

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

19th July 2009

### GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30-34

Our loving God takes care of us like a good shepherd. We offer our worship in thanks for the gift of the sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Communion.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 22nd July	Mary Magdalene
Saturday 25th July	James, apostle

### THE MASS AS A SACRIFICE

The multiplication of the loaves is a type of the Mass and Holy Eucharist. There is also an essential connection between the Mass and the sacrificial death of Jesus on Calvary two thousand years ago. The Mass has been well defined as "The unbloody presence of the unique bloody sacrifice of the Cross." This means that the Mass and Calvary are the same sacrifice, only the mode of offering is different: **on the Cross the offering was bloody and brutal, in the Mass it is unbloody and peaceful.**

The Mass is not a different sacrifice from that of Calvary - it is the same sacrifice, **only the presence is different.** Christ is now glorified in heaven; as such, he is substantially present under the species of bread and wine. It is an "operative presence" in the sense that the grace of Calvary is now applied to us through the Mass.

In the Mass today the victim, Christ, is the same as on Calvary, and the priest is the same, for it is Christ operating through the priest and offering himself to the Father in reparation for our sins. The heart of the Mass, the central part, is the consecration of the bread and wine. The priest says, "This is *my* body: and "This is the cup of *my* blood." The Mass is **not** a "repetition" of Calvary - it is rather making the sacrifice of Calvary now present on the altar.

How is this done? It is done by the almighty power of God - it is a miracle And it is a mystery of faith - *Mysterium Fidei* - because Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me."

Finally at each Mass we should remind ourselves that Christ is offering himself to the Father and invites us to offer ourselves with him to the Father for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

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:

Desire Favre (Switzerland), Jean Kelly (Griffith), Sr Bernadette (Wagga), Margaret Unger-Bartholomew, Kevin Bartlett and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Kerry Roche, Frank Cahill, Deceased Members of the Waterstreet Family and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Mary Star, Carmel Todd, Albert Ferrario, Frank Ferrario, Mary Ferrario, Olive Ferrario, Mitchell Ferrario, Mary Ryan, Terry Ryan, Jack Rose, Edwin Mouldt, Sandra Malone, Bert Scammell and all our dear ones who have died.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **PETITION**

Do you wish to have the Albury City Council give planning approval for a Strip Club for Albury? Please sign the petition today requesting the Albury City Council hold a plebiscite to allow the citizens of voting age to vote "Yes" or "No" to a Strip Club. The petition is at the back of the church.

#### **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.

#### **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. Members are reminded of conference costs needed at this meeting (phone F. Murphy for details on 6041 1721).

#### **"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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **SNIPPET**

Forgiveness is not merely a charity to extend to the offender; it is also and above all a gift I offer to myself for my own healing and my wholeness.