

# FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING -YEAR A

23rd November 2008

## THEME: Matthew 25: 31-46

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus' kingship was marked by incredible humility, compassion, submission to God's will and authentic love.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 24th November      Andrew Dung Lac, priest, martyr  
and companions, martyrs

## JESUS SHEPHERD KING

Pope John Paul II spoke with great admiration of Jesus' kingship: "How marvellous is this King who renounces all the signs of power, the instruments of dominion, force and arrogance and wishes to reign only with the power of truth and love, with the power of interior conviction and sheer abandonment." Such a king is more like shepherd than a sovereign.

Always redirecting the efforts of those who would make him king, Jesus showed himself, in word and in deed, a true shepherd. His outreach to the lost, the sick and the strays made it clear that he meant to exercise his power in a pastoral manner. When his contemporaries refused his pastoral overtures in favour of a more militant solution to their political problems, Jesus did not succumb to the temptation to mould himself in accordance with their desires. In the end, he proved himself to be the shepherd-king par excellence; he laid down his life for his sheep.

We, followers of Jesus, are also challenged to support leaders who are good, acknowledge and aid them in their weakness and work together for justice, truth and peace - rather than foist upon them a burden that we ourselves are unwilling to bear.

## 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, Ben Harper, Gregory Cummins, Bess Harris, Nicholas Hetherington, Joseph Doran, Effie Ray, Sandra Varrasso, Patricia Bourke, Bob Woods and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Rita Boadle, Claireen Rau, Tom O'Brien, Judith Falconer, Louise Rowe, James Thompson and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Allen Josephs, Mary Knight and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

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

**DOMINIC OWERS**

**ALEXANDER ROBERT OWERS**

**AMELIA OWERS**

**FRASER MAKEHAM**

**MAX DEEGAN**

**ZAC DEEGAN**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **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. Come along to enjoy singing.

Contact: Elaine Buchhorn on 6025 8624.

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE**

The St Vincent de Paul Society would be grateful for donations of toys and non perishable food items which may be left under the Christmas Tree in the front of the church for distribution by the Society to people in need.

#### **DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY WORKER**

The Diocese of Wagga Wagga is seeking to employ a Youth Ministry Worker to continue to support youth ministry in the post WYD08 Diocesan community. The position will be for 21 hours per week - 3 days per week, negotiable, in Wagga Wagga commencing February 2009. Salary will be in the range of \$16.50-\$20.35 per hour depending on qualifications and experience. Enquiries can be directed to the Chancellor on (02) 6921 2164 or the Employment Manager on (02) 6937 0014, or an application package can be accessed at [www.wagga.catholic.org.au](http://www.wagga.catholic.org.au)

#### **PASTORAL CARE ASSOCIATE**

Mercy Health Albury, a sub acute hospital owned by the Sisters of Mercy, is seeking a Part Time Pastoral Care Associate. Please see the notice board for details or contact Kate on (03) 9261 2019 or [khewett@mercy.com.au](mailto:khewett@mercy.com.au)

## **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.

## **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 it is a 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **SNIPPET**

Materialism has snuffed out spirituality. Yet the desire for God, who is man's end, still persists in human hearts, with the result that more than ever there is an undefinable uneasiness in the world.      Father Noel, O.P.