

## **THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**16th November 2008**

**THEME: Matthew 25: 14-30**

In November the church calls us to remember that this life is passing. Let us pray for the grace not to squander the gifts of this good life.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday	17th November	Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
Friday	21st November	Presentation of the Virgin Mary
Saturday	22nd November	Cecilia, virgin, martyr

### **SILENT GREATNESS CAN BE ACHIEVED IN DOING ORDINARY THINGS WITH EXTRAORDINARY CARE**

As the liturgical year winds down, its focus on the last things reminds us that we all live under the sure spectre of death. As believers, we accept dying as a passage to life, but we also cannot ignore or waste the finality that dying brings. Death reminds us that we are to accept each day as a gift, to become all we can, to do all that we can for as many people as God places in our path. Whether we know how long that might be or not, the concluding liturgical year presses upon us with an urgency that invites each of us to make the most of every moment, for it is of this moment alone that we can be sure.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, Anne Ferguson, Lionel West, John Hunt, Francesca Morton, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Joan Sullivan, Mary Cooper, Wendy Murphy, Stan Sawaski, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Marjory Stott, Gerri Boldrini, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Glica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Maureen Pidutti, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, 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:

Pearl Dart-Kelly, Claireen Rau, Tom O'Brien, Judith Falconer, Louise Rowe, James Thompson, Denis Murray, Carmen McClure, and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Fay McCormick, Brian Joyce, Mary Fealy, Bert Scammell and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Ron Tanner, Mary Tanner, Deceased Members of the Wynack, Ryan & Esler Families, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary and all our dear ones deceased.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

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

**ALESSANDRO VACCARO**

**GEORDIE MAKEHAM**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The Annual Meeting of the CWL will be held in the supper room of St Patrick's Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 17th November. All Catholic women are invited to attend. Miriam Kirley will be guest speaker and will talk on her experiences with World Youth Day. Members of the CWL are reminded that the November ordinary meeting will be held at 7.00pm in the supper room in the hall on 17th November. Also a reminder that membership and horizon subscriptions will be due at this meeting.

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE, MIDNIGHT MASS**

Practice will be held on Thursday 27th November at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church for any singers interested in singing at Midnight Mass. Please contact Elaine Buchhorn on 6025 8624.

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CARDS & CALENDARS**

Cards \$6.00 per pack of 10

Calendars \$7.00 each.

Please place money in the "Paper Money" Box.

#### **MARY'S JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Mary's Junior League meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 3.30pm-5.00pm. For details please contact Anna on 6023 3838.

#### **THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

- \* Medicare freeze to stem abortion rate?
- \* Copy of WYD pilgrim mural for the Church
- \* Rome: It's a long way from Boree Creek - Interview with Tim Fischer

## **ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FETE**

St Patrick's School Fete will be held this Sunday 16th November from 10.00am-2.00pm. Many stalls and amusements - come along and have some fun.

## **SANCTUARY & FLOWER ROSTER FOR 2009**

Volunteers are needed for the St Patrick's Church Altar Roster. This requires about one hour of your time once a week for two weeks of the year to dust the church and arrange flowers. Usually done on a Friday afternoon, could easily be done while waiting for children after school. Great way to meet people or get a group together to help your parish church. Please phone Nan Brandt on 6021 5060 or the Parish Secretary on 6041 2588 if you can help.

## **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP, 18-35 YRS**

St Patrick's holds a weekly discussion group for 18-35 year olds on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's hall. For more information, contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email [mizmim@gmail.com](mailto:mizmim@gmail.com) John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

## **YOUTH EXPO 28TH-30TH NOVEMBER 2008**

Youth Expo is coming up! This weekend retreat of prayer, music and talks is being held at St Patrick's Hall from 28-30th November. If you are between the ages of 13 and 30 you are welcome to attend. Register now! For more information or to register, please take home a brochure found at the back of the Church.

## **BILLETING NEEDED FOR YOUTH EXPO NOVEMBER 28-30**

Many of the youth attending Youth Expo are from outside the Albury area and will be in need of accommodation for the Friday and Saturday nights. If you are able to provide accommodation during the weekend, please leave your details on the signup sheet at the back of the church or contact Miriam on 0400 419 981. Thank you.

## **YOUTH EXPO ALL-NIGHT ADORATION**

The youth attending Youth Expo 2008 invite you to pray with them and for them during their retreat weekend November 28-30. As part of the weekend the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for 40 hours for perpetual adoration. If you would like to keep our Lord company for an hour during the Friday or Saturday night from 11.00pm-8.00am, a signup sheet is available at the back of the church. Adoration during the weekend is held in St Patrick's Hall.

## **FOOD DONATIONS FOR YOUTH EXPO**

Donations of cakes, slices, fresh fruit or bread would be much appreciated to assist with the catering for the Youth Expo weekend. Please leave your donations at St Patrick's Hall, Smollett Street Albury on Friday 28th from 4.00pm or on Saturday 29th before 12.00noon. Please contact Miriam on 0400 419 981.

## **HOLY SPIRIT MULTICULTURAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Holy Spirit Hall on Saturday 6th December from 5.30pm. Mass at 6.00pm followed by party at 7.00pm. All families welcome - gold coin donation towards the Holy Spirit Church. BYO food and drinks. Contact Rudy Caringal 0400 417 680 or Tita Caringal 0419 278 388.

## **SNIPPET**

We are invited to be daring witnesses of the Word of God at the crossroads, in order to invite everyone we meet to the wedding of the Gospel. (Benedict XVI)