

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

6th September 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 31-37

For the rest of this month we will hear James' uncompromising statements concerning a Christian's relationship with the poor. We pray that Jesus will open our ears to hear his challenging word today.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 8th September

Birth of the Virgin Mary

SEEING BEYOND APPEARANCES

Today's Gospel is about making the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

In a fulfilment of Isaiah's ancient prophecy that "a little child will lead them," a 12-year-old girl named Lia led everyone to a new understanding of abortion. As part of a school assignment, Lia gave a speech against abortion that was posted on YouTube, where it attracted 100,000 viewers in the first month. In her talk, Lia recalled the character Horton, the Elephant from the Dr Seuss tale. Horton heard a speck of dust calling out, and discovered that it was a whole planet of people who needed his help. Horton had to defend them. Lia challenged every listener to defend the unborn with Horton's famous line: "Even though you can't see them or hear them at all, a person's a person, no matter how small."

WHAT MAKES A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it ... Dad (Author Unknown)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Tom Ryan, Audrey Willis, Tibby Turay, Kathy Dyball, Eileen Foley, Robert Driscoll, Russell Baude, Georgina Nelson, Mat Talbot, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melva McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Glica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Geoff Bray, John Star, Michael Hudson, Julia Frauenfelder, James Lane, Fr John Leahy, Thelma Stewart and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Mary Jansen, Anne McEachern, Pauline and Francis Rodrigues and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Leo McCormack and all our dear ones who have died.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

REMMIE FYFFE

CASSIE FYFFE

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously last weekend to our special collection for Migrants and Refugees. Our parish collected \$1,212.00.

INVITATION

The parishioners of St Michael's Cathedral Parish, (Corner of Johnston and Church St, Wagga Wagga), invite you to celebrate 40 years of Priesthood with Monsignor Douglas George on Sunday 20th September. Mass will be held at 10.00am and there will be a cup of tea afterwards in the grounds of Bishop's House. Please contact Robyn and Mark Gooden on (02) 6971 7793.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held this Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION

Parishioners interested in assisting with Catholic catechetical instruction in public primary schools within the parish are invited to contact Christine McMahon on 6021 3573. Training and support provided.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

* Cardinal's Senate Stand - 'State has no right to change marriage status'

VACANCY

O'Connell Gardens Retirement Village, Lavington. Contact the priests on 6025 1784.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FOR 18-35YRS

A weekly discussion group for 18-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. Contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email: mizmim@gmail.com John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

SANCTUARY & FLOWER ROSTER FOR 2010

Volunteers are needed for the St Patrick's Church Altar Roster. This requires about one hour of your time once a week for two weeks of the year to dust the church and arrange flowers. Usually done on a Friday afternoon, could easily be done while waiting for children after school. Great way to meet people or get a group together to help your parish church. Please phone Nan Brandt on 6021 5060 or the Parish Secretary on 6041 2588 if you can help.

LAVINGTON LODGE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Devonshire Morning Tea at Lavington Lodge Retirement Village, 286 Warren Street, Lavington, on Monday 14th September at 10.30am. We wish to invite parishioners for an inspection and to join us for morning tea to experience the caring atmosphere of the Assisted Care Living and Respite Care we are offering at the Retirement Village. RSVP: Tel: (02) 6040 8844 by Friday 11th September.

SNIPPET

The family community, in order to prosper, needs the generous consent of all its members. This realisation also needs to become a shared conviction on the part of all those called to form the common human family.
(Benedict XVI)