

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

1st February 2009

THEME: Mark 1: 21-28

The worshippers were “spellbound” as Jesus taught them. We resolve to listen carefully, to put away distractions during our time together and to pay attention to God’s message for us today.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd February	Presentation of the Lord
Thursday 5th February	Agatha, virgin, martyr
Friday 6th February	Paul Miki and companions, martyrs
1st Friday	Sacred Heart
Saturday 7th February	1st Saturday - Fatima

JESUS WAS SO IMBUED WITH THE TRUTH AND GOODNESS OF GOD THAT EVEN THE DEMONS TOOK NOTICE

Jesus’ battle with evil, which began in the synagogue in Capernaum, would continue. He would confront evil in all its manifestations - in sin and sickness, in selfishness and in a stubborn refusal to believe. Every confrontation would amaze those humble enough to be open to his authority and anger those who refused him and were threatened by the truth of his presence. With each authoritative exorcism, healing and teaching, Jesus, in St Mark’s Gospel, is held out to the contemporary church as an exemplar to follow. If believers in Jesus do not speak with the authority of Jesus to decry sin, injustice and inhumanity, who will? If your voice and mine will not insist on the truth when so many lies and truths abound, whose will? Today, the courage of Jesus, who dared to call evil by its name in Capernaum, invites each of us to do likewise in every country where the challenge waits for us.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Gary McLinden, Paul Trottmann, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Michael Rooney, Norm McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Mihovil Katalinic, Vin Griffiths, Bruce Tate, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Joan Sullivan, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O’Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris,

Gregory Cummins, Patricia Bourke, Nicholas Hetherington, Joseph Doran, Effie Ray, Sandra Varrasso, Bob Woods and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Kathleen Brown, Don Holt, Angela Bowler (Qld), Sydney McCrone (New Zealand), Rubena (Ruby) Hanlon, Stan Sawaski, Dinny Wighton and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Brendan Dodd and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill, Bill Livsey, Rose & Harry Livsey, Mary & Bill Kotthoff, Eileen, Gus, Kerry, Patrick, Bonnie & Patricia Roche, Noel & Peter Rothe, Philip Smith, Victor Bruce, Lil Munk, Frank Kelly, Henry Wynter, John Dallinger, Malcolm Nicholson, Sr Helen Shortall RSM, Sr Monica Esler, Brian Esler, Dan Moore, Alice Plunkett, Clare Flynn & the Flynn Family and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

BAILEY ROBB

MAYA HUMPHREYS

OLIVER SUTTON

ALLIRA GRAHAM

FOR YOUR DIARY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This month, eucharistic adoration will be held at St Patrick's Church, Albury on Friday 6th February from 6.00pm until Saturday 7th February at 9.00am.

Will you not watch one hour with me?

NEW READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Next Sunday, 8th February, the priests, at all Masses, will call for new helpers in these two sacred ministries. Application Sheets with full explanation will be available on the church seats. Please give this appeal your prayerful consideration.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

Mass with anointing of the sick will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church, Albury, on Thursday 5th February at 10.30am. Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

HOLY HOUR, EXPOSITION WITH ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

Wednesday 4th February from 5.30-6.30pm in St Patrick's Church - prayer in reparation of sins against and a greater respect for all human life.

CARPENTERS BREAKFAST

The next Carpenters Breakfast will be held on Saturday 7th February at 7.30am. The guest speaker will be Mr Sean Lee (Wagga Wagga) and the topic will be 'Theology of the Body'. Contact: Chris Ryan 6021 8984.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 2nd February.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS' CENACLE

The Cenacle is held each Saturday of the month at 10.30am in the old convent chapel, off St Patrick's Church yard in Albury. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

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.

YOUTH GROUP (12-17YRS)

St Patrick's Youth Group will start again this Sunday, 1st February, after the 10.30am Mass and on the first Sunday of every month. If you like meeting new people, eating junk food and getting to know your faith better, then youth group is for you. Contact Fr Brendan Lee: 6041 2588 or Miriam: 0400 419 981.

STUDYING OR WORKING IN SYDNEY IN 2009?

Xavier House offers accommodation to young men from the country. It is a safe and affordable home in the city run by St Vincent de Paul and located in Stanmore, Sydney's Inner West, just 10 minutes by train or bus to the city and near several universities. Home cooked meals five nights per week, breakfast and lunch are self-serve. Modern study facilities, 24 hour free internet access in every room. Foxtel, pool table and off-street parking. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted. For more information, contact the manager: Jimmy Rix on (02) 9560 2570 or 0447 288 208, or Log on to www.xavierhouse.org.au Email: x.h@bigpond.com.au