

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

27th April 2008

THEME: John 14:15-21

Today's readings bring us to a kind of turning point in the Fifty Days of Easter. From this point on, we focus more and more on the gift of the Spirit as we move toward the celebration of Pentecost Sunday. All three readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter mention the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 28th April - Peter Chanel, priest, martyr

Tuesday 29th April - Catherine of Siena, Virgin, doctor

Friday 2nd May - Athanasius, bishop, doctor

First Friday - Sacred Heart

Saturday 3rd May - Philip and James, apostles

First Saturday - Fatima

TODAY'S SECOND READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PETER

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Lionel Jansen, Eileen Gill, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Jack Walker, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, Cameron Thompson, Joe Mullavey, 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:

Madeline Karaffa, Len Egan, Max Waite, May Bourke, Fred Diamond, Rick Dignam and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Eila Mary Cain, Jenny Hawkins, Margaret Lyons, and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Deceased Members of the Cain & Tredrea Families, Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

LACHLAN BOSCHETTI
JACK CARMODY
DANIEL WALSH
NOAH ANDREWS
HANNA COLLINS

FOR YOUR DIARY

ALBURY PARISHES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Thurgoona, from 8.00pm Friday 2nd May to 8.00am Saturday 3rd May.

Will you not watch one hour with me?

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

All are welcome to a morning tea provided by the Christian

Churches of Albury on Monday 5th May at St Patrick's Church supper room. The cost is \$5.00 with all proceeds going to Riding for the Disabled. The guest speaker is Gwen Abikhair who will give information on Riding for the Disabled. Please come and make the day successful for the Handicapped.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Urgent prayers are needed to prevent the decriminalisation of Abortion in Victoria. (If passed by the parliament there, it will move onto other states). To this end, parishioners are strongly urged to pray at the monthly pro-life holy hour on Wednesday 7th May at 5.30pm. (Decriminalisation means that abortion will be allowed right up to birth). Please show that you care and come and pray with us. Members of the Catholic Women's League.

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS

Knowledge every couple should have. Manage your fertility effectively, reliably and naturally. Phone Carmel Hicks, an accredited fertility teacher, on 6025 4846.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS - BLOOD SERVICE

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service is urgently in need of blood donations. If you are able to donate blood, could you please phone 6042 2000 or 13 14 95 to make an appointment.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

At St Patrick's Church, Albury on Thursday 1st May at 10.30am.
Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

INVITATION

The priests and brothers of the Confraternity of Christ the Priest invite the people of the Wagga Wagga Diocese to attend a Solemnity Mass at 7.00pm on Thursday 15th May 2008 to celebrate the Feast Day of Christ the Eternal High Priest at Holy Trinity Parish, 5 Bardia Street, Ashmont. Phone (02) 6931 3601 for further information.

BILLETING FOR DAYS IN THE DIOCESE

50 international pilgrims will be coming to St Patrick's to take part in the WYD Days in the Diocese Program running from the 10th-14th July. If you are able to billet 2 or more pilgrims during this time please fill in a Days in the Diocese Billeting form found at the back of the church. For more information please see the noticeboard at the back of the church or contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 mizmim@gmail.com

VERITAS CENTRAL EVENTS

*** Thursday 1st May (6.30pm) "Ratzinger's Faith" Book Launch.** The book's author, Dr Tracey Rowland from the John Paul II Institute in Melbourne will be in store to give an introduction to her book that has already sold over 2000 copies overseas.

***Thursday 8th May @ 5.30pm - Hail Holy Queen EWTN DVD Series 1 Screening -Bookings Essential.** Scott Hahn's book 'Hail Holy Queen' has been described as the best book on Our Lady. Here on EWTN Hahn analyses and discusses the key points in the book.

Thursday 15th May @ 5.30pm - Hail Holy Queen EWTN DVD Series 2 Screening -Bookings essential. As above. Thursday 22nd Mat @ 6.30pm - Steve Lawrence WYD Talk and Personal Testimony. Steve played in an AFL premiership with Hawthorn in 1991. He is now a co-ordinator of World Youth Day. He will give an account of his earlier days as well as what we can expect at WYD in a few months time. There will be a BBQ starting at 5.30pm for those wanting to support WYD and to have dinner before the talk. Tea and Coffee are available afterwards.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - SCHOOL FETE

The Holy Spirit Parish and School will hold their annual Fete on Sunday 4th May this year. The Fete will run from 11.00am until 3.00pm in the school grounds, corner of Mutsch and Prune Streets, adjacent to Holy Spirit Church.

SNIPPET

The vocation to Christian marriage is a missionary vocation: indeed, the spouses are called to live the Gospel in families, in work contexts, in parish and in civil communities. (Benedict XVI)