

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 18th May, 2023
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

ANNIVERSARIES:

Albert Whatley, Albert Pope, Lal Franc,
Rev David de Dear, Margot Driscoll, Betty Flemming,
Rosie Weightman, Joan Hewinson, Maree Drew
John Henry Cushing

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Blake Dridan,
Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme
Trethowan, Bernie Duffy, Tony Collins, Eileen
McManus and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Genevieve Johnston

June 25th: Angela Gerrard

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Charlie Franc

June 25th: Sue Mahony

Assembly Leaders

Today: Jim and Sue Mahony

July 2nd: Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy

Special Minister

Today: Clarrie Johnston

July 2nd: Gail Hall

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

Jun 25th & 2nd July: Sue Mahony & Angela Gerrard

Church Grounds

Jun 25th & 2nd July: Jim Mahony & Tom Franc

Newsletter

June: Angela Gerrard 0439 565 468

MASS TIMES

June 25th: **8.30am Mass**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We welcome Sr Helen on Sunday June 25th
to celebrate her recent 80th birthday.
All welcome after 8.30am Mass
for morning tea in the Parish Centre.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Donations to the St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual
Winter Appeal 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.

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*

NATSICC launches new website on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament - June 5, 2023

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a new website called "One Journey, Together" for Catholics to learn about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The website hosts stories and anecdotes from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, Catholic figures and Catholic organisations. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/aboriginal-catholic-ministry/>.

A Prayer for Christian Unity

God of justice and truth,
we seek your guidance to embody the prophet's call
to do good and to seek justice.
May we grow with the courage and compassion of Christ,
and walk in the way of
peace and reconciliation.
May God's Spirit enliven and embolden us to stand in
solidarity with others until all are treated with dignity and
worth. May our holy living be a foretaste
of the mercy and blessing
of the reign of God. Amen

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and break the power of
violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and 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.

PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL THROUGH GREECE AND TURKEY

11-23 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

18 JUNE 2023

SIGNS OF GOD IN THE TIMES

Reading accurately the signs of the times and then responding appropriately is seldom an easy matter. In coming to Mount Sinai, the people of Israel have arrived at a decisive moment, as today's first reading notes. They are called to remember how God rescued them and to pledge themselves to be faithful to their covenant relationship. By doing this each member will share in the priestly duties of bringing others to encounter the living God. Faced with the needs of so many people Jesus had also arrived at a moment of decision. The people were in desperate need of shepherds to care for them. His response was to appoint the Twelve to share in his ministry of healing and proclaiming the reign of God.

For Paul, the most important sign of the times was not the fact that all humanity deserved to be condemned as falling short of the mark. Rather, it was God's unexpected response to our need and powerlessness. Paul stresses our desperate plight in order to emphasise the marvellous gift we have been given in the saving death of Jesus. No greater proof could be found to show us God's love for all people than Jesus dying for us while we were yet sinners. From Paul's perspective, there was never a question of us meriting such an act of self-sacrifice. The death of Jesus is an invitation to wonder, hope and joyfully trust that whatever has ruptured our relationship with God has been healed.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99: 2-3, 5. R. v. 3

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

1. Cry out 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.

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 labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'