

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

17th May 2009

GOSPEL: John 15: 9-17

Jesus give us one commandment to sum up all of his teaching: Love one another.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

LOVE IS MORE THAN A WORD

One of the most important messages of the Easter season has been emphasised repeatedly in the sacred texts with the hope that it will echo and find welcome in our minds and in our hearts. That message is love. God loves, and we who are the beloved of God are to love one another. More than a word or a gesture, love is a lifelong commitment to the other, such that the other recognises him or herself as loved and loveable and the contagion goes on. As Augustine of Hippo once said "One loving heart sets another on fire."

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Allan Goddard, Ann Twomey, Mat Talbot, Jason Price, Fr Peter Thompson Cm, Brian Scanlan, Lionel West, Geoff Bray, Paul Moate, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan 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 Glica, 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:

Don McLean, George Hannan, Mary Hamilton, Lorna Cartwright, Audrey Morely (Adelaide), Laurie Macaulay, Moira Surrey, Maureen Withers, David Terrill, Norma Chadd and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Brian Twomey, Peter Rooney, Anne Powell, Philip Matija Gasperov, Fred Higgins, Myrtle Wighton, Gwen Ryan and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

ANNABELLA IVERSON

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend for Media Sunday.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the group of hardworking gardeners who generously gave up their time last Wednesday to restore the front garden of the presbytery.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held this Monday 18th May at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

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.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2010

Applications for Enrolment in Year 7 2010 close on Friday 12th June 2009. If you would like further information about enrolment at Xavier High School please contact Mrs Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 or email info@xhsww.catholic.edu.au

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships for Xavier High School are available for students entering Year 7, 9 and 11 in 2010. Applications for Year 7 2010 close on Friday 29th May. Applications for the Year 9 and 11 scholarships will be called for later this term. For further details please contact Mrs Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 or email info@xhsww.catholic.edu.au

INVITATION

You are invited to a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Hanna at Holy Spirit Church Lavington on Friday 5th June at midday to celebrate Father O'Connell's 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms is holding a Focus Workshop on 23rd and 24th May at The Hermitage, Mittagong, NSW for anyone who has thought about volunteering for overseas mission work. For further information please contact Benjamin Oh on 02 9518 9551 or ben@palms.org.au

SCHOOL OF ST JUDE

Gemma Sisia, Founder and Director of the School of St Jude, Tanzania, will speak at a dinner function on Monday 18th May at 6.30pm in the Waratah Room, Commercial Club. Tickets are \$27.50 per person with drinks at bar prices. For tickets and details, please contact Leasa Brown on (02) 6043 1346, 0409 827 531 or email: leasabrown@gotalk.net.au

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