

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

25th January 2009

THEME: Mark 1: 14-20

My friends, today's readings call us to repent and follow Jesus, and in the second reading we will hear that "time is running out". Let us seize the day and resolve to let go of anything that is standing in the way of being a good disciple of Jesus.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 26th January

Australia Day

Wednesday 28th January

Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

Saturday 31st January

John Bosco, priest

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Something in Jesus' approach to His mission attracted others to want to join Him. St Mark would explain this attraction repeatedly by attesting that Jesus spoke with authority. His authority was rooted in his relationship with God the Father, and this relationship empowered Jesus to announce decisively the imminence of the reign of God and to call for repentance and belief.

Speaking in Aramaic, Jesus probably used the term *shubh*, which meant to turn toward God and away from all else, a radical transformation of mind and heart, a resolve to "do a 180" so as to reorient the entire self to God. But change for the sake of change, however radical or dramatic, is not enough. Repentance and turning away from all else toward God must be translated into belief, a positive commitment in faith to live differently because of Jesus.

In order to launch this mission of repentance and belief, Jesus called to himself followers who would represent Him as He represented God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Gary McLinden, Paul Trottmann, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Michael Rooney, Norm McLaurin, Keith Hynes, Mihovil Katalinic, Vin Griffiths, Bruce Tate, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Joan Sullivan, 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, Nicholas Hetherington, Joseph Doran, Effie Ray, Sandra Varrasso, Bob Woods and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Rubena (Ruby) Hanlan, Stan Sawaski, Dinny Wighton, Pat Hickey, Lucy Van Oijen, Anne Ferguson and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Ivy Rooney, Margaret McCluskey, Bill, Liz, Hannah & Phoebe Allen and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Lorraine Hill, Bert Scammell, Malcolm Nicholson and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

OLIVER KEENE

FOR YOUR DIARY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This month, eucharistic adoration will be held at St Patrick's Church, Albury on Friday 6th February from 6.00pm until Saturday 7th February at 9.00am.

Will you not watch one hour with me?

MASSES FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Mass times for Australia Day, Monday 26th January, are 7.00am and 10.30am.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS' CENACLE

The Cenacle is held each Saturday of the month at 10.30am in the old convent chapel, off St Patrick's Church yard in Albury. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 2nd February.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

St Patrick's School students in Years 1-6 commence first term on Thursday 29th January and the new kinders start on Monday 2nd February.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

Xavier High School students in Years 7, 11 and 12 commence first term on Thursday 29th January and Years 8, 9 and 10 students commence on Friday 30th January.

PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council for 2009 will be held on Thursday 29th January at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP, 18-35 YRS

St Patrick's holds a weekly discussion group for 18-35 year olds on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's hall. For more information, contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com , John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

YOUTH GROUP (12-17YRS)

St Patrick's Youth Group will start again on 1st February after the 10.30am Mass but still on the first Sunday of every month. If you like meeting new people, eating junk food and getting to know your faith better, then youth group is for you. Contact Fr Brendan Lee: 6041 2588 or Miriam: 0400 419 981.

STUDYING OR WORKING IN SYDNEY IN 2009?

Xavier House offers accommodation to young men from the country and is a safe and affordable home in the city. It is operated by St Vincent de Paul and located in Stanmore, Sydney's Inner West, just 10 minutes by train or bus to the city and near several universities. Home cooked meals five nights per week and breakfast/lunch are self-serve. Modern study facilities and 24 hour free internet access in every room. Foxtel, pool table and off-street parking. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted. For more information, contact the manager: Jimmy Rix on (02) 9560 2570 or 0447 288 208,

or Log on to www.xavierhouse.org.au

Email: x.h@bigpond.com.au

SNIPPET

Above all, you must NEVER stop praying for the love of God.
(Fr Julian Tennison-Wood)