

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 27th January 2008

THEME: Matthew 4: 12-23

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls the first disciples away from the life they have known to a different, new life. And Jesus is calling us, too.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 28th January	Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor
Thursday 31st January	John Bosco, priest
Friday 1st February	First Friday, Sacred Heart
Saturday 2nd January	Presentation of the Lord
1st Saturday,	Fatima

DISCIPLESHIP: A GIFT FROM GOD

St Paul's discipleship was conferred upon him quite unexpectedly, and the consequences were transformative not only for his life and vocation but also for the many who became disciples through him.

As today's Gospel is proclaimed, we are all invited to hear Jesus say, "Come after me." Just as these words changed the lives of Peter, Andrew, James and John, they change us. Jesus' words confer more than candidacy upon us; **they give us all that we will need to become disciples.** We, for our part, are to live each day in full responsiveness to all that God calls us to do and to be in Christ.

St Paul urged his readers to focus on Jesus, the one who died on the cross for each and all, rather than on messengers of the word or on those who baptised them. That saving grace called forth in believers an allegiance that supercedes all others. St Paul challenged the Corinthians not to divide themselves into cliques but to be church - *ekklesia*, the gathering of those brought into fellowship with one another in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

May Smith, Kristi Cassandra, Kathy Hendry, Cameron Thompson, Betty Hunter, Allanah Barnes, Anthony Gilchrist, Rosel Free, Joe Mullavey, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Sharon Witteveen, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Fr John Fitzwalter, Kevin Dore, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Maureen Pidutti, Joan Dore, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Helen Saffrey, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Patsy Hanley, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, John Williams, Gregory Cummins, Ben Harper, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Bess Harris, Sandra Varrasso, Effie Ray, Brenden Aldridge, Patricia Bourke, Bob Woods, Marie Cook, Luke Westaway, Bishop Brennan, Lloyd Bell-Chambers and Len Egan.

Grant eternal life to:

George Trotter, John O'Donoghue (Ireland), Monsignor John Duffus, Robert Cox, Clive Hanson, Keith Hertzog, Bernice Bird, Ted Straughair and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Dorothy Keane, Jim, Bill Liz, Hannah & Phoebe Allen, Marain Carillo, Ken Wilson, Joan O'Brian, Sadie Berkeley, Ivy Rooney and Emil Fornasiero whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Deceased Members of the Ward & Slattery Families, Malcolm Nicholson and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

MARCO DI STEFANO	LENI PENDERGAST
ZACH SOUQUET	HARRY HASZARD
GRACE STEINKE	INES HASZARD
MASON HABERECHT	ROSEMARY HASZARD

FOR YOUR DIARY

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL - THANK YOU

The Albury Regional Council of St Vincent de Paul sincerely thanks all parishioners who have supported the 2007 Christmas Appeal. The Society has been able to assist 250 family units this Christmas time. New Year Blessings to all.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday 11th February 2008 at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

VERITAS CENTRAL CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP

Veritas Central is a family owned Catholic Book and Giftware Retail Outlet based in the CBD of Albury. We are seeking a mature minded sales assistant for casual employment.

Applicants must have a sound knowledge of the Roman Catholic faith and it's traditions and must be available for Saturday morning work.

Sales experience preferred.

Please apply within or send your CV to 'The Manager' at Veritas Central Catholic Bookshop, 533 Smollett Street, Albury 2640 or by email at jobs@veritascentral.com

ST PATRICK'S PARISH WEBSITE

Check out the new St Patrick's Parish website www.stpatricksalbury.org.au

It is still under development and your comments/suggestions through the contact page would be welcome. Particular thanks to Paul Flynn and Carlson Tunstall for the work they have done on design and research.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

* Bishops call to scrap migrants' citizenship 'test' - one in ten are knocked back

* 'Don't risk leaving teens at home alone'

LENTEN GROUPS

There are several Lenten discussion groups starting the week of Ash Wednesday, 6th February.

The lists are at the back of the church. If you would like to join one of these groups, please put your name and details on the one of your choice.

LENTEN SACRAMENTS SEMINAR

Conducted by Rev. Dr. Peter Murphy

Thursday Nights at Veritas Central - 6.30-7.30pm

7 February - Baptism

6 March - Marriage

14 February – Penance

13 March - Holy Orders

21 February – Confirmation

20 March - Eucharist

28 February - Anointing of the Sick

Everybody Welcome

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INVITATION

Ivan Dragicevic is one of six visionaries who reportedly still has daily apparitions of Our Lady and is visiting Australia in 2008. Come and listen to the message that Ivan has for us on Wednesday 20th February 2008 at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wade Avenue, Leeton. world.

Itinerary for the evening:

5.00pm – Confession

7.00pm - Holy Mass

6.00pm – Rosary

8.00pm - Ivan's Talk.

6.40pm - Apparition

We are in the process of organising a bus to transport those interested to Leeton. If you would require transport, could you please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

SNIPPET

Every generation has the task of engaging anew in the arduous search for the right way to order human affairs; this task is never simply completed. (Benedict XVI)