

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 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.**

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Breaking Open the Word

WRENCHED BY PITY

After the celebration of Easter and the Feasts that immediately follow, we now return to the Gospel of Matthew. We come to a scene set after Jesus' great teaching in the 'Sermon on the Mount'. In the Sermon he taught the essential qualities of discipleship ('the Beatitudes') and how to live these out daily. Now we come to Jesus' teaching in action. He sees the crowd surrounding him and Matthew says 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek for 'felt sorry' (*splynizomai*) means something more powerful. 'Pity' doesn't quite capture the meaning of Matthew's intent. The Greek root is linked to one's innards or 'guts'. Jesus' response to this group of harassed and dejected individuals is visceral. His innards are twisted because of what they are experiencing.

For this reason, the rest of the Gospel passage has Jesus sending his disciples on mission to respond to the tragic and forlorn experience of those who need to encounter the message of the 'kin-dom'. Twelve are especially selected. We are given their names and they enact Jesus' desire to renew the twelve tribes of Israel. Given the Jewish audience addressed by Matthew, they ratify this renewal through their proclamation of the 'kin-dom' and deeds of healing. Their focus is specifically to the 'lost' sheep of Israel. They are to care about those who are lost in spirit, need healing and are looking to be included in Jesus' household of disciples.

Today's Gospel lays the foundation for what will become the 'synodal' approach of our Church today. We are to walk with and identify the 'lost' in our communities and parishes. This is our missionary focus. This is the primary mission of the synodal Church.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

14 JUNE 2026

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!



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 9pm, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

NO 12:00 PM MASS on Saturday

20 June due to First Holy Communion of students from SPC Primary School.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Let us

pray for the Students from SPC Primary School who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Saturday, 20 June 2026.

Thank you. On behalf of our Claretian

Fathers, we would like to thank all those who participated and supported last Sunday's Corpus Christi procession. There were approximately 5,000 Catholics who made their way to the streets of Melbourne's CBD from St Patrick's Cathedral to Federation Square.

Work With Children Check. A

friendly reminder to all new volunteers (over 18 years old) to please apply for WWCC immediately. And for those whose WWCC have expired, please renew your WWCC immediately. Thank you

Mass for Marriage Anniversaries Sunday, 12 July 2026, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral. Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries - **5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years** and above - will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register for your spot on Tuesday, 7 July 2026. For any queries please contact 03 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic? Or do you know someone who is? Please contact the Parish office 03 93633132 during office hours or email deerpark@cam.org.au

Sacramental Program. For students attending State schools. Preparation Sessions are now closed for this year. Information night will be in Term 1 next year.

Church Volunteers. Church cleaning volunteers needed for weekends. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help. Phone 03 93633132 during office hours Or email: deerpark@cam.org.au

REMINDER: A friendly reminder To all our Parishioners, Kindly park your car outside if you are staying after the 8:30am mass. **School gates will be closed at 9:30 AM. Thank you.**

**Next Week: 21 June 2026
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A**

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Alona Gondales Ganase, Vella & Formosa families, Joseph Cini, Agapito Lo, Immaculada, Perfo Barreto, Vivencio Descallar, Michael Caruana, Nikki Mayor, Roko & Anika Koprivanac, Stella Cini, Peter Chanel Sin, Ronnie Summit, Purificacion Gatus, Pommeyo Parinas, Nick Manugas, Neale Danhier, Gelacium Sese Jr, Felipe & Aurora Andres, Vincent Paul, John, Liza & Toni Bajada, Jolly Augustine Arckal, Alberto Ng, Pally Bayogoss Sr, Winnifiga Ana Alosius, Monica Lendse, Cateina Gaellardi, Joseph Sammut, Joe Muscat, Benedicto Do Van Can, Mateo Denubo, Remya, Felicia Fernandez, Luz Espina Salinas, Carlon & Karen D'Coto, Mariquita Caballero, Bernadette Aquilina, Angus, Ivor, Norma, Eslyn Jana Millire Bout, Laurance, Maria & Phillip Buttigieg, Jose Nepomuceno, Ulahannan Chacko, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Angelo, Celestina Antonio

SPECIAL INTENTION: Patrick Fernandez, Maria Belen Schweigary, Pablo Ginliani, Iva Saric, Danny, Del & Shannell, Iann Josef-Concel, Camila & Alessia, Cherie & Adam, Jeremy, Edgardo & Glydel Lawang, Joy Sarmiento, Alan Cilia

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Tony & Agatha Saliba, Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Olympia Grech, Anna, Katarina Shashova, Stefan Radic, Damian Gleeson, Karen Wyde, Kennedy Lacmal, Joshua, Trinidad, Miralior, Kevin, Jing, Koprivanac family

THANKSGIVING: Rosa Milan and family, Angelo Snelli, Natasha, Dwalin Lemaire, Liam, Neethu Varghese, Monina Parido, Katrina Nepomuceno, Lucy, Nora, Manny, Si Vung Sin, Pin Sin, Rini Joshua, Mu Jiung Sing, Lan Ing Sin, Fatima Sin, Kolotita Mualia, Iliamiana Jr, Mayor family, Minoli & Naveen, Patricia Meyn, Liam, Camille & Anne, Lin & Lan Snell

THIS WEEK: 14 June 2026 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Carina F Jennifer S Grace S L	Alister R Jessica C Aaron A	Frances R Kathleen T Wynna D	Nelissa D Anna C Rency C	Diana T Tami M Evelyn N	Celine T A Julian Sofia P
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Antonietta C Ernesto Co Della J Nick S L	Jeslie M Alister R	Ronald D Cedric B Shirley T Thi Pham	Cathryn D Don C Froilan M Marilou S J	Kirk D G R Jacqueline R Patrick B Vernon A	Gloria T Marvin D Rafael V Joe C
Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzielie
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	Holy Redeemer	MWF with LHM Sisters	Lea Lapid	CFCa

NEXT WEEK: 21 June 2026 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Delia J James J M Lobo	Alister R Richelle C Susan C	Perly C Rukmal M Wynna D	Roger S J Greza P Jennifer G	Flora S Diana T Gloria T	Annika D S De Guzman C Vallescas
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grace S L Joan S Nick S L Paul M	Alister R Kurt C	Roland D Rukmal M Ronald D	Alvin G Julie Ann M Maria Sulpharo Joe M	Oliver T Vernon A Tami M Jacqueline R	Marvin D Diana T Michael D Ric M
Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzielie
Choirs	Light of Jesus (LOJ)	AHFI	MWF with LHM Sisters	Emmaus	Lea Lapid	Exemnoz