

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

21st June 2009

### GOSPEL: Mark 4: 35-41

In today's Gospel we hear about Jesus asleep in the back of the boat while the disciples are terrified that they will perish in the violent storm. Today let us be confident that Jesus can calm the storms of our lives.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord,  
his love is everlasting.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 24th June - Birth of John the Baptist

### CHRIST'S ACTIONS MOVE MAN TO TRUST HIM

In the storm-tossed sea, the apostles cried out for certainty and placed their trust in Christ. "Don't you care if we perish?" (Mark 4: 38) He arose and supplied a motive for regarding him from a divine point of view by addressing the wind and the sea as living things: "Peace. Be still" (Mark 4: 39). Our inner life is often storm-tossed by sinfulness. Our outer lives are often troubled as the Church seems to be storm-tossed by world events. Sometimes even believers can be shaken in their faith because Christ can seem asleep in the boat. The very violence and unexpected nature of these difficulties can lead the believer to cry out: "Don't you care if we perish?"

In the midst of all these troubles, each must cry for Christ to continue to aid his faith. Christ cares more than we know. All he asks of us is that we give up our self-reliance and "fall into the everlasting arms." We cannot save ourselves nor can we persevere in our faith by our own power. We must understand that we need and must rely on his grace. Christ helps us to acquire a more supernatural point of view toward ourselves, our neighbour, our world, and even life and death when he speaks: "Peace. Be still." If he created and can calm the wind and the sea, he can certainly calm our storm-tossed consciences and enable us to embrace faith with both our intellect and our wills.

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Margaret Kirley, Georgina Nelson, Allan Goddard, Mat Talbot, Brian Scanlan, Lionel West, Geoff Bray, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervis, 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 Grlca, 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:

Sue Burt, Von Jess, Richard Mullins, Wayne Markham, Gerald Fagan, Joan Richardson, James Monahan, Fay Langfield and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Wilma Wighton, Rose & Jack Surrey, Jack & Roy Matthews, Kathleen Wighton, Les Ryan and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also for all our dear ones who have died.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

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

**JACK MCDONALD**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously last weekend to our Special Collection for Propagation of the Faith. Our parish collected \$974.00.

Next weekend at all Masses there will be a special collection for the Annual Offering for the Pope.

### **SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS**

Holy Communion from the cup will not be given at Masses until further notice. Also please note, some people may prefer not to offer a handshake as a sign of peace during this precaution period.

### **FUNDRAISER FOR BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE**

A comedy cabaret show will be held at Holy Spirit Hall, Lavington on Saturday 4th July at 7.30pm. Adults: \$15.00, Children: \$8.00, Family: \$40.00. Enquiries (02) 60432936.

Please see the noticeboard for details.

### **DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL**

Responding to the need for Australian Catholic resources for the parish and classroom, 'Echoing the Word' is a unique web magazine offering unlimited access to a wide range of liturgies, activities, black-line masters, prayer ideas and informative articles. A sample issue is available free of charge at: [www.echoingtheword.com/sampleissue/index.shtml](http://www.echoingtheword.com/sampleissue/index.shtml).

### **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.

### **SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE**

Sancta Sophia College is a residential college for undergraduate women and post-graduate men and women set on campus at the University of Sydney. Open Days (also Sydney Uni Info Days) on Saturday 29th August 2009 and Tuesday 5th January 2010. For more information and details about applications and scholarships phone the College on (02) 9577 2100 or visit [www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au](http://www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au)

### **TOGETHER**

The June edition of 'Together' is available for free distribution at the church doors.

### **SNIPPET**

It is hope that comes from Christ's love which gives us the strength to live and to deal with difficulties. (Benedict XVI)