

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

22nd March 2009

THEME: John 3: 14-21

In our world we witness the struggle between the forces of light and darkness. We pray to be people of the light, to choose the light and reject the darkness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To Jerusalem, that binds them together in unity, the tribes of the Lord go up to give him praise.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 25th March

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

WHY DID JESUS DIE?

Because the dead who have sinned are brought to life in Christ; saved by grace and through faith, believers are raised up with Christ; **nothing is earned or deserved, all is gift.**

This strong statement of humans' inability to save themselves is made all the more remarkable by the author's praise of "good works".

These good works are the fruits, the outcome of a faith that is professed with both one's lips and one's life.

The gift of salvation promotes good works not only as an after-death experience but as a here-and-now blessing.

Through Baptism, believers anticipate, in word and work, the graces of the resurrected life so as to bear witness to that life and offer hope and courage to their contemporaries.

In a sense, God's gift of salvation enables believers to be both messengers who can carry that good news to others and living messages of God's love and compassion for all.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Paul Moatz, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Mitchell Wallace (baby), Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Norm 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 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, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Effie Ray, Bob Woods, Sandra Varrasso, and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Margaret Smith, Katerina Serbinek, Colin Paul, Pat Murray, Paul McCormack (Malasia), Brian McGee, Noel Flanagan (Fr Kevin's brother) and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Vince Ryan, Mary Tandon, Frank Tanner, Bernard Rodrigues, William Patrick and Cecilia Manning, Fred Wilkes and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Bert Scammell, Lorraine Hill, Claude Ryan, Fred & Doris Morris, Gillian McAllister and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

JAMES WILKINSON

PAYGE DALE

FOR YOUR DIARY

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for Easter will be held on Saturday 28th March and 4th April at 12.00noon in St Patrick's Church (one hour only). Past and new members most welcome. Please contact John Harrold on 6021 4079 for details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held in St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm each Friday evening during Lent.

ANNUAL ACIES CEREMONY

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to attend their Annual Acies Ceremony at 2.00pm on Sunday 29th March 2009 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Thurgoona followed by Benediction (and a delicious afternoon tea).

PALM SUNDAY - WYD09

Come and celebrate World Youth Day 2009 in the Wagga Wagga Diocese on Sunday 5th April at Holy Spirit parish Lavington. The day starts with Mass at 10.00am, followed by a day of prayer, catechesis and recreational activities. Lunch and afternoon tea provided. There is no cost but donations of \$10.00 are welcome to cover the costs of the day.

Contact Miriam: 0400 419 981

mizmim@gmail.com

LENTEN STUDY GROUP FOR 16-35YRS

A Lenten Study Group for 16-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday night 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.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships for Xavier High School are available for students entering Years 7, 9 and 11 in 2010. Application details may be obtained by contacting Mrs Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 or email info@xhsww.catholic.edu.au

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

There will be a Parent Information Evening in the Arts Centre of Xavier High School at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th March. Parents of primary students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend to ask questions and gain information about Xavier High School and secondary education.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2010

An Information Day for Year 6 students will be held on Friday 27th March at Xavier High School from 10.00am to 2.30pm. Students from St Patrick's Albury and Holy Spirit will be bussed to and from Xavier. All students attending the Information Day will be provided with lunch. Parents of students enrolled at other schools in the Albury area should phone Xavier on 6040 6388 to register their attendance.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Xavier High School will have an Open Day on Wednesday 25th March 2009 from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. This is an opportunity for interested people to view our excellent facilities and the school at work. Student Leaders will conduct tours throughout the afternoon. RSVP to Cerina or Pauline on 6040 6388.

REVELATION TOUR

Hear the testimonies of these amazing speakers! Be part of a movement to protect mothers and save babies on Friday 27th March 12.00pm-2.00pm (bring a plate) at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Thurgoona. Contact: Prue 0411 563 790 or (02) 6920 2027. See noticeboard for details.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - SCHOOL FETE

The Holy Spirit Parish and School will hold their annual fete on Sunday 3rd May this year. The fete will run from 11.00am until 3.00pm in the school grounds, on the corner of Mutsch & Prune Streets, adjacent to Holy Spirit Church.

A VOICE FOR WOMEN

Sacred Heart Church, Koorringal, Saturday 28th March 1.30-3.30pm. Melinda Tankard Reist is an author, researcher and commentator with a special interest in issues affecting women. She is coming to Wagga Wagga at the request of the Council for Australian Catholic Women to speak to the women (and interested men) of our Diocese about her work with Women's Forum Australia.