

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Eleventh Sunday in 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
R. 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.

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

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

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
R. 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 labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers 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
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION

by **Fr Michael Tate**
Guts in a Knot

When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff. Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy. Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest. So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

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11th SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and 1st Saturday of the month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Wednesdays after 9am Mass

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 28th June @ 1pm CMR
All Welcome

Craft Group
Thursdays 10am

ADORATION
TUESDAY @ 8AM

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome

...I have Called You...



The Readings for this 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time are at the heart of our Faith and are anything but ordinary. The context in the rhythm of the Liturgical Year is important. This Sunday's Readings follow the major celebrations of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and the Feast of Corpus Christi. In the Gospel Jesus proclaims, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest' (Matt 9: 37)

What is the harvest to which Jesus was referring? Who is he asking to go into the harvest? What does it mean for us today? Am I listening to God's call in my life?

The harvest is our world – the call is for all of us who are baptised – to be the labourers. So, what is happening in our world? What are the 'signs of the times' today? Are we afraid like the apostles were at the first Pentecost and will we listen and be filled with the Holy Spirit and go forth with trust in God as they did?

The harvest is our world which continues to be characterised by tragedy, war, destruction, inequity, poverty and so much global as well as local distress. Jesus is telling us to go into this harvest – Ron Rolheiser, an Oblate priest and theologian offers some wisdom... 'we are asked by our Christian faith to have a genuine love for the world...the world isn't our enemy.' This can be difficult to understand sometimes when we can face ridicule for our beliefs but it is the place of the harvest, the place of conversion of our heart, of all hearts towards God. It is important to remember that our world is also characterised by people of goodwill and great generosity of spirit and belief in others.

Our Christian faith expressed in this weekend's Gospel calls us into the harvest – to welcome the stranger, the feed the orphans and the widows - the scriptural code for who at any given time are the 3 most vulnerable groups in society. We are called to reach out to the poor, to break through the boundaries as Jesus shows us countless times in the Gospels - to be the hope for the 'harassed and dejected' in the crowd. It is challenging to welcome the stranger, to step beyond our comfort zone but Jesus 'not only makes a preferential option for the poor, but God is in the poor. How we treat the poor is how we treat God' (Rolheiser and Pope Francis).

Jesus tells us that we will be judged based on how we treated the most vulnerable among us (Matthew's Gospel). We are called to feed the hungry – an uncompromising and eminently personal call (Rolheiser). We are called to be eminently human in our response – 'to be human is to listen to the rest of the world with a tender heart, and to learn to live with our arms open and our souls seared with a sense of responsibility for everything that is. (Joan Chittister)

Maybe we can respond to the call of the Pastoral Care Team in our Parish to assist those less fortunate or to volunteer with Vinnies – to tend to the local harvest!

During this **Refugee Week (18 – 24 June)** we are invited to respond both in kind and in prayer

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 one, those who are lost, those who have been made destitute and those who have been exiled. 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.



Mass Schedule
MASSES THIS WEEK
Monday 19th June
Sunday 25th June

Monday 19th: No Mass
Tuesday 20th: Mass 9am
Wednesday 21st: Mass 9am
Thursday 22nd: Mass 9am
Friday 23rd: Mass 9am
Saturday 24th: Mass 5pm
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm
Sunday 25th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

17/18 JUNE

Cleaning
19-23 R & K Ison

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder
 Commentator S Ebejer
 Reader: J Quigley
 Eucharistic Ministers
 M Weatherall, Y Oerder
 Computer Screen
 J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran
 Commentator D Robinson
 Reader: A Brown
 Eucharistic Ministers
 M & C Lowe
 Computer Screen T Priest.

MORNING TEA:

M Vidovic & Zdenka

24/25 JUNE

Cleaning
26/6-1/7 Favetta/O'Neill/Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer P Jobs
 Commentator P O'Kelly
 Reader: J Mackay
 Eucharistic Ministers
 M O'Neill, M Bridges
 Computer Screen
 K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer C Connell
 Commentator N Beatty
 Reader: A Skinner
 Eucharistic Ministers
 A Skinner, S Beashel
 Computer Screen D May.

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

MUSICIANS NEEDED

If you can play keyboard, organ or guitar it would be great to have more musicians on the roster for Mass.
 All offers gratefully received.
Thank you.

Please contact Phil Billington (0428593191)

Please note: Next Thursday 22nd June, Fr John Walter will be celebrating Mass for the Parish at 9am



Beginning on the 4th July (first Tuesday in

July) Mass will be celebrated at 5pm.
There will be no 9am Mass.

Adoration will be @ 4pm

VISITATION & HC NEEDED FOR

Couple in Sunshine Bay

If you are able to assist please ring Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057 ASAP

ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE—EDEN—2023

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites you to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on **Saturday 19th August.**

Archbishop Christopher will lead the pilgrimage leaving from St Christopher's Cathedral at 7.30am on Saturday 19th August and travel to Eden by private vehicle.

A summary of the program for the day:

- 11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.
- 12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests

1.00 pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. An occasion to share fellowship with other pilgrims.

As we are organising lunch, it would be appreciated if you could advise if you are attending so catering can be arranged, please book in via our website Catholic Parish Pambula or on the following link Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage If there are any special dietary requirements, please make these known to us. You can contact either Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) or Bernadette (0429 774 119)

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St Vincent de Paul News

Many thanks to Yvonne and Brenda for the donation of single beds.

We wish to **Thank all Parishioners** for your very generous donation to our Winter Appeal.

You gifted us with \$2,315 which will help those disadvantaged in our local community.

St Vincent de Paul needs people to join our Conference Team.

We are serving more people than ever and need help.

Perhaps you can spare some time to help continue our good works in Bateman's Bay.

Enquiries:

Marie Weatherall [m] 0405 028 057
 Dave May [m] 0408 627 854.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 24th June at 5pm

Please keep our children and their families in your prayers.



The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. **Amen**

Remembering the Sick:

Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, Dan Quigley, Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, David Coates, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Michael Thornton, Barbara Mills, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions 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.

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