

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

1st March 2009

### THEME: Mark 1: 12-15

My friends, Jesus entered the desert before beginning his mission.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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### THE SEASON OF LENT

\* Lent began last Wednesday 25th February.

\* Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251-52).

\* Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.

\* Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday - Easter Duty.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

#### **Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:**

Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Mitchell Wallace (baby), Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Michael Rooney, Norm McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Mihovil Katalinic, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, 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, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Effie Ray, Bob Woods, Sandra Varrasso, and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Noel Flanagan (Fr Kevin's brother), Sr Emily Watts, John Corbett (Ireland), Joan Sullivan, Barry Pigram, Les Webb, Robert Paring and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Bishop Henschke, Peter Blattman, Michael Hume and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Vera & Bill Ritchie, Judith O'Shannessey, Carmel Hunter, Mary Percy, Phillip, Anne-Maree & Frank Percy, Brian Twomey, 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 Shorthall 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:

**WILLIAM BOWDEN**

**MASE MURRAY**

## **FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **ALBURY PARISHES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Sacred Heart Church, North Albury from 6.00pm to 9.00pm on Friday 6th March.

*Will you not watch one hour with me?*

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be held in St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm each Friday evening during Lent.

### **LENTEN HOME GROUPS**

Please see the notice at the back of the church. If you are interested in joining a Lenten Home Discussion Group, please put your name and telephone number on list provided.

### **LENTEN STUDY GROUP FOR 16-35YRS**

A Lenten study group for 16-35yr olds will commence on Wednesday 4th March. The group will meet weekly on Wednesday night at 7pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. For more information, please contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email [mizmim@gmail.com](mailto:mizmim@gmail.com), John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

### **ST PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP**

St Patrick's Prayer Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8.00pm. For details please ring Kath Ryan on 6021 3821 or Maree Sobolewski on 6021 5433.

### **YOUTH GROUP (12-17YRS)**

St Patrick's Youth Group will meet this Sunday 1st March after the 10.30am Mass. Contact Fr Brendan Lee: 6041 2588 or Miriam: 0400 419 981.

### **ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT**

Our St Patrick's Day Concert to be held on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm in St Patrick's hall will include musical duo **Judy & Leon Walsh**, dramatist **Ross Miller** and the **O'Shea-Ryan Irish dancers**. Further updates next week.

## **MARY'S JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Mary's Junior League will start on Wednesday 4th March at 3.30pm at Veritas Central Catholic Book Shop. Please call Anna on 6023 3838 for details.

## **A VOICE FOR WOMEN**

Sacred Heart Church, Koorungal, Saturday 28th March 1.30-3.30pm. Melinda Tankard Reist is an author, researcher and commentator with a special interest in issues affecting women. She is coming to Wagga Wagga at the request of the Council for Australian Catholic Women to speak to the women (and interested men) of our Diocese about her work with Women's Forum Australia.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST - IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH**

Saturday 7th March 2009

Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am followed by breakfast. John Brown, a retired dental surgeon and Vietnam veteran will be guest speaker.

John will also speak on Friday 6th March at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 20 Hartigan Street Thurgoona, at 7.30pm. He will speak on the writings of Louisa Picaretta, known as the "little servant of the Divine Will".

## **DIOCESE OF WAGGA WAGGA**

### **YOUTH MINISTRY WORKER**

Congratulations to Miss Miriam Kirley of the Albury St Patrick's Youth Group on her appointment as Youth Worker for the whole of the diocese. Further details on the staff appointment notice on our noticeboard.

### **HOLY HOUR**

ProLife Holy Hour 5.30-6.30pm this Wednesday 4th March in St Patrick's church. This is the battle of our time. Good versus evil.

### **MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK**

At St Patrick's Church on Thursday 5th March 2009 at 10.30am. Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

### **SNIPPET**

For proper performance of our duty any given instant we require a particular grace, the grace we ask for in the Hail Mary: 'Pray for us NOW'. (Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, OP)