

ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

24th May 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 16: 15-20

Before Jesus ascended, he told the disciples to proclaim the Gospel to every creature. This is the call of every Christian, to proclaim the Gospel by our lives and our words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I, the Lord, am with you always, until the end of the world, alleluia.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 25th May Mary Help of Christians

Tuesday 26th May Philip Neri, priest

ASCENSION

On this Ascension day, we are invited to raise our voices in praise of the Lord who has ascended to his heavenly throne as King of kings. Our presence at this Mass is itself a sign that we want to respond to the invitation; we want to praise our dear Lord for his personal triumph; we want to thank him too because of the hope that he has brought to us, the "rich glories" he promises us and the power which St Paul calls "infinitely great", that he exercises on our behalf.

The last words of the Lord at his ascension were that we should spread the Good News, that we should be his witnesses.

That's a task that we fulfil principally by the way we live our daily lives. The Gospel may speak of some of the marvels "associated with believers" in the early days of the Church, such as healings, and casting out of devils and speaking with tongues, but we too, in our own small, less dramatic way - by our patience, our little acts of kindness, our concern for others, our readiness to forgive, our joy, our humble living out of the Gospel - we too are bearing witness to our Lord's message, we too are living signs confirming that Jesus has risen, Jesus has ascended, Jesus is Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Georgina Nelson, Allan Goddard, Ann Twomey, Mat Talbot, Jason Price, Fr Peter Thompson Cm, 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, 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, Patricia

Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Paul Moate, Mona Quinlan, Mary Vonthein, Wilma Peternal, Kathleen Gleeson, Don McLean, George Hannan, Mary Hamilton, Lorna Cartwright and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Vera Kemp, Michael Gleeson, Ita Moore and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones who have died.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

BRIANNA EMMETT

SOPHIE PHEGAN

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously last weekend to our special collection Media Sunday. Our parish collected \$1, 012.00.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH SCHOOL, ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2010

St Patrick's Parish School, committed to being a community of learners led by Gospel values, are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2010. Please phone (02) 6021 4464 to request an enrolment application package.

WINTER BUSH DANCE SATURDAY

A Bush Dance for the whole family will be held at Lavington's, Holy Spirit Hall on Saturday 13th June. Come dressed in your flannies and boots and don't forget your Akubra! Time: 7.30pm-11.00pm. Tickets \$10.00 each, youth under 16yrs gold coin donation. Money raised will go toward Catholic youth work in the Albury area.

A light supper and refreshments will be provided. BYO drinks. This is a family friendly event for people of all ages. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a guardian. For more information see noticeboard or contact Miriam 0438 484 000.

ICON OF OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM COMING TO ALBURY 3RD JUNE

Albury has the great privilege of hosting the Icon of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom at St Patrick's Church, Smollett Street, on the evening of Wednesday 3rd June. To celebrate the Icon's visit, parishioners from all parishes in the area are invited to come pray with and for the young people in our Diocese at a Mass organised by the young adults at 7.00pm.

A free BBQ for all young adults 18-35yrs will follow the Mass. For more information see notice board or contact Miriam - 0438 484 000.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUNG ADULTS GROUP 18-35YRS

Adoration in the Church 7.00pm-8.00pm every last Wednesday of the month. All parishioners are welcome to come along.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 31ST JUNE

To celebrate Pentecost, a free sausage sizzle will follow the 10.30am Sunday Mass. All are invited to come along. Free balloons for children.

CENTACARE HAS MOVED

The new address for Centacare is:
440 Wilson Street, P O Box 3142, Albury.
Ph. (02) 6051 0222, Fax (02) 6023 3411.
Staff email addresses remain the same.

ORDINATION TO THE DEACONATE - JUSTIN DARLOW

The people of Albury and district are cordially invited to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Mr Justin Darlow on Saturday 30th May 2009 commencing at 10.30am at St Michael's Cathedral, Church Street, Wagga Wagga. A stand-up luncheon will follow at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall (Cnr Bourke Street and Fernleigh Road). Please bring a plate. See notice board for details.

INVITATION

The Parish of Lavington invites all parishioners to a Mass celebrating Fr Patrick O'Connell's 60th Anniversary of Priesthood on Friday 5th June at 12.00 noon in Holy Spirit Church.

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