

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

17th August 2008

THEME: Matthew 15: 21-28

Today our scripture readings concern the stranger who belongs to the community, the foreigner who comes to believe and lives the faithful life, each a brother or sister in Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 20th August	Bernard, abbot, doctor
Thursday 21st August	Pius X, pope
Friday 22nd August	Queenship of Mary

RELENTLESS LOVE

Mothers are not unlike the Canaanite woman featured in today's Gospel. Despite her seemingly overwhelming odds, she made her case before Jesus and received the healing she desired for her daughter. Her relentless love, coupled with an unshakeable faith, formed a welcome within which Jesus could act on her behalf. This unnamed woman is often described as an "outsider" who got the better of Jesus simply because she would not give up. But the stalwart woman and the manner in which Jesus dealt with her reveal the all-inclusive character of God's saving concerns. Through her experience, believers are to learn that the human penchant for exclusivity does not factor into God's plan. Relentless love and courageous faith will always be met by relentless love from a God who pays no mind to gender, age, race, nationality or any human standard of worthiness or "eligibility".

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Rob Della, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Gary Tyrrell, Joan Sullivan, Mary Cooper, Judith Falconer, Wendy Murphy, Stan Sawaski, Frank Smith, Roy Poy, Ray Muntz, Matthew Doyle, Doreen Irons, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, Gerri Boldrini, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Rosel Free, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Glica, 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, 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:

Mother Teresa O'Loughlin, Jim Star, Jim Bell, Barry Goonan, Bill Brennan, Phyllis Holland,

Betty Hogan, Lyla Cameron, Mary Keogh, Eileen Houlihan, Anthony Gilchrist and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Anastatia Ferguson, Mary Hovenden, Anastasia Rosengren, Elsa Nagle and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISM

Recently we welcomed into God's Church the following newly baptised:

HARRISON STEVENSON

WILLIAM KNIGHT

MAXIMILLIAN COLLINS

FOR YOUR DIARY

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent de Paul Society Centres of Charity are in urgent need of the following items:

- * Warm Winter Clothing
- * Blankets
- * Furniture e.g. lounges, wardrobes, mattresses (unstained)

With other welfare agencies no longer assisting persons in need with furniture, there is an increasing and constant demand placed on the Society to supply families and persons in need with these goods. Please contact Alan Dickenson 6025 2239.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held this Monday evening, 18th August, at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP, 18-35 YRS

St Patrick's is starting a weekly discussion group for 18-35 year olds. We will meet every Wednesday night at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's hall beginning 3rd September.

If you have any questions about the Catholic Church, or want to know how to answer questions about the faith or just like spending time with other young adults, this group is for you!

For more information, please contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com

WOMEN'S DAY OF SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

A Women's Day of Spirituality and Prayer will be held on Saturday 8th November 2008 at Xavier High School, Fallon Street Albury from 9.30am-3.30pm. The cost is \$25.00. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be included in the cost. The theme is 'What can be sweeter to us than the voice of the Lord calling us?'.
RSVP: 20th October 2008 - Deanery Representative or Gemma Whitehead
bonser@bigpond.net.au

SPIRITUAL CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

Lutheran Aged Care Albury are hosting a workshop on spiritual care and Dementia with Diane Walters of the USA Alzheimer's Ministry for anyone within the aged care sector and in the ministry areas. The workshop will be held at Granite Hall, Dellacourt, Nicholson Place Albury

Friday 22nd August from 9.30am-12.30pm.

The cost is \$30.00 inclusive of GST and morning tea will be provided.

RSVP by Wednesday 20th August. Please ring either Angela or Tammy at Lutheran Aged Care reception on 02 6042 1100 to book your place.

INVITATION

Sacred Heart Parish invites you to celebrate significant milestones for Fr Kevin Flanagan. Celebrations will be held at Oddies Creek Park (Part of Noreuil Park), Wodonga Place Albury, at 12.00 midday on Sunday 24th August 2008. BYO picnic hamper, chair, rug and party food to share. Any enquiries please phone Ann Marie on 6043 1526, 0411 883 661 or email Gemma: bonser@bigpond.net.au

(Alternate venue in case of rain will be at the Sacred Heart Hall, Mate Street North Albury).

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 18th August.

42ND MEN'S CURSILLO 29TH, 30TH, 31ST AUGUST 2008

This is an opportunity to share your faith, deepen your understanding, listen and find others on a similar journey. The theme of the weekend will be from Matthew 28"Yes my yoke is easy and my burden light".

Anyone interested in learning more details about the Cursillo please contact Frank Neville on (02) 6040 0820 (AH).

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- * Free print of Our Lady of the Southern Cross
- * When it comes to dying - yes, you do have choices

SNIPPET

...the youthful face of the Church: it was like a multicoloured mosaic, formed by young men and women from all parts of the world, all gathered together in the one faith in Jesus Christ.

(Benedict XVI)