

## **EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR B**

### **12th April 2009**

#### **GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9**

Today we proclaim the Impossible. One who walked among us, was put to death as a criminal and whose death was witnessed by disciple and stranger - this one has been raised and lives again.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

**OUR RESURRECTION AND GOD** We try to realise that every path we walk in life will lead to the edge of the precipice of death. We ourselves cannot bridge this precipice; we ourselves cannot make of this precipice a passage. These salvific achievements have been made for us by God in Christ Jesus, who is both our bridge and our passage. While the freedom and life afforded us in Jesus are indeed wondrous, there is also pain. For just as resurrection proclaims true freedom, it also reveals the chains that bind us. It alerts us to our sin and selfishness; resurrection tells us that our only refuge against the terror of ourselves and our finitude is God. Nothing of our own devising can help us to shake ourselves free of our sins.

However, if we are able to face the "threat" to our security that comes with God's call to resurrection; if we are willing to recognise our absolute poverty before God; if we are willing to recognise that resurrection is not something we can merit but the merciful rescue of God for the lost; if we are able to surrender all our masks and defenses and give up every pretence of independence, then God will indeed lift us up and out of ourselves and out of our dying to life.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Brian Scanlan, Lionel West, Geoff Bray, Pat Esler (Wagga Wagga), Paul Moatz, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Mitchell Wallace (baby), Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, 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:

Edie Hannan (Melbourne), Dennis Gooding, Paul Dydalowicz (USA), John Brooks, Molly Buchanan, Mavis Keating, Stephanie Koprivnjak, Margaret Smith, Katerina Serbinek and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Arthur Hickey and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Robert Garratt, Mary Garratt, Fr Patrick Gearon O.Carm, Francis & Pauline Rodrigues, Deceased Members of the Rodrigues Families, John Miller, Tony Miller, Bert Scammell, Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

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

**SHYLAH-ROSE MULDOON  
NATE ABROEKMAN  
SARA BUTKO  
ARKLEY SEXTON**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Celebrate that your generosity has offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling against injustice. Thank you for supporting the Project Compassion 2009 appeal.

#### **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](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 2821 or Maree Sobolewski on 6021 5433.

#### **PARENTING TEENAGERS - WAR OR PEACE???**

Living with a teenager can be exciting, rewarding - and often challenging! Centacare is again presenting its successful parenting program...

The program will be held on 3 consecutive Thursdays - 30/4/09, 7/5/09 & 21/5/09 -from 7.30pm-9.30pm at Centacare, Slattery Catholic Centre, 449 Olive Street (in the grounds of St Patrick's Church) Albury. The cost is \$35.00 per person or \$50.00 per family. Supper provided. Bookings essential. Please phone 6042 3700 (BH) or 6025 4714 (AH).

## **ST PATRICK'S PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

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## **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - SCHOOL FETE**

The Holy Spirit Parish and School will hold their annual fete on Sunday 3rd May. The fete will run from 11.00am until 3.00pm in the school grounds, on the corner of Mutsch & Prune Streets, adjacent to Holy Spirit Church.

## **TRADITIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

Start: Thursday 16th April 2009: 7.45am Mass (Extraordinary Form) at St Michael's Cathedral Wagga Wagga, Blessing of Pilgrims by Bishop Gerard Hanna, followed by breakfast.

Concludes: Sunday 19th April 2009 - Feast of Divine Mercy: 2 Masses, 9.00am and 12.30pm. After lunch, Eucharistic Procession to the Cross will take place followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction around 3.00pm. For details see the noticeboard or visit: [divinemercypilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercypilgrimage@gmail.com)

## **INVITATION**

You are cordially invited to attend a St Vincent de Paul Morning Tea Fundraiser at Mardross Gardens on Wednesday 15th April 2009 at 9.30am. Come along and enjoy a morning tea and help raise funds with \$2.00 donation toward St Vincent de Paul. There will also be a raffle and lucky door prizes to be won.

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