

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

27th September 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

We pray that our minds will be open to the truth of God's Word in today's readings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29th September	Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels
Wednesday 30th September	Jerome, priest, doctor
Thursday 1st October	Teresa of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
Friday 2nd October	Guardian Angels 1st Friday - Sacred Heart
Saturday 3rd October	1st Saturday, Fatima

FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT

Gradually the followers of Jesus began to learn that God was willing to work through all people, even sinners, even gentiles, even the poor, even women, children, the maimed, the blind, the deaf, the mute, the enslaved and the outcast.

Prompted by the Spirit, Paul VI and the participants at the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's acknowledged that all Christians "are joined with us in the Holy Spirit for to them also the Spirit gives gifts and graces and is operative among them with sanctifying power: (*Lumen Gentium*, #12).

Further prompted by the Spirit, the council also acknowledged that the two-thirds of the world's population who are not Christian "are most dear to God," and therefore "we ought to believe that the Holy Spirit, in a manner known only to God, offers to every human being the grace of being blessed by the paschal mystery. ...For it is God, who gives to all life and breath and every other gift, who, as Saviour, calls that all be saved" (*Lumen Gentium* #16; *Gaudium et Spes* #22).

Listening to these good words and wrapping our minds and hearts around them is a necessary first step in realising the wisdom of Moses ("Would that the Lord might bestow the Spirit on all") and of Jesus ("Whoever is not against us is for us"). But it is only a first step. Allowing the truth of these words to change our minds and our manner of dealing with others is a lifelong journey beset with daily challenges and risks.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Brothers and sisters, confident that God loves us and hears our prayers, let us pray.

That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That Christians in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord hear our prayer*

For cooperation among Christians in the work of ministry to the poor, to young people, to the voiceless and exploited of the world.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord hear our prayer*

For non-violent solutions to conflicts among nations, within communities and families, between friends.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord hear our prayer*

We pray for solutions to the economic struggle throughout the world: for a just distribution of the world's goods; for fair treatment of workers; for basic human rights for all people everywhere.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord hear our prayer*

We pray for the sick: for those who are elderly or infirm; for those who live with chronic pain or fatigue; for those who feel less valued because they cannot keep up with others.

Especially:

Catherine Flannery, Kevin Kennedy, Kathy Horvat, Dawn Salmon, 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 Grlica, 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.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord hear our prayer*

We remember those who have died especially Charles Neander, John Salmon, Jill Mitsch, Mary Egan, John Flood Nagle, Ursula Clifford, Sandy McKenzie-McHarg, Judith Taylor, Julia Frauenfelder, Geoff Bray Michael Hudson and Fr Tom White

Anniversaries:

Clare Maloney, Frank McMahan, Charles & Margaret Cameron and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Margaret McCormack and all our dear ones who have died.

We pray to the Lord. *Lord hear our prayer*

Loving and faithful God, hear the prayers of your people this day. Join our prayers with those of people everywhere who pray for the well-being of the poor, the protection of the innocent, the comfort of the suffering. We pray always in Jesus' name.

AMEN

BAPTISMS

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

JORJA DITEODORO

LILAH CRIMMINS

FOR YOUR DIARY

ALBURY PARISHES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Patrick's, Albury - 6.00pm Friday 2nd October to 9.00am Saturday 3rd October.

Will you not watch one hour with me?

MARCH FOR THE BABIES BUS TO MELBOURNE ON SAT. 10TH OCTOBER

To remember the passing of the Victorian abortion law reform act, a peaceful prayerful march has been organised by Youth For Life starting at 11.00am from Fitzroy Gardens and ending at Parliament House.

The bus leaves St Patrick's Church Albury at 7.00am sharp on the day. For details, see the poster at the back of the church or sign up at Veritas Central. Phone 6021 8099 for details. Please book by 5th October.

PRO-LIFE TALKS - THURGOONA

Prue Neiberding (Youth For Life) and Sonja Couroupis (Life Network Australia) will be speaking on the upcoming Walk for Babies at 7.00pm on Monday 28th September at the Thurgoona Parish Centre. Youth For Life is a voluntary group geared for young people, and was assembled to combat the reprehensible Abortion Law Reform Bill which was passed last year. Learn strategies to get your community effective against abortion today! See flyer at the back of the church.

DINNER FOR YOUNG ADULTS TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST MICHAEL

Young Adults 18-30yrs are invited to a dinner and talk to celebrate the Feast of St Michael, our Cathedral's patron on Tuesday 29th September from 7.00pm-9.00pm at La Porchetta, Baylis Street, Wagga Wagga.

The speaker is Fr Cassanova. The cost is \$15.00 each. RSVP Sunday 27th September.

Contact Miriam Kirley 0438 484 000. Email: wwdyouth@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR

A Holy Hour for youth is celebrated every last Wednesday of the month from 7.00pm-8.00pm at St Patrick's Church. All ages welcome to come and pray with and for the youth of Albury.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Women's League will be hosting the film "Mao's Last Dancer" on Sunday 4th October at 4.00pm.

Afternoon tea at 2.00pm in the parish gardens if the weather is fine otherwise it will be held in St Patrick's supper room.

Tickets are \$20.00 each which covers the movie and afternoon tea. Please phone Helen Sandral on 6023 6110.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

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

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

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. Please phone Nan Brandt on 6021 5060 or the Parish Secretary on 6041 2588 if you can help.

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.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

* *'Tame the Tube'* - Call for tighter curb on TV sex, violence

SNIPPET

The seasons of history come and go, social contexts change, but the vocation of Christians to live the Gospel in solidarity with the human family, in step with the times, has not been silenced and does not go out of fashion. (Benedict XVI)