

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

20th September 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37

We make ourselves ready to hear today's word and to ask God for the grace to live out what we hear.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord upholds my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 21st September

Matthew, apostle

Wednesday 23rd September

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

DEATH OF MRS AGNES HANNA

We offer prayers for the repose of the soul of Mrs Agnes Hanna (Mother of Bishop Hanna). Mrs Hanna died peacefully last night in the Armidale Hospital after suffering a stroke last week. She was 92. Please keep Bishop Hanna, his brothers Robert and Phillip, sisters Maria and Christine and their families in your prayers.

ON A COLLISION COURSE

To illustrate the radical nature of his teaching on greatness, Jesus held out as an example one of the least members of his contemporary culture. In the helpless, powerless child, the disciples were to find the simplicity that would enable them to see beyond their selfish ambitions and understand the manner of life to which Jesus was calling them. Jesus identified with the child, the representative of the poor and marginalised and nameless ones. To welcome such a person in Jesus' name means to offer them unconditional acceptance and protection. In the process of welcoming these least ones, Jesus said, you welcome me and the One who sent me.

If we dare to accept Jesus' challenge to welcome the least ones, we are put on a sure collision course with contemporary culture. We as church should be welcoming immigrants, refugees and all victims of societal indifference and selfishness. To do otherwise is to belie our belonging to Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray for the world, for our neighbours and loved ones, and for ourselves.

That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

That Christians in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who struggle spiritually, beset by doubt or anxiety; for those who are distressed by the behaviour of others; for those trying to love those who are difficult to love...We pray to the Lord.

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Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the sick and those who suffer:

especially Kevin Kennedy, Kathy Horvat, Dawn Salmon, Tom Ryan, Audrey Willis, Tibby Turay, Kathy Dyball, Eileen Foley, Robert Driscoll, Russell Baude, Georgina Nelson, Mat Talbot, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, 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, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melva McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, 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.

for those who live with back pain, arthritis and other chronic conditions that are debilitating or affect their quality of life.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

We remember those who have died especially: Charles Neander, John Salmon, Mary Egan, John Flood Nagle, Ursula Clifford, Sandy McKenzie-McHarg, Agnes Hanna, Judith Taylor, Brian Frauenfelder and Geoff Bray, Sandy McKenzie-McHarg, Agnes Hanna, Judith Taylor, Brian Frauenfelder, Geoff Bray, Fr Tom White

Anniversaries:

Ray Muntz, Mary Tanner, Noel Rothe, Clem Keogh and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

Also:

Ron Tanner and all our dear ones who have died.

And for those who are grieving the loss of a dear one

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Loving God, you sent us your son Jesus to establish your kingdom. Grant us what we need to choose to live as members of that kingdom and to live out your Gospel message here on earth. We pray in Jesus' name.

AMEN

BAPTISMS

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

CHARLOTTE CAMPION

FOR YOUR DIARY

ON LEAVE

Fr Brendan Lee commences his annual holidays today. He will return on Saturday 10th October. Fr Plunkett will say the 9.00am and 10.30am Masses next Sunday and another priest from Wagga Wagga the following Sunday.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held in St Patrick's presbytery on Monday 21st September at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Claiming the date The Catholic Women's League will be hosting the film "Mayo's Last Dancer" on Sunday 4th October with afternoon tea in the parish gardens. More information to come.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

10th October 2009 at 11.00am in the Treasury Gardens, East Melbourne.

Please join in the March for the Babies as the journey begins to overturn the Abortion Law Reform Act, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. This law eliminated all legal protection for Victorian children until the moment of birth.

REUNION

Combined CCYM 1950 to 1960 and St Joseph's Primary School 1945 to 1950 for the 2010 October long weekend at Wagga Wagga. All interested, please phone Peter Dominguez on (02) 6921 2579 or email to dominguezdarts@dodo.com.au

ALTAR SERVERS

If any boy is interested in becoming an altar server at St Patrick's, please contact Fr Lee on 6041 2588.

CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION

Parishioners interested in assisting with Catholic catechetical instruction in public primary schools within the parish are invited to contact Christine McMahon on 6021 3573. Training and support provided.

SANCTUARY & FLOWER ROSTER FOR 2010

Volunteers are needed for the St Patrick's Church Altar Roster. This requires about one hour of your time once a week for two weeks of the year to dust the church and arrange flowers. Usually done on a Friday afternoon, could easily be done while waiting for children after school. Great way to meet people or get a group together to help your parish church. Please phone Nan Brandt on 6021 5060 or the Parish Secretary on 6041 2588 if you can help.

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.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

* 'Deadhead' on drugs 'floored' by Virgin Mary - A conversation with Fr Don Calloway, convert from 'a wicked life'

SNIPPET

We must love those whose opinion we follow and those whose opinions we reject: for both set themselves in search of truth and collaborate with us in this. (St Thomas Aquinas)