

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

5th July 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 1-6a

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus could work no miracle in his hometown. We commend to God those people we love and cannot help, those situations beyond our control.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th July

Benedict, abbot

REJECTION OF JESUS

The saddest line of today's Gospel is the statement that Jesus could do no mighty deeds in Nazareth. Without an atmosphere of open acceptance, certain things cannot be done. Healing cannot occur without faith. Preaching falls on deaf ears without faith. Our churches would be different places if congregations would only remember that **they preach** far more than half of the sermon. In an atmosphere that welcomes the Word, the poorest effort can ignite a great flame. In an atmosphere of critical coldness or bland indifference, the most Spirit-packed utterance can fall lifeless to the earth. Therefore, it is up to believers to create, even if only in themselves, a welcome where God's word can find a foothold and the power of grace can begin to have its intended effect.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Jean Kelly (Griffith), Sr Bernadette of Carmel Wagga, Russell Baude, Georgina Nelson, Allan Goddard, Mat Talbot, Geoff Bray, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, 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, 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, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Michael Burlak, John Flood, Stephen Gilsean, Sue Burt, Von Jess, Robert Mullins, Gerald Fagan, Joan Richardson and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Arthur Wighton, Peter Burlak and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Bert Scammell, Anna Toth, 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 who have died.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

SAMUEL HOWLAND

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously last weekend to the special collection for the Pope (Peter's Pence). Our parish collected \$1,622.00.

10.30AM MASS TUESDAY 7TH JULY

Please note that there will be no 10.30am Mass this Tuesday 7th July as both priests will be in Wagga Wagga for a Council of Priests Meeting. Instead, there will be a Communion Service lead by Sr Clement at 10.30am. The 7.30am Mass will be as usual.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT

One Year since WYD08 Celebration - 'You will be my Witness'

Youth Retreat Friday 17th July - Sunday 19th July. A retreat weekend for youth and young adults capturing all the elements of a WYD in just 3 days! Program includes adoration, daily Mass, catechises, Saturday night dance and much more.

Venue: Sacred Heart Parish, Griffith.

Book a seat on one of the buses departing from Wagga Wagga or Albury. Accommodation available upon request. For a full program of the weekends events or to register contact: Miriam Kirley

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"LEADERS NOW"

"Leaders Now" is a leadership course for girls from years 7-12. It starts on Friday 7th August at Holy Spirit parish in Lavington. There is an information night on Friday 10th July. Phone Kathleen Horsfall on 6026 2264 for details.

WILD HEART'S PROGRAM FOR YOUNG MEN

A 9-week program for young men 16 to 25 years, begins on 31st July. Presented by Fr Murphy and Mark Mannering, it covers the virtues and how to live them, better time management for work and study, and how to cope with today's pressures of pornography, dating and much more. Includes a stay-over at Howman's Gap for team-and skill-building. For information, contact Mark Mannering on 0419 411 161.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held this Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

WODONGA CATHOLIC PARISH CONCERT

Peter Kearney - Singing, guitar and narration with Roma Dix playing the Flute - presents a concert to tell the life of St Francis of Assisi on Wednesday 15th July at 7.00pm at St Augustine's Church, Wodonga. Donations welcome. Peter's Cd's and Music will be available after the concert.

DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL

Responding to the need for Australian Catholic resources for the parish and classroom, 'Echoing the Word' is a unique web magazine offering unlimited access to a wide range of

liturgies, activities, black-line masters, prayer ideas and informative articles. A sample issue is available free of charge at: www.echoingtheword.com/sampleissue/index.shtml

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.