

The Living Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year 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."'

Responsorial Psalm

PPs 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.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

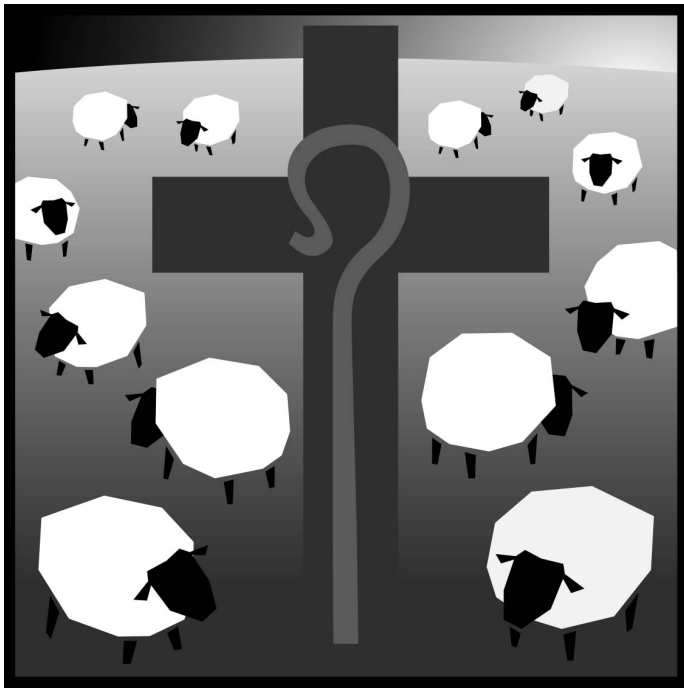
**The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!**

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.'

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Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

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14th of June 2026

PARISH RCIC PROGRAM 2026

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Children-

Baptism for children aged 7 years and above)

Information day: Monday July 13th, 2026 at 4 pm

Classes are held in the Church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Monday afternoon of the 20th, 27th of July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st of August and 7th September.

Baptism Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Sunday September 13th, at 12 pm (noon).

Please contact the parish office if you wish to enroll your child into our sacramental program for 2026, by emailing: kilmore@cam.org.au

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Pope Leo suggests that 'the equality of all the baptised' is a critical starting point for understanding our calling as Christians.

He reminds us that being baptised in Christ we share 'the dignity and freedom of the children of God' and indeed 'participate in the very priesthood of Christ'. This means that we are called to serve the world, working with the Christ who works through us!

This beautiful calling requires us to become open to change and challenge. Like Pope Francis, Pope Leo wants us to rediscover our calling to be 'a Church embodied in history, always open to mission, in which we are all called to be missionary disciples, apostles of the Gospel, witnesses of the Kingdom of God, bearers of the joy of Christ whom we have encountered!'

As Pope Leo adds, 'the Church is present wherever her children profess and bear witness to the Gospel: in the workplace, in civil society and in all human relationships, wherever they, through their choices, show the beauty of Christian life, which foretells here and now the justice and peace that will be accomplished in the Kingdom of God.'

Like Christ, we are intercessors of justice and peace. This is our call.

[Quotes from General Audience, 1 April 2026: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260401-udienza-generale.html>]

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ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS: Please note that St Patrick's Church will be open this week from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for private prayer.



Synod Corner: Synodality begins locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford 6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan 10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore

Wed 9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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First Collection (Presbytery Support)

Presbytery Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

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Church Account

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St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 13 Jun: WEEKDAY, 10TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church (Includes primary school children for First Eucharist)

Sun, 14 Jun: 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
(Includes primary school children for First Eucharist)
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church (Includes primary school children for First Eucharist)

Mon, 15 Jun: WEEKDAY, 11TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

No Mass
1pm Burial, of Elaine Agnes Hopkins at Kilmore Catholic Cemetery

Tue, 16 Jun: WEEKDAY, 11TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 17 Jun: WEEKDAY, 11TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 18 Jun: WEEKDAY, 11TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 19 Jun: WEEKDAY, 11TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4pm First Reconciliation 8th lesson,
St Patrick's Parish Office

Sat, 20 Jun: WEEKDAY, 11TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church (Includes primary school children for First Eucharist)

Sun, 21 Jun: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
(Includes primary school children for First Eucharist)
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church (Includes primary school children for First Eucharist)



Congratulations to all our parish children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend!

Your parish family rejoices with you and prays that this day will be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus, nourished each time you receive Him in the Eucharist.

ROSARY @ KATE'S HOME

Next Rosary will be held on Wednesday 17th June, at 1 pm.
All welcome! (12 Andrew Street, Kilmore)

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>13/14 Jun</u>	<u>20/21 Jun</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	13 Jun	20 Jun
Reader	P. Kelly	J. Fleming
EMHC	J. Dixon	P. Fleming
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	13 Jun	20 Jun
Reader	TBA	R. Emmanuel
EMHC	V. Barro	J. Jain
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	14 Jun	21 Jun
Reader	C. Quinn	C. Banon
EMHC	T. Cooney	A. Moore
EMHC	J. Sapiano	TBA
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	14 Jun	21 Jun
Reader	D. Selar	G. Campbell
EMHC	A. Liddle	C. Mathew
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	P. Duff	C. Eid
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	M. Ramsey & family	Giena Pereira & Ben Collier

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Elaine Agnes Hopkins

Anniversaries

George Westwood, Aileen Perez, Reginald Murphy, Joseph Rae, Peter Slane, Veronica "Joan" Flaimer, Sylvia Thea Fuss, Olympia De Sousa, Joseph Camerilleri, Bill Clarke, Jack Simpson, Mary Rose Cleve, Severino Sibillin, Neil Vincent Zoch, John Hyndes, Judith Anne Stevenson and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

Catholic Theological College Online Information Session

Are you looking into studying theology, philosophy, spirituality, pastoral and spiritual care, ministry or counselling?

Learn more about Catholic Theological College's online and face-to-face study options and its wide range of courses and units at the upcoming online information session.

Register today!

Online Event Date: Monday 15 June 2026, 7.00pm–8.30pm

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<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/information-sessions/>