

## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**20th July 2008**

### **THEME: Matthew 13: 24-43**

This week's Gospel is the parable of the weeds and the wheat.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 22nd July	Mary Magdalene
Friday 25th July,	James, apostle
Saturday 26th July	Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary

### **VERBAL LABELS ON ME ON YOU?**

To be labelled bad or immoral or sinful saddles another with a judgment that says: "That's who you are and that's who you'll always be." Such labels disallow the possibility of grace, of change, of growth and transformation. Conversely, the labels we often affix to ourselves - good, upright, exemplary - are also something of a burden in themselves, in that we tend to identify with the label and neglect to make the daily, deliberate effort that might make the label true. Aware of the human condition in all its aspects, Jesus encouraged his disciples to forego the desire to label themselves or others (wheat or weeds; Jew or gentile; servant or free; woman or man) and to work faithfully and fervently to welcome the good seed of God's word so as to be ready to welcome the final harvest in God's good time.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Wendy Murphy, 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:

Alf Scelisi, Neil Elliott, Sylvia Fox, Stan Taylor, Carmel Roach, Maria Prem, Margaret Gillespie, Daphne Coward and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Kerry Roche, John Murphy, Frank Cahill and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Bert Scammell, Lorraine Hill, Brian Twomey and all our dear ones deceased.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

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

### **WILLIAM KIRK**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **THANK YOU**

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank all those who helped in any way in their efforts in catering for the World Youth Day Pilgrims on Friday and Sunday. This includes those who were unable to help physically but prayed for the success of the 'Days in the Diocese' and the many people from other parishes who volunteered their help. It was very much appreciated.

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

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday 21st July 2008 at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

### **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)

### **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).

### **CATECHIST/SRE TRAINING DAYS FOR TERMS 3 AND 4**

SRE teachers/catechists of the Albury Deanery are encouraged to attend a training day at Lavington on Friday 8th August, in the Holy Spirit Parish Centre from 10.00am-2.00pm. Please bring lunch, bible and textbook.

## **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.

## **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 July,            6 August            13 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.