from the parish office.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRIES TO ASSIST LITURGY

Men and women (post school age) are invited to volunteer as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Lector/Reader; Commentator; Musicians; Counters; Sanctuary and flowers or provision of tea and coffee after Masses. Each of these ministries enriches our Liturgy and adds depth to the community aspect in our Eucharist.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these ministries, please speak to one of the priests or the parish secretary or use one of the forms available at the back of the church.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the CWL will be held on Monday 16th June 2008 at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Please take a copy of the yellow sheet 'Media Release' inviting Catholics to return to practicing 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.

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

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.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

* Bishop Peter Stasiuk, Ukranian Catholic eparch in Australia, learnt piety from his grandparents

* Why the family is so important: Issues of life and love

VERITAS CENTRAL EVENTS

* 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@mail.usyd.edu.au www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au

SNIPPET

We did not choose to meet one another, we came (to Eucharist) and find ourselves next to one another, brought together by faith and called to become one body, sharing the one Bread which is Christ. (Benedict XVI)