

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

31st August 2008

THEME: Matthew 16: 21-27

Today we learn the harsh lesson that suffering was indeed to be part of Jesus' future, a necessary aspect of God's plan of salvation.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 3rd September

Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

CHRIST GAVE US THE CHURCH TO GUIDE US ON THE JOURNEY TO HEAVEN

Through the Church we have the Eucharist. Christ said: "Let me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you...for my flesh is real food, and my blood real drink" (John 6:55). Now, drinking blood was unthinkable to a Jew. To even touch blood required ritual purification. All Jesus had to say here when they started to grumble at this was, "No, no, no. This is merely a symbol!" But he didn't. He said, "Does it shake your faith?...What then if you were to see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before...?" (John 6:61, 62). No, he knew that what he was going to institute, namely the Eucharist, was going to require a radically new way of thinking for his followers. And many left him that day.

This is why we believe, as it says in the *Catechism*,

In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained: [Council of Trent]. "This presence is called 'real' ... because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present".

FREE LIGHT GLOBES

Free energy saving globes installed in all houses in NSW courtesy of the NSW Government.

Jose Plackal, recently arrived from India, will be at the front of the church after all Masses over the weekend and will be pleased to arrange supply and installation for you.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Francesca Morton, Yvonne Gunton, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Gary Tyrrell, Joan Sullivan, Mary Cooper, Judith Falconer, Wendy Murphy, Stan Sawaski, Frank Smith, Roy Poy, Ray Muntz, Matthew Doyle, Doreen Irons, Monette Fealy,

Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, Gerri Boldrini, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Rosel Free, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Glica, 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, 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 Rothe, Vic Zeinhert, Dell Galvin, Richie Bulman, Sr Ellen Yates RSM, Mother Teresa O'Loughlin, Jim Star, Jim Bell, Barry Goonan and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Luis & Apolonia Flores, Vi & Jim Neill, Fred & Olive Jacobs, Unice Danckert and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISM

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

JAMES WHITE

RUBY WHITE

TOM WHITE

MATTEA DELANEY

FOR YOUR DIARY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Thurgoona - 8.00pm Friday 5th September to 8.00am Saturday 6th September.

Will you not watch one hour with me?

CARPENTERS BREAKFAST

The next Carpenters Breakfast will be held on Saturday 13th September 2008 commencing at 7.30am. Marcus Shaw and John Burton will be talking on the topic "WYD2008 - Where to Now?" and will be looking at the call made by the Holy Father for all of us to be witnesses to Christ. Please RSVP to Chris Ryan by Monday 8th September so that we can organise catering.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

Next Thursday 4th September 2008 in St Patrick's Church 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 3rd September. Prayer in reparation of sins against and a greater respect for all human life.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR GIRLS?

'What's happening to our Girls?' is a powerful book written by Maggie Hamilton exposing the tricks the media and marketing experts use to exploit young people. You are invited to meet the author at the book launch to be held in Albury at 2.00pm on Saturday 13th September at St Patrick's Hall, Smollett Street. Books will be available for purchase at the launch for \$29.95.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent de Paul Society Centres of Charity are in urgent need of warm winter clothing, blankets and furniture. Please contact Alan Dickenson 6025 2239.

FAITHROUGH

Faithrough is a faith-community mental health initiative. You are invited to visit the web site www.faithroughinc.org.au to explore the benefits of the Faithrough initiative. NB Many people suffer their mental illness in silence, fearful of social stigma.

CHALLENGE

Vocation Information Weekend 2008

"Through World Youth Day 2008, the hearts of so many have been opened to receive the Word of God, to hear His voice in the *still small whisper*.

Such receptivity will allow the spark of a vocation to really ignite the generous hearts of the young, as they open the door of their hearts to Christ. Now Challenge 2008 gives you the opportunity to play a role in this transformation.

<http://challenge.christthepriest.com> (follow the link to "Challenge 2008") See the noticeboard for more details.

MARY'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

Every first Wednesday of the month (beginning 3rd September) 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 followed by activities in the parish hall. For details please contact Anna on 6023 3838.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP, 18-35 YRS

St Patrick's is starting a weekly discussion group for 18-35 year olds on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's hall beginning 3rd September.

For more information, please contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com , John Burton 0400 474 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

ST PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP

St Patrick's Youth Group will not meet on Sunday 7th September at 6.30pm due to Father's Day.

WOMEN'S DAY OF SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER

A Women's Day of Spirituality and Prayer will be held on Saturday 8th November 2008 at Xavier High School, Fallon Street Albury from 9.30am-3.30pm. The cost is \$25.00. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be included in the cost. The theme is 'What can be sweeter to us than the voice of the Lord calling us?'

RSVP: 20th October 2008 - Deanery Representative or Gemma Whitehead
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SNIPPET

In (Sydney) the great metropolis of the young Australian nation, those youth were a sign of authentic joy, at times boisterous but always peaceful and positive. Benedict XVI