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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 14 June 2026



*Readings for
this week:*

Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33



Liturgy Jottings

Liturgy and Politics III

To assure that liturgy serves the mysteries of faith and the human community in faith, it is regulated by church authorities. Within stated limits and to promote full, active and fruitful participation bishop conferences, diocesan bishops, and individual presiders may adapt the liturgy to be more responsive to local conditions and influences. This demands greater responsibility for the liturgical life of communities, including its political aspects in education, planning, and preaching. The relationship between liturgy and politics involves certain other considerations: (1) an autonomy proper to civil political life; (2) the balance between the transcendent and historical dimensions of the liturgy; (3) language and symbols and (4) the control, planning, and evaluation of liturgical worship in light of its proper purpose and integrity. In the background is the fundamental issue of the church and its relationship with the world. "Separation of church and state never meant the separation of faith and society." *Cardinal Bernadine*

Looking at the Readings

It was at Rephidim that the Amalekites attacked Moses and the Israelites during the great exodus (Ex 17:13). The defeat of the Amalekites showed God's protection in answer to Moses' prayer and confirmed the covenant once more that God had chosen his people among all the nations. Today's first reading concludes with the words: "I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation." These words we heard six weeks ago in St Peter's homily to the newly baptised (1 Pet 2:9). Yet it is to all the nations that the message of salvation must be preached.

There is both tension and harmony in the selection of Scripture reading this Sunday. The tension arises from establishing our identity, unity and mission in a complex world of conflict, disunity and interconnections. The harmony is found in the sense of being a consecrated people, a people that is the sheep of God's flock and whom God calls us by name.

The naming of the twelve is more than a count of the Apostles and getting to know them. This naming became way for Christ to identify them as his own and as a call to mission. "Apostle" means: "One who is sent" Jesus sent them out to proclaim the kingdom firstly to their own people (Matt 10:5) but eventually to all the nations (Matt 28:19).

The Gospel shows Christ's passion for his people and heartfelt desire to bring them with him: "He felt sorry for them ... so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."

Quotes for the Day

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. *Mother Teresa*

You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know. *William Wilberforce*

Pope Leo XIV on Mission & the Apostles

The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. Jesus states this clearly: "So that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21). It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power.

Message for 100th World Mission Day 2026

On the Lighter Side

Q: How do we know Peter was a successful fisherman?

A: By his net income.

Q: Why were Peter, James and John the best letter writers?

A: Because as fishermen they learned to drop a line.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Barbara Cameron, Fay Shaw, Joanne Cox, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Shane Boyd, Noreen Gallardo, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased: Mary Bowman, Patricia Usher

Anniversaries:

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Sunday 21 June 8.30am

Commentator – P Jenner

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – J Stockdale

Saturday 27 June at 5pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 28 June 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – C Goode

Special Minister – K McGlade

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1053.10

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Throughout the year, many people celebrate milestone birthdays, especially our octogenarians (80+) and nonagenarians (90+). We would like to acknowledge and celebrate our special parishioners at Mass on Sunday 21st June at 8.30am. **Please bring a plate to share.**

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting will be on Monday 15th June at 5.30pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE “GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION”

Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton

Building on the success of the 2025 Formation Gathering “*Building Communities of Belonging*”, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator, is proud to invite you to the Sandhurst Formation Institute 2026 “*Growing as Communities of Mission*”. The Institute will explore bringing a mission lens to all we do in our faith communities. With a rich program of prayer, keynotes, seminars and a dedicated youth stream, it's an opportunity not to be missed. More details soon!

TUESDAY EVENING MASS

There will be **no** Mass or Rosary Tuesday 16 June, due to Funeral service for Mary Bowman.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Catch up on news and events across the Diocese with the latest edition of the Sandpiper. You can find it on our website under “News”.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 13th June - 5pm Mass

Sun 14th June - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 16th June – No Mass or Rosary

Thu 18th June - No School Mass

Sun 21st June - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 23rd June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 25th June - 9.15am F-4 Community Mass

Sat 27th June - 5pm Mass

Sun 28th June - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 30th June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 2nd July - 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 5th July - 8.30am Mass

Sun 5th July - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 7th July - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 9th July - 9.15am 5-8 Community Mass

Sat 11th July - 5pm Mass

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" — Pope John Paul II

More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org.

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

As our access to low-cost nonperishable food from Food Bank Victoria was lost due to insatiable demand. Demand from families in need within our community is also high and supporting them with pantry food made a difference. Our pantry is empty. To provide an opportunity for parishioners to contribute nonperishable food items for our pantry, a basket is located at the rear of the church. The QR code can be used for online donations.

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA

CatholicCare Victoria (CCV) is the Catholic Church's mission in action. CCV delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help reach their full potential and overcome life's challenges. It's committed to building thriving communities, where everyone belongs and focuses on real life issues and offers practical support for all members of the community. Services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support, financial and material aid and a variety of courses to strengthen relationships and wellbeing. Office locations are in Bendigo, Shepparton and Wangaratta. Some services are provided remotely while others are location specific. If CCV cannot provide the support service, a referral can be made. For info or support, call 1800 123 228 or visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

YOUTH PODCAST: CATCH THE FLAME

Sandhurst Youth Ministry has a podcast for young people to explore faith, share real stories, and journey together in discovering what it means to follow Jesus today. Streaming on Spotify and Apple Podcast: Catch the Flame: A Sandhurst Catholic Youth Podcast. Like and follow on Facebook and Instagram: Sandhurst Youth Ministry.

PARISH SCHOOL MASSES

Have you been to a Thursday school Mass? On most Thursdays at 9.15am, the students from St Augustine's join the parish in St Augustine's church for a school Mass. This is a wonderful time for parishioners to join with the students in celebrating their faith. Please check the Mass times for specific details and times. St Patrick's Tongala also hold school masses, parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend any and all of these Masses.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annete Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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"In every difficulty apply to St Joseph with confidence and you will never be disappointed."
— St. Mary MacKillop

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' (*spilaginomai*) 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!