

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

12th July 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 7-13

Jesus sends out his disciples and instructs them to **travel light**. What we carry with us can get in the way of our true calling. We ask God today for the wisdom to know what is essential and what to let go of so that we may be better disciples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 15th July

Bonaventure, bishop, doctor

JESUS SENDS HIS APOSTLES OUT TO SPREAD THE FAITH

Even before the total gift of himself on the cross, Jesus lived simply, choosing to devote all of his energies and efforts to the service of others.

Besides the simplicity of their lifestyle and the mobility of their ministry, Jesus also offered his disciples a lesson in realism and common sense. Enter where you are welcomed and offer all you have to give, Jesus advised. But if a welcome is not forthcoming, leave and move on to others who need your services.

Shaking the dust from their feet was a symbolic act ordinarily performed by Jews returning home from travel in a foreign land. By recommending this action, Jesus affirmed not only the urgency of the Gospel ministry but also its universal scope. Rather than fret over a failure in one place, the disciples of Jesus were to pick themselves up, dust themselves off and start all over again.

Easier said than done, the ability to keep persevering through the often dangerous and unfriendly minefields of the Christian mission is made possible only by continuous close contact with the One who has sent us forth and the ones who have been given us as our companions on the way. Thus sustained, the disciples whom Jesus has called, chosen and commissioned will be able to continue what he has begun until he comes again.

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:

Margaret Unger-Bartholomew, Kevin Bartlett, Michael Burlak, John Flood, Stephen Gilsenan, Sue Burt and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Peter Burlak, Patrick Wighton, John Fietz, Joe Rooney and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Bert Scammell, and all our dear ones who have died.

LORD HEAR US

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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CURSILLO

For three days of renewal in your faith come to the Women's Cursillo on 27th-30th August being held at Wagga Wagga. This is a chance to meet with other women in the diocese and join in prayer, discussions and meditation. For further details please contact Kath Koschel Ph. 0428 578 788.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 20th July.

"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. Phone Kathleen Horsfall on 6026 2264 for details.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday 20th July at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Cardinal Cassidy's new book - *'My Years in Vatican Service*
- A single bed and a few photos - the story of homeless Rosa

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.

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.

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.

SNIPPET

Make no reserves with God. Reject no-one. You never know what grace can do.
(Blessed Mary McKillop)