

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

23rd August 2009

GOSPEL: John 6: 60-69

In today's gospel Jesus asks his disciples if they want to leave him, and Peter says for all of us, "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 24th August	Bartholomew, apostle
Thursday 27th August	Monica
Friday 28th August	Augustine, bishop, doctor
Saturday 29th August	Beheading of John the Baptist, martyr

LORD, HEAL MY UNBELIEF

We pray to God to draw us to himself and to give us faith. When we feel that his mysteries are too severe for us, and occasion us to doubt, let us earnestly wait on him for the gift of humility and love. Those who love and who are humble will accept them; - carnal minds do not seek them, and proud minds are offended at them; - **but while love desires them, humility sustains them.** Let us pray him then to give us such a real and living insight into the blessed doctrine of the incarnation of the Son of God, of his birth of a virgin, his atoning death, and resurrection, that we may desire that the holy communion may be the effectual sample of that gracious plan. Anyone who realises the mystery of the incarnation cannot but feel disposed towards that of holy communion. Let us pray him to give us an earnest longing after him - a thirst for his presence - an anxiety to find him - a joy on hearing that he is to be found, even now, under the veil of visible things, - and a good hope that we shall find him there. Blessed indeed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Robert Driscoll, Russell Baude, Georgina Nelson, Mat Talbot, Geoff Bray, 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, 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:

Thelma Stewart, Clarence Shiphard, Trixie Benstead, Evan Warnock, Lorna Ellwood, Kathleen Robinson and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Fr George Moore, Bill Kotthoff, Maria Stradiotto and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Mary Kotthoff, Ken Kotthoff, Rose, Harry & Bill Livsey and all our dear ones who have died.

LORD HEAR US

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection at all Masses next weekend 29th and 30th August for Migrants and Refugees.

CARPENTERS BREAKFAST

The next Carpenters Breakfast will be held on Saturday 5th September at 7.30am in St Patrick's supper room. The guest speaker will be Pat Byrne and the theme is "The Godless Society". RSVP to Chris Ryan (02) 6021 8984.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - FILM SCREENING

The Catholic Women's League will hold a special screening of "The Young Victoria" on Sunday 30th August at the Cinema Centre, Albury at 4.00pm. Afternoon tea will be held in the supper room at St Patrick's Hall before the movie at 2.00pm. The cost for the movie and afternoon tea is \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased from members of the CWL. Enquiries: Irene Bowyer (02) 6023 5670.

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.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES' DINNER AND FORMATION

Saturday 29th August at 7.00pm in the Conference Centre, Grand National Motel (opposite Ettamogah Pub entrance, Burma Road, Table Top). Three-course meal. Bring wine to share. \$50.00 per couple. Guest speaker: Dr Rafael Hurtado Domingez (Sociology) JP II Institute - "A Vision for Marriage and Family". RSVP: Jorgete Hudson (02) 6026 2549.

INVITATION

Parishioners, Parish Council representatives, catechists, teachers, RECs, prayer companions and liturgy group members are welcome to attend a presentation by Karl Schultz who is the director of Genesis Personal Development Centre in Pittsburgh. He is an author, speaker and retreat leader on personal and organisational development and biblical spirituality. The presentation will be held on Tuesday 25th August from 4.00pm-7.00pm in St Patrick's Supper Room.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK 17TH-23RD AUGUST

For information on achieving, postponing pregnancy or teaching natural family planning, call Carmel, a local accredited fertility teacher, on 6025 4846.

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.

SNIPPET

Sometimes Our Lord comes very late, and pays all at once as much as he has given others during many years. (Teresa of Avila).