

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.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature,

nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

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’ (*splagnizomai*) 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

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

14 JUNE 2026

THE HARVEST IS RICH. Aware of the vast numbers of people who were harassed and dejected Jesus called twelve apostles to share in his mission. They were to do the same works as Jesus, healing the sick and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. Christ still needs helpers to share in his mission. At the end of each Mass Christ sends us out to love and serve God and one another.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 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.

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

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

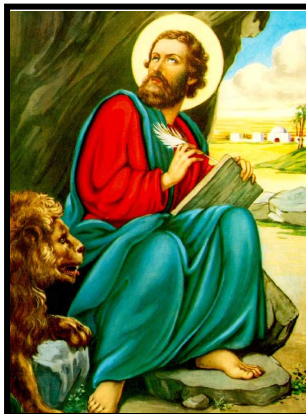
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.



St. Mark's Parish, Fawkner

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"I will not forget you... I have carved you on the palm of my Hand" (Is 49:15-16)

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00am.

Weekend Mass Times:

6:00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass.

10:00am: Sunday Morning Mass.

6:00pm: Sunday Evening Mass.

First Sunday of the Month:

Renewal of Marriage Vows.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30am and 5:15pm.

Or feel free to phone Fr. Colin.

Every Thursday of the Month:

5:30 - 7:00pm: Hope Café (Free Dinner).

First Wednesday of the Month:

7:00pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting.

First Saturday of the Month:

10:00 - 11:30am: Working Bee.

Parish Advisory and Safeguarding

Committee: Fr. Colin Xavier, P. Wilson, A. George, L. Rahme, L. Grech, D. Abela, E. Bathan.

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH, MASS TIMES

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am. Saturday: 5:30pm.

Sunday: 9:00am and 10:30am (Italian).

 Are you planning a Marriage in the near future?
If so, in order to avoid disappointment, it is most important to first make an appointment with the Parish Priest prior to making any other bookings.

 **Do not leave your mobiles, purses, wallets, handbags unattended - others may think it is an answer to their prayers...**

BEQUEATHING

Would you like to remember the Parish in your Will? Property, Money, Artwork, Plants...

There are many ways you can be remembered.

Do contact the Parish Office (03) 9359 3111 for further information. May God bless you!

ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

A warm welcome to new parishioners.

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

New to our Parish? ☐

Changing address? ☐

Need Thanksgiving Envelopes? ☐

Please Complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____



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To make a thanksgiving payment, parishioners simply scan your MelbCatholic QR code with your mobile phone camera and follow a few easy steps. This QR code is unique to St. Mark's Church. Alternatively please make a direct transfer to our Parish Account.

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We thank you for your continuous support and help!



Next Weekends Rosters:

20th June (Sat):

6.00pm Reader: L. Peters.

Extraordinary Minister:

21st June (Sun):

10.00am: Reader: S. Fragapane & L. Maselli.

Extraordinary Minister: F. Cortara & N. D'Souza.

6.00pm: Reader: M. Pegorin.

Church Cleaning:

18th June (Thu) Team 3

I. Laskowski & S. Markus.

Counters:

16th June: L. Grech.

23rd June: L. McGowan.

Thanksgiving: \$434(Env) \$573 (Loose). Presbytery: \$231 (Env) \$424 (Loose).

Thank you for your generosity & support.

VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!



MONTH OF JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Pilgrim Virgin: 11th June - Campana Family. 25th June - Cortara Family.

This weekend: There will be a special collection towards the Winter Appeal - St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"KIND WORDS CAN BE SHORT AND EASY TO SPEAK, BUT THEIR ECHOES ARE TRULY ENDLESS."



POPE: LISTEN TO THE 'HIDDEN, BEATING HEART OF LOVE'

Pope Leo describes God's "unconditional" love. This is a love, which "permeates our entire being," and is "fire for the soul, light for the mind, peace, an irresistible impulse toward freedom ... torment for the heart."

It is in this "unconditional" divine love, the Pope said, that our own vocation to love is rooted. Our compassion, however, he said, must not stop at material assistance, but rather give rise to an effort to promote the "spiritual, intellectual, and physical" development of those in need.

The Pope said he wanted to reflect on a particular characteristic of the Heart of Christ: humility. He said that, "dazed by the clamour of a bombastic, omnipresent and restless 'I,'" many today "lack the silence necessary to hear within themselves ... the hidden, beating heart of love."

Jesus, the Pope suggested, shows us the solution: "we must step down from the pedestals of arrogance that divide us and see ourselves in the humility that unites us."

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love.



Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second - invite the Lord into your heart.



"Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us. He does nothing in vain." (St. John Henry Newman). Canonised on 13th October 2019.

RADIATING CHRIST

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your Spirit and Life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may only be a radiance of You.

Shine through me and be so in me, that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my spirit.

Let them look up, and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, So to a light to others. The light, of Jesus, will be all from You; None of it will be mine.

It will be You, shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise You, in the way You love best, By shining on those around me. Let me preach You without preaching by words but by example, by the catching force, of the sympathetic influence of what I do, The evident fullness of the love, My heart bears for You.

Amen.

St Vincent de Paul Society is calling on Australians to support the **Vinnies Winter Appeal 2026**, as new data shows the increased depth of financial pressure now facing struggling households. It is also offering a tangible way people can help those experiencing homelessness this winter. Every donation to the Vinnies Winter Appeal will help the society provide practical support to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, poverty and rising cost-of-living pressures, including assistance with food, bills and other essentials needed for a decent life.

LISTEN WITH THE EARS; SEE WITH THE EYES OF GOD.

All around the world people are looking for meaning and finding it in strange, even destructive places. The world needs men and women who are so in love and so convinced of the truth that they cannot help but share it with others in word and deed, that they cannot help but make Christ present in the world. More than anything else, if what we do enables us to live with evangelical zeal for the sake of the world, we just might be doing what we are called to do.

13. Why discernment is essential?

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.



One day a teacher was talking about marriage in class.

Teacher : What kind of wife would you like Johnny?

Johnny : I would want a wife like the moon.

Teacher : Wow! What a choice... Do you want her to be beautiful and calm like the moon?

Johnny : No, I want her to arrive at night and disappear in the morning...

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

62. What does Sacred Scripture teach about the creation of the visible world?



Through the account of the "six days" of creation Sacred Scripture teaches us the value of the created world and its purpose, namely, to praise God and to serve humanity. Every single thing owes its very existence to God from whom it receives its goodness and perfection, its proper laws and its proper place in the universe.

Never forget,

Nothing is more powerful than **prayer**, nothing is stronger than **faith**, and nothing is greater than **God**.

This is where your strength begins.