

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

30th August 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Let us today quiet our minds and open our hearts to receive God's word, and hear God's command to love one another.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 3rd September	Gregory, pope, doctor
Friday 4th September	First Friday, Sacred Heart
Saturday 5th September	First Saturday, Fatima

TRUE HOLINESS

In today's Gospel, Jesus turns to the crowds to speak about moral purity or holiness. Instead of laying heavy burdens like excessive hand-washing on others, Jesus, who was moved by compassion for their plight, offered teachings that freed rather than constrained people. He assured the "regular folks" that purity and holiness are not achieved with soap and water, but through faithful responsiveness to the overtures of God, who calls forth the best in everyone. Just as holiness originates from within, **defilement and sin grow within a heart that is turned away from God.**

This was a shatteringly new doctrine. With one sweeping declaration, Jesus pronounced the traditional system of purity irrelevant. With that declaration, Jesus also put the onus for achieving and maintaining a holy way of life on the shoulders of each individual. Those who want to be holy must do more than consult a myriad of traditions and attempt to conform to them. Rather, those who want to be holy must look to God for grace and then look within themselves and find there the conviction necessary to live honest, just and holy lives.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Kathy Dyball, Dudley Foley, 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, 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:

James Lane, Fr John Leahy, Thelma Stewart, Nellie Taylor, Don Christie, Charles Francis, Clarence Shiphard, Trixie Benstead and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Clyde Ward, Luis & Apolonia Flores, Sharron Hammant, Catalina Montojo and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

For all our dear ones who have died.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

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

CHELSEA BAKER

EVAN SERGI

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a special collection at all Masses this weekend for Migrants and Refugees.

ALBURY PARISHES EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Thurgoona - 8.00pm Friday 4th September to 8.00am Saturday 5th September.

Will you not watch one hour with me?

CARPENTERS BREAKFAST

The next Carpenters Breakfast will be held this 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" this 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.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

In St Patrick's Church at 10.30am on Thursday 3rd September. Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

HOLY HOUR, EXPOSITION WITH ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

Wednesday 2nd September from 5.30-6.30pm in St Patrick's Church - prayer in reparation of sins against and a greater respect for all human life.

VACANCY

O'Connell Gardens Retirement Village, Lavington. Contact the priests on 6025 1784.

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.

SNIPPET

Trust and work with the Spirit and the Church and there is no cause for worry. Whatever difficulties you encounter can be overcome in God's time and way. (Karl Schultz)