

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

18th January 2009

THEME: John 1: 35-42

St John the Baptist hails Jesus as “the lamb of God”, the fulfilment of Israel’s hope, the one who is to bring the Gentiles into the new and eternal covenant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here am I Lord;
I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 21st January	Agnes, virgin, martyr
Friday 23rd January	Timothy and Titus, bishops
Saturday 24th January	Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

OUR BAPTISM - A VOCATION

In one of his many addresses to the youth of the world, the late Pope John Paul II invited his listeners to ponder: “What is a vocation? It means that everything you do in your life, for reasons of knowledge, education, practice and skill, will become at the same time, a realisation of some part of the good that had been ordained in the world by God, worked out in the world, paid for in the world by Christ himself.” Paul wished to impress a similar truth upon the minds and hearts of his readers in Corinth. By virtue of their baptism, they had become part of something greater than themselves. Incorporated into the life of Christ, the family of God and the community of the church, they were no longer their own, and their new belonging was to be reflected in their every word and work. So it is with all who are blessed and graced through the sacramental encounter we call Baptism.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Gary McLinden, Paul Trottmann, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Michael Rooney, Norm McLaurin, Keith Hynes, Mihovil Katalinic, Vin Griffiths, Bruce Tate, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Joan Sullivan, 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, Nicholas Hetherington, Joseph Doran, Effie Ray, Sandra Varrasso, Bob Woods and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Rubena (Ruby) Hanlan, Stan Sawaski, Dinny Wighton, Simun Goles (Croatia), Pat Hickey, Lucy Van Oijen, Anne Ferguson, Joyce Hollis, Paul Graeber and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Marianna Kielb, and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Deceased Members of the Wessen Family, Lorraine Hill, Bert Scammell, Pauline Rodrigues, Francis Rodrigues, Edgar Rodrigues, Leonard Rodrigues, Bernard Rodrigues, Louis Gomes, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

FREYA STONES

KOBY JONES

FOR YOUR DIARY

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all parishioners who contributed so generously to the annual Christmas Appeal. The appeal raised over \$14,000.00, all of which went to help needy families celebrate Christmas more joyfully than they would otherwise have been able to. At a time when economic conditions are difficult for many, it was indeed heartening to receive such generous support. May God bless you through the coming year.

Brian Walters, Regional President.

PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council for 2009 will be held on Thursday 29th January at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

YOUTH GROUP (12-17YRS)

St Patrick's Youth Group will start again on 1st February after the 10.30am Mass but still on the first Sunday of every month. If you like meeting new people, eating junk food and getting to know your faith better, then youth group is for you. Contact Fr Brendan Lee: 6041 2588 or Miriam: 0400 419 981.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP, 18-35 YRS

St Patrick's holds a weekly discussion group for 18-35 year olds on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's hall. For more information, contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com, John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

STUDYING OR WORKING IN SYDNEY IN 2009?

Xavier House offers accommodation to young men from the country and is a safe and affordable home in the city. It is operated by St Vincent de Paul and located in Stanmore, Sydney's Inner West, just 10 minutes by train or bus to the city and near several universities. Home cooked meals five nights per week and breakfast/lunch are self-serve. Modern study facilities and 24 hour free internet access in every room. Foxtel, pool table and off-street parking. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted. For more information, contact the manager: Jimmy Rix on (02) 9560 2570 or 0447 288 208, or Log on to www.xavierhouse.org.au Email: x.h@bigpond.com.au

SNIPPET

God, after all, always speaks to the present, and we listen to the Bible properly only when we discover the "present moment" of God, who calls us here and now. (Benedict XVI)