

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL - YEAR A

29th June 2008

THEME: Matthew 10: 26-33

Today we celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul who were both always passionate in their dedication to Jesus and in proclaiming the Gospel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 3rd July Thomas, apostle

Friday 4th July First Friday Sacred Heart

Saturday 5th July First Saturday, Fatima

PILLARS OF THE CHURCH

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The insights of St Peter and St Paul speak anew to us today and call forth God's wisdom in us. With St Peter, we are invited to answer that ultimate question upon which all other questions and their answers depend. Like St Peter, we are to affirm: You are Christ, the Messiah, our hope, our model, our way in and our way out, our open door, our mentor, our friend, our life, our brother, our God. With St Peter, we are to shake off the chains, whether these are self-made or crafted by our circumstances, and walk in the freedom that Jesus has won for us.

Standing beside St Paul, we remember that all our life can be offered as a sacrifice or a libation poured out in praise of God. Paul reminds us that Jesus stands by us to give us strength and encouragement through all the ups and downs, through every turn and detour we may meet along the way.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Ray Muntz, Matthew Doyle, Doreen Irons, Sr Celsus O'Grady RSJ, Mary O'Brien, 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:

Margaret Gillespie, Daphne Coward, Kathleen (Wilma) Wighton, Mary McBrien, Tom Lupton, Mary Bohun, Ron Brooks and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Barry Pascoe, Patricia McCormack, Kathleen Wighton, Thomas Slattery, Kevin Wighton and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Members of the Pascoe Family, Members of the Monahan & Muntz 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:

ALYSSA-KELSIE

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend at all Masses there will be a special collection for the annual offering for the Pope (Peter's Pence).

ALBURY PARISHES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday evening 4th July from 6.00pm-9.00pm at Sacred Heart Church North Albury.

Will you not watch one hour with me?

PARISH BREAKFAST

St Patrick's Parish is holding a breakfast on Saturday 12th July 2008 from 7.30am-9.00am in the parish hall. The guest speaker will be Fr Raphael Boansi, Assistant Priest at Christ the King Parish, Accra, Ghana, West Africa.

Fr Raphael is being sponsored by St Patrick's Parish to attend World Youth Day and will speak about life in a developing country.

RSVP (for catering purposes) to Chris Ryan 6021 8984. This breakfast is open to all parishioners.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

An extraordinary meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday 7th July at 7.30pm in the presbytery to finalise catering for the World Youth Day pilgrims visiting our parish.

WOULD YOU STILL LIKE TO COME TO WORLD YOUTH DAY?

If you are turning 16 by the end of 2008 (31st December) and no older than 35, there is an opportunity for you to join the St Patrick's World Youth Day Group. Registrations must be returned to the office by 30th June 2008. Late registrations will not be accepted. Application forms are available at the back of the church.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

*Euthanasia 'can never be the right answer.

* Pilgrims to venerate BI Pier Giorgio - four page liftout

FULLY (100%) TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT FOR CONTRIBUTION BEFORE 30TH JUNE

Parishioners of St Patrick's are invited to make a first or additional one-off contribution to our Parish School Building Fund before 30th June. Receipts will be issued immediately from the parish office.

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 Website: www.palms.org.au

BOOK LAUNCH

The launch of Fr Peter Murphy's new book 'Pure Attraction' will be held at Veritas Central, 533 Smollett Street, Albury on Thursday 3rd July at 6.30pm. The book is for youth and adults and is an attempt to exemplify the beauty and meaning of purity. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRIES TO ASSIST LITURGY

Men and women (post school age) are invited to volunteer as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Lector/Reader; Commentator; Musicians; Counters; Sanctuary and flowers or provision of tea and coffee after Masses. Each of these ministries enriches our Liturgy and adds depth to the community aspect in our Eucharist.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these ministries, please speak to one of the priests or the parish secretary or use one of the forms available at the back of the church.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL - KINDER ENROLMENTS

St Patrick's School are now calling for applications for Kinder enrolments next year. Please contact the school office on 6021 4464 to request an application package.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

At St Patrick's Church, Smollett Street on Thursday 3rd July at 10.30am. Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

HOLY HOUR, EXPOSITION WITH ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

5.30-6.30pm in St Patrick's Church Albury on Wednesday 2nd July. Prayer in reparation of sins against and a greater respect for all human life.

SNIPPET

(When attending a Liturgy) it may not always be possible to feel the fire that runs through the assembly, but we must be open to its transforming power.