

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

28th September 2008

THEME: Matthew 21: 28-32

In today's Gospel we hear about those who appear to be righteous, but who are not humble enough to hear and obey the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 29th September	Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
Tuesday 30th September	Jerome, priest, doctor
Wednesday 1st October	Teresa of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
Thursday 2nd October	Guardian Angels
Friday 2nd October	First Friday, Sacred Heart
Saturday 4th October	Francis of Assisi First Saturday, Fatima

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

Within an atmosphere of questioning and non-acceptance, Jesus' parable of the two sons issued a challenge. If his detractors could identify the son who in the end did the father's will, why then were they continuing to play the role of the disobedient son? Why didn't they also change their minds about Jesus and turn from "No" to "Yes", from rejection to acceptance? As religious leaders, they claimed to be faithful and obedient to God, but they refused to see that their obedience had to include responding in faith to the new things God was doing and saying - first in John the Baptist and then in Jesus. Because of their refusal to change their minds and believe, the chief priests and elders would find that sinners (tax collectors, prostitutes) would enter the kingdom ahead of them.

For us, Jesus' parable also issues a challenge regarding authority. Will his be the words by which we live? Will his be the way we seek? Will he be the One to whom we continue to turn for light and life and mercy? Will we say "No" or "Yes" to all God has revealed to us in Jesus?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Anne Ferguson, Doug Murphy, Lionel West, John Hunt, Louise Rowe, Mary Opdam, Francesca Morton, Yvonne Gunton, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Joan Sullivan, Mary Cooper, Judith Falconer, Wendy Murphy, Stan Sawaski, Frank Smith, Roy Poy, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Marjory Stott, Gerri Boldrini, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Rosel Free, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, 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, 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:

Jean McInerney, William Trethowan, Ray Ryan, Manuel Rusiana, Patsy Harrick (Nee Leahy), Ray Muntz, Doreen Irons, Marie Baine, Gary Tyrell and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Patricia Kernaghan, Charles & Margaret Cameron, Ron Brindley 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:

TAHLIA RUBY

JOSHUA FEILLAFE

ALISHA FEILLAFE

FOR YOUR DIARY

ALBURY PARISHES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Patrick's Church, Albury - 6.00pm Friday 3rd October to 9.00am Saturday.

Will you not watch one hour with me?

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 29th September.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Rotary Club of Lavington are hosting a Trivia Night on Friday 10th October at the North Albury Sports Club, Alemein Avenue, North Albury at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. The cost is \$12.00 each (Tables of 8) - includes nibbles. Proceeds go to Guadalupe House, The Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul Society. Please book by phoning Mavis Page on 0402 848 051 or after hours Rick Woods (02) 6040 6868, fax (02) 6040 6862.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

(in the Gospel of Matthew) - Fr John McKinnon

Tuesday 7th October at Sacred Heart Parish Wodonga at 1.00-3.30pm and 7.30-9.30pm.

You may bring your own bible. Refreshments available before and after each seminar. The cost will be a donation of \$5.00 (or as you can afford). Please ring the Wodonga Parish Office on 6024 3366 for bookings.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- * Say 'no' to sexualised billboards: Petition forms
- * Hospitals at risk over abortion bill

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Quamby Quest presents music by the Sydney Street Choir and Sing Australia. Enjoy a 3-course dinner and display and sale of artwork by local artists and our residents on 11th October at the Commercial Club Albury at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$60.00 each, concessions \$50.00. Tickets can be purchase from the Commercial Club. Phone (02) 6057 2000.

MARY'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

Every first Wednesday of the month from 3.30pm-5.00pm for children under 12. Monthly meetings begin with afternoon tea at Veritas Central followed by prayers and a brief talk in St Patrick's Church and activities in the parish hall. For details please contact Anna on 6023 3838.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2008 STATEMENT

A Rich Young Nation - a few copies available at the church porch. Electronic version available at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

St Patrick's Church Thursday 2nd October at 10.30am. Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

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, John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

SLICE OF LIFE

Saturday 18th October at St Brigid's Parish Hall, Howlong from 1.30pm-5.00pm. Healing talk by national speaker John Kennedy, Confession, Adoration, personal prayer ministry, afternoon tea and fellowship. Enquiries: Sally 0427 241 015, (02) 6040 5664 or Maree (02) 6021 4533. Flyers available at the back of the church.

SCRIPTURE DAY 11TH OCTOBER 2008

Bishop Joe Grech is having a Scripture Day on Saturday 11th October at St Brendan's Shepparton. No need to book, just bring a bible, your lunch and one or two friends. Cars will be leaving from Sacred Heart (Wodonga) parking area (behind the church) just prior to 8.00am on the day. Further details: Gerri (02) 6056 2442.

'NEW LIFE' WEEKEND

Tools: a bible, an open heart and lunch x 2

When: weekend 25th & 26th October

Where: 145 Martins Rd, Leneva (8 km's from Wodonga

Cost: \$30.00 per person, \$50.00 per couple. Cuppa's provided. Transport & child minding if needed. Register: Tracy 6024 3298, 0400 823 026. Info: Gerri 6056 2442, 0438 205 082.

TOGETHER

October edition available for free distribution at the church doors.

HOLY HOUR, EXPOSITION WITH ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

5.30-6.30pm in St Patrick's Church on Wednesday 1st October - prayer in reparation of sins against and a greater respect for all human life.

SNIPPET

We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions. St Vincent de Paul.