

Saints and Masses this Week **Monday 15 June – Friday 19 June – NO MASSES**, **Saturday 20 June** – Votive BVM1, **Sunday 21 June** – Sunday Ord time 12A.

PLEASE CONTACT WHILE I AM AWAY YEA PARISH, KILMORE PARISH OR NAGAMBIE PARISH.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal During the month of June parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable items for distribution to those in need. These items may be left in front of the Sacred Heart statue at the front of the church.

2026 Collection/Observance Details		
14 June	Winter Appeal	St Vincent de Paul
28 June	Peter's Pence	For Holy Father charities

Pledge to Pray The Vocations Office invites you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia. Prayer cards can be found next to the Sunday bulletin stand.

St Mary's Parish Fundraising Initiative The Jack Riley Gift Box comes with two 750 ml bottles of Prosecco from a local boutique winery, a waxed-cotton wine cooler bag, a gift card, and a booklet about Jack Riley's life. Each box costs \$55, with \$30 from every sale supporting St Mary's Parish. To order, please email John Bacash at info@jackriley.com or call 0411 615 202. Or buy the gift box without the Prosecco for \$30 – for those who want to put their own selection of wine in the box for gifting, Remote Sellers Liquor Licence 36309169. To pay, use BSB 083 004 and Account 850804443. We offer free delivery in Seymour, or you can arrange to pick up your order from the back of the church. Bank statements will confirm all transactions.

Thank you to all who gave to the Propagation of the Faith Appeal. It raised \$768.10 this was a very generous gift for those in need.

Being Aware of the Signs of God in our Daily Lives As you look around your church you will see the array of beautiful diamond shaped golden prisms of glass that transform the light from the rising and setting sun to cast a warm glow within the church. These taller windows are carefully angled or face the morning and evening light so we can experience the streams of light angled down to us reminding us of the blessings God streams down upon us to make us holy. And just as this light cannot be looked into, and we cannot see beyond that light when it shines upon us, so it is that we are led to an understanding of the brilliance of the grace of God, beyond our sight and more influence than we can imagine into our future.



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MASS TIMES		ROSTERS THIS WEEK	
TUES – SAT SAT VIGIL SUNDAY	9am at St Mary's	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
	6pm at St Mary's	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	8:30am Tallarook 10am at St Mary's	M Winnell	M Flynn
MASS PREPARATION		COMMENTATORS/LECTORS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
M Winnell	C Crowe	M Winnell	A Allison S Anderson
COUNTERS		COLLECTION SUPERVISORS	
A & V Hall	M Muscovich	SATURDAY C. Spykers W. Spykers	SUNDAY C. Spykers

Thanksgiving Env - \$424

RECENTLY DECEASED We pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH 14/6-20/6: Brigitte Barlow, Ron Grattan, Pat Fulco, Gwen Farrell .

ILLNESSES: We pray for: Anne King, Sonia Willett, John McMahon, Peter Matthews, Colin Cooper, Jeremy Stokes, Pete Dillon, and all who are suffering from the Corona Virus and all those unwell at the present time, who receive support from our prayers.

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sat: M Winnell

Sun: E Devanney

LECTORS

Sat: C Smith

Sun: R Basco H Basco

MASS PREPARATION

Sat: C Smith

Sun: M Flynn

COUNTERS: C Smith S Doyle

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 99)

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

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

LECTOR: Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

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

LECTOR: My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

LECTOR: Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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.

Or

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS Ex 19:2-6; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36 – 10:8

NEXT WEEK (12th Sunday Year A) Jer 20:10-13; Ps 68; Rom 5: 12-15; Mat 10: 26-33

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ACPA Conference

The annual Australasian Catholic Press Association (ACPA) conference and Awards Dinner will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand from August 26 to 28. Those who work for Catholic organisations in the media/communications field are most welcome. Membership and conference enquiries at:

acpa.asn.au/

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Being agents of Christ's healing



14 June 2026 11th Sunday Year A

Who is Jesus Christ for us? An older woman called Jesus her mate. A priest once said, 'When the chips are down there's only Jesus and me. He's my rock.'

If we are going to be witness to the love of Christ this is who we might hope to be ... those we meet – mate, rock, friend, hope – and come to recognise Christ in their lives.

Is this what we're sent out to do? Is it what we were initiated into at our baptism? In the gospel, Jesus sees the crowd and is moved with compassion by their plight. He certainly doesn't ridicule them or turn away from them but is alive to their suffering. This is the rich harvest for which labourers are required, and it's this work which is at the heart of His mission.

He then summons twelve of the disciples and empowers them to join him in his work of presence and healing. Those who are entrusted with this mission are sent out as apostles. Perhaps we think that's not me, and if we consider the roll call of their names we might notice they're quite a mixed lot, just like any parish community, and leave it at that.

But what if we're entrusted with this mission too, sent out after Mass to present to others what we have received.

When Jesus sends them out, he instructs them to go to the Jewish community alone, though this is a beginning, because at the

end of Matthew's Gospel He commissions the disciples to go out and proclaim his liberating presence to all nations. And the sign of this, of God's kingdom being close at hand, are the works that Jesus is doing, which now they are empowered to do.

We also are to be the agents of healing and service, helping those who are entombed to live; inviting into relationship those who are sidelined and cast out for whatever reason; disabling those voices which confine us, and enabling us all to live in a relationship with one another and God. These simple gifts are given to us by Jesus, so we might give them away to anyone who is in need. What we have been given freely, we are to give freely in turn – it's not a transaction.

In the first reading the Israelites, if they hold fast to the covenant with God, are to be 'a kingdom of priests, a consecrated people', ensuring God's ongoing love of and relationship with us. It's what they are entrusted to do, their mission. In the second reading, Paul writes of God's great love for us. Now that our relationship with God is restored, 'through our Lord Jesus Christ', God is with us whatever happens.

To be the bearers of this love in a fractured world is our mission.

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