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WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH.



Our Sick: Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl

Anniversaries In June Glad Scanlon, Monica Flemming, Kevin Hession, Pat Dundon, Tony Tregaea, Brian Maslin, Brian Freeman, Jan Vogels, Marjorie Martin, Hendrieka Lathouwers, Valda McKenzie

Recent Deaths: Joan Johnson, Barbara Dickinson, Margaret Trigg



Our call to be "missionary disciples of Jesus" is based on the Exodus experience of the Jewish people. Yes, God enables the Jews to be liberated from slavery, but much more is at stake. God addresses Moses like an earthly king pledging to confer on Israel the dignity of a "priestly kingdom" and a "consecrated nation". The Israelites, on their part, are called to pledge themselves to God's law which is about to be given to them in the Ten Commandments.

Guess what? The Jews were not always faithful to this new covenant that God made with them. Yet, despite this, we learn from this week's Psalm that God remains faithful and merciful; moreover, God continues to care and protect his people as a shepherd guides his flock.

The writers of the Jewish Scriptures are at pains to point out that, despite the failure of the people of the Covenant to live by the Law, God does not give up. Indeed, as the Psalmist tells us: "How good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love; God is forever faithful."

The extent of God's faithful and forgiving love is made evident in Paul's Letter to the Romans. St Paul tells us that God sends his own Son to live among us and die for us. A new covenant is formed to promote the offer of life and salvation not just to the Jewish people, but to all who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and strive to live out their faith in loving service of others.

Importantly, this offer of a new covenant for all people does not nullify God's first covenant made with the Jews. This highlights the importance of Jewish-Christian dialogue as a way of understanding the multiple ways God is present among all people calling them to fulness of life. Such dialogue also points to the importance of the Jewish Scriptures for our proper understanding of the God of Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

This brings us to this week's gospel by Matthew who is very much writing for a Jewish-Christian audience. Matthew had already introduced us to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and to some of his healing miracles. Today we see Jesus inviting disciples – we are even given names of the prominent Twelve – to assist him in his mission of the Kingdom. Such mission is in full continuity with God's mission to Israel. Jesus even uses the words of Moses stating that "the people are like sheep without a shepherd."

But what are we to make of Jesus' words to the disciples to avoid "pagan territory" and "Samaritan towns" but, rather, "go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel"? We need to know that Jesus, as the Baptist before him, saw his own mission focused on the "twelve tribes of Israel". It is only after the death and resurrection of Jesus that the disciples are empowered by the Spirit to see their mission is for all people regardless of race, nationality or ethnicity.

Gerard Hall SM Majellan Media 2023

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Pope's intention for June - For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families. Lord, hear us.

"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Giraiwurrung lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 18th June

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A



First Reading **Ex 19:2-6**

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.'"

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3**

(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 5:6-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the laborer's are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborer's to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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Refugee Week: June 18-24

Prayer for Refugee Week

Lord, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

PLEASE NOTE

Mass on the first Sunday of the month will be in Timboon for the next 3 Months

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ACU Centre for Liturgy Online Training Program – Ministers of the Word 28June 2023

This new four-week training program for Ministers of the Word has been created by Australian liturgy specialists in order to foster and develop the skills of new and existing ministers. The online program features quality liturgical content and offers practical exercises in a supportive and engaging environment. The comprehensive program is suitable for members of all communities, city or regional, large or small, school or parish. More information available at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>

Are you interested in helping at the Timboon hospital, visiting the sick? This would require one visit a month, chatting with patients who do not have family or visitors. For more information ring Patty Martin on 0400 533 734 or 5598 5495

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialized activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available at: pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing Date: 4 August 2023

Hello Everyone,

I am forwarding some information about the proposed government takeover of Calvary Hospital in Canberra.

I would be grateful if you could bring this information to the notice of the people of your parish.

Those who wish to would be able to sign the online petition to Save Calvary.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

Timboon 2023	18th June Mass 9:00 a.m.	25th June Assembly of W & C 9:00 a.m.	2nd July Mass 9:00a.m.
Welcome	K Currell	A McMeel	M McKinnon
Leaders		T O' Connor, J McInerney	
Statue	G Delaney	K Currell	C Martin P Martin
Reader	E O'Connor	A Vogels	M McKinnon
POF	S Jayakody	G Vogels	E Roberts
E.M.H.C.		A Vogels	
Bulletin	Denny Family	Denny Family	G Swierczek
Slides	P Nicholson	P Nicholson	A McMeel
Simpson	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00 a.m.	Closed