



Sunday 18th June 2023

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Steven Rigo **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Martin Tanti & Fr Ananda Maddineni MSFS

**Parish Pastoral Associates:** Sandy Starbuck & Sr. Margaret Sapsford

**The Partnered Parishes of:**

**St. Mary's**

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Greensborough, 3088

**Parish:** 9435 1543 **Presbytery:** 7036 9329

**Email:** [Greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:Greensborough@cam.org.au)

**Website:** [www.cam1.org.au/greensborough](http://www.cam1.org.au/greensborough)

**Secretaries:** Tanya O'Meara & Lisa Leahy

**Mass Times**

**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.30pm

**Sunday:** Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening  
Mass

**Parish School Principal**

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**Secretary:** Pat Guatta

**Mass Times**

**Wednesday & Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**St Peter's: 1st & 3rd Saturday** 7.15pm

**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Friday:** 9.45am to 10.15am

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**Secretary:** Lisa Leahy

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**Tuesday & Thursday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.00pm

**Sunday:** Mass 10.30am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 9.30am to 10.00am

**Parish School Principal**

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**THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN OUR PARISHES**

**Please send any bulletin contributions to [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au) by 12noon Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend bulletin. Thank you**



**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**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A,**  
**18th June 2023.**

**<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/reflection-11-ot-2023>**

**Sacred Heart, St Mary's & St Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.**

**Diamond Valley Deanery**

**[www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au](http://www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au)**

**Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

**[www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au)**



**Our Partnered Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.**

## PARTNERED PARISHES NEWS

### ST. MARY'S/ST. THOMAS - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2023 WINTER APPEAL

This year's Appeal will be officially launched on the weekend of **24/25 June**. The theme this year is 'What if your Mum, Grandma or Sister became homeless?' spotlighting women over 55 years, as one of the fastest growing demographics of people at risk of and experiencing homelessness across Australia. There could be a woman in your neighbourhood or in your Parish, who is really struggling to make ends meet. This is where our Conference can help – visiting that lady (or Companion) in her own home with food and other essentials to tide her over.

We are therefore seeking the kind assistance of you the Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Thomas to give what you can afford to enable us to continue to support these women through our cold Winter.

- ◆ Appeal envelopes will be provided on the ends of the seats and at the back of the Church - they can then be placed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection of each Mass on the 24/25 June weekend or soon after.
- ◆ Phone/Credit card donations can be arranged by calling **13 18 12** and stating you are donating to the [Greensborough](#) Conference
- ◆ Donations can be made online via [vinnies.org.au](#) – please make sure you include [Greensborough](#) in the 'Comments' section



**Maureen Lonsdale**

**Greensborough St. Vincent De Paul Conference**

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLESSING & OFFICIAL OPENING OF ST MARTIN OF TOURS CHURCH

You are warmly invited to attend the Mass to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Blessing and Official Opening of St Martin of Tours Church, Macleod/Rosanna on Sunday the 18th June at the 10.00am Mass.

Could you please RSVP to 9401 6338 or email [macleod@cam.org.au](mailto:macleod@cam.org.au)

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Find Your Path at CTC Online Information Session. Monday 19 June at 7.30pm (AEST)

Register via our website: [ctc.edu.au/information-session](https://ctc.edu.au/information-session) For more information contact: Dr Christopher Knauf [ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/](https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)

**CATHOLIC NEWS:** This link is to the article from Catholic News – Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May edition.

Social Justice , 8 sessions over 16 weeks. Commencing 6th June.

Facilitated by Nathan Leber. For more information: <https://news.cathnews.org.au/t/r-e-ttldlid-oxdrqidl-iy/>

### LEADING MISSIONARY RENEWAL: VIBRANT AND VITAL PARISHES

**Saturday 15 July 2023, 10am - 3pm Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne**

**For enquiries, please contact [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) or call 9926 5761**

A formation day for parish priests, their (potential) teams and interested lay leadership in parishes to envision, and be equipped for, missionary renewal as we explore ways for parishes to be vital and vibrant. Our speakers: Ron Huntley, Fr Chris Ryan MGL and Cath Garner.

Spend time in prayer, hear testimonies from parishes and work with your parish leadership team as you identify the needs and next steps for your communities.

Cost: \$30 per person, maximum \$250 for 10 people This event is ideal for parish priests, their (potential) teams of between 5 and 10 people, and interested lay leaders in parishes. Register at: [trybooking.com/CISBB](https://trybooking.com/CISBB) or scan the QR code below.

**Registration closes 5 July. Download flyer for further information including cost and registration details.**

**[Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal | Melbourne Catholic](#)**



# YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS AT THE C.S.O.E INTERNATIONAL INTENSIVE

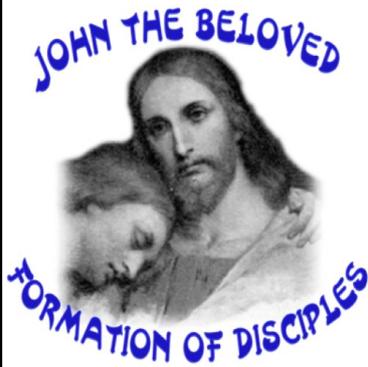
**24th June to 9th July**

**Location: St Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall, 251 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough North.**

**BYO Lunch & Bible, morning and afternoon tea provided Daily Mass will be celebrated.**

**For any further information please contact Sandra Bishop on:**

**[sandraebishop@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sandraebishop@optusnet.com.au)**



This course is an opportunity to come into a deep, personal relationship with Jesus, to experience His love & healing in your life and to make a deeper commitment to follow Him. It will also give you a greater enthusiasm to share this Good News with others in your family & community.

If you are looking for a deeper sense of purpose & meaning in your life then this course is for you. Come sit at the Master's feet, discover Jesus' master plan, spend a day in the life of Jesus, explore the relationships of a disciple and experience Jesus' pastoral formation program.

**8.45am to 5.30pm, Saturday 24 June to Monday 26 June**

**Book before 22nd June at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHHCW>**

**Full fee \$90, Concession/Student card holders use code: CON/STUD for 20% discount**



Mark, Matthew, Luke & John are 4 friends who carry us to Jesus who heals & encourages us to reach out to others.

Mark: Presents Jesus as the Good News, who performs 18 miracles & when dying on the cross is truly recognised as the Son of God.

Matthew: Presents Jesus as the Teacher who fulfills Old Testament prophecies & with his 5 discourses proclaims the Kingdom of Heaven.

Luke: Presents a vision of a merciful Jesus, the Universal Saviour, who proclaims the Good News to the poor & to sinners.

John: In John's Gospel it is Jesus himself who proclaims himself by 7 "I am" statements and by 7 signs reveals his mission to the world.

**9.00am to 4.30pm, Wednesday 28 June to Saturday 1 July**

**Book before 22 June at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHGXQ>**

**Full fee \$120, Concession/Student card holders use code: CON/STUD for 20% discount**

## **God's Presence - Our Present**



CSOE Response To Evangelii Gaudium

This course acknowledges Pope Francis' tremendous gift to the church – Evangelii Gaudium.

It identifies the greatest gift we can receive – the knowledge & experience of God's love & God's presence. Participants have the opportunity of deepening their relationship with God.

They learn how they can use their particular gifts to share God's love in a variety of locations & for a variety of audiences.

Practical methods are exercised so as to take the church out into the streets EG 49.

**8.45am to 5.00pm, Monday 3 July & Tuesday 4 July**

**Book before 22 June at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHHMV>**

**Full fee \$60, Concession/Student card holders use code: CON/STUD for 20% discount**

## **The Life of Moses**



## **Beyond the Desert**

A study of the life of Moses, especially as it models the attitudes required for Christian leaders.

The course will take participants through the Schools of Pharaoh, of Midian and of the Desert, to learn specific spiritual and leadership lessons.

It unveils the deep depression of Moses, his requests of God, and his trials.

It discusses the qualities of his collaborators and the power of a leader's intercessory prayer.

This course is especially beneficial to those in leadership positions as they learn, from the experience of Moses, that no leader "owns" their position, it always belongs to God as does the work to which they are called.

**9.00am to 5.00pm, Thursday 6 July to Sunday 9 July**

**Book before 22 June at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHHGA>**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART & ST PETER'S



**BAPTISMS:** We pray for Phoenix, Atticus and Sadie who will be welcomed into our Sacred Heart community in June.

**PROJECT COMPASSION 2023:** Thank you to everyone who generously contributed \$1400.00 to the annual Caritas Project Compassion Appeal. Taxation receipts are available in the church.

**SACRED HEART FEAST DAY:** This Sunday there will be a special Blessing of Parish Group Members and Volunteers during 9am Mass as we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We are very grateful to all parishioners who participate in the life of our parish.



**St VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL:** There will be a leaving collection after 9am Mass on Sunday **25<sup>th</sup> June** for the Diamond Creek Conference annual St. Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal. Envelopes will be available for cash or credit card donations, which can be placed in collection bags or left at the Parish Centre during July. Donations will be distributed locally in our Parish, where assistance is provided with food, paying gas/electricity bills, chemist expenses, delivering firewood etc. Donations of toiletries would also be most appreciated. Thank you.

**SENIOR MOMENTS:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Scrabble 12pm in Parish Centre. BYO light lunch.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Pastie, pie and cake lunch with Loyola College students 12pm in Parish Centre.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting for the PPC is 13th July. Email: [ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com](mailto:ppcdiamondcreek@gmail.com)

### ROSTERS:

**Cleaning: Week 19<sup>th</sup> June** M. Dunn, A. Ridsdale, T. Gallagher

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June St Peter's 7.15pm

**Reader:** M. Frisby    **Commentator:** P. Leonard    **Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Nicolaisen

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June Sacred Heart 9am

**Reader:** J. Hoyne    **Commentator:** D. Botica    **Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Bell, T. Sirianni

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June Sacred Heart 9am

**Reader:** M. Farrell    **Commentator:** R. McEvoy    **Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Pieper, C. Garzia

***Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:***

*Astrid Schellens, Grace Wein, Chris Padget, Philip Leonard, Pam Collins, Katie Pittle, Catherine Leonard, Joan Moran, Bridie Burke, Thomas Keenan, Mervyn Bourke, Jacob Draper, Kath Rickard.*

### **Recently Deceased:**

***We pray for those who have died including and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of June that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:***

*Carmel & Albert Mowlam, Nicola Nesci, Pauline Georgiades, Ken Parker, Maureen Parker, Michael Cusack, Saviour Camilleri.*

## ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**MEDITATION:** Saturday mornings 10am at St Peter's Anglican Church, Bundoora, cnr Grimshaw and Alma streets (opposite Adi). Cost: Free. Contact Ranjit on 0403654549.

**INNER HEALING THROUGH "MEDITATION ON JESUS" "** through Breathing in the Spirit and gentle prayerful postures with relaxation methods, From June 30 – July 2, 2023 Guided by Fr. Gilbert. Contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email [gilbertcarlo@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com)

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST THOMAS



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday & Friday: 8.00am-4.00pm Wednesdays 12.30pm,-4.00pm  
Thursdays 8.00am-12.00pm (**Wednesday 8.00am-12.00pm & Thursday 12.30-3.00pm St Mary's**)  
Please send bulletin contributions by 12.00pm on Wednesday. Thank you

**BAPTISMS:** Please pray for Sophia, Arlo, Wyatt and Angus who are being Baptised later this month.

**LOOKING FOR COUNTERS ON A TUESDAY MORNING:** If anyone is available to count on a Tuesday morning on a roster basis could you please let me know. You require a current WWCC to be able to help with counting.  
Counting should not take more than an hour of your valuable time.  
You can email the office [greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au)

**BUILDING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP :** Coffee catch up Thursday 22nd June 1.30 at Phoenix Diamond Creek Rd Plenty.

So I can reserve a table let me know if you're coming.

Email: [stewmarg@bigpond.net.au](mailto:stewmarg@bigpond.net.au) or 0408370685 Marg



**DIAMOND VALLEY REFUGEE SUPPORT FOR THE BRIGIDINES' ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT**— Many thanks to all participating parishioners for continuing to support the project. Please ensure all donation envelopes are handed in by the 24/25th June at the latest.

Please drop in your envelopes in the St Thomas or Sacred Heart collection bowls. This will be the last collection for banking before the end of the financial year 2022/2023. The Brigidines' Asylum Seeker Project will be issuing receipts sometime in July.

For queries, please ring Lilian Hobson (0402 823 679). Our Parishes will continue to support the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Support project; new envelopes for 2023/2024 will issued in July/August. Anyone wishing to participate in the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Support project, please contact Lilian on 0402 823 679 or by email on [alhobson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:alhobson@optusnet.com.au)

**THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION** How welcoming and missionary focused are we at St Thomas the Apostle? From 24th June to 9th July, the Catholic School of Evangelisation will be holding an international intensive at St Thomas' hall. The aim is primarily to equip teams from the Philippines and Papua New Guinea with 4 courses that they can take back and deliver locally, as they have done in the past. Of course the intensive is open to anyone who would like to come and participate (watch for the flyers).

Our 4 international guests are to have free days on Tues 27th June, Sunday 2nd July and Wed 5th July. If you would like to extend some hospitality in the form of sightseeing trip etc, please contact me.

Sandra Bishop, phone: 0429 167 879 or email: [sandraebishop@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sandraebishop@optusnet.com.au)

### **Roster for Weekend 24th & 25th June 2023**

#### **Saturday 6.00pm**

**Reader:** T. Holland

**Commentator:** J. Bohan.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Leahy, S. Bishop, L. Leahy

**Set Up:** M. Mc Kenzie

#### **Sunday 10.30am**

**Reader:** M. Kenny

**Commentator:** L. Hobson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** F. Landy, A Lethia C. O'Brien

**Set Up:** M. Bates

**St Thomas prayers are asked for the following Parishioners:**

**Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners and friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:**

*Miran Kasalo, John Iacobucci, Andelko Korculanin, Estelle Smooker, Tina Butera, Peter Kranjak,*

**We pray for those who have died including John Iacobucci and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of June that they may enter Joyfully into God's Kingdom:**

*Pauline Georgiades, Joanne Tubb, Antonio Napoleone, Eric Rosario, Leo Campbell, Des Price, Bert Smooker.*

*Gordon Shannon, Saverio Posterino, Domenico Di Giandomenico, David Wong*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S

*Vision Statement "To be a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world"*



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesdays 10am-2pm, Wednesdays 8am-12noon, Thursdays 10am-3pm and Fridays 10am-2pm. Please send any bulletin contributions to [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) by 12noon Wednesday to ensure inclusion in the weekend combined bulletin. Thank you

Over the last few weeks you may have noticed that a different voice answered your call to the Parish Office or a new face who you know from seeing her at Mass, or perhaps you experienced a sense of DeJa'Vu when you came to the office and thought! Hang on, she's usually at St Thomas the Apostle!!! You would be correct on both accounts. Tanya O'Meara, a Parishioner of St Mary's, has joined the Parish Staff as Secretary and Lisa Leahy (from St Thomas') is sharing her experience as Secretary there to join Tanya as the Parish Admin.



**Please make them welcomed as our new Parish Admin Team.**

*Last Sunday a special Farewell Mass was celebrated at St Mary's to acknowledge with prayers of gratitude the service to the Parish by Francesca Olofsson and Sharon Prosser. Many of you have encountered both Francesca and Sharon in their roles as Parish Administration over many years. Always with a smile, taking time to listen with their heart, they embraced the story of the people in which they served.*

**May God's love shine brightly for Sharon and Francesca they go forth in this next stage of their lives.**



**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who came on Sunday to help mark my retirement at St Mary's, as Parish Secretary. I feel so very grateful and blessed by the love expressed. Thank you for the beautiful gift and the many messages expressed in the card you gave me. Thank you for the lovely conversations and well wishes from you all. I am looking forward to this next stage of my life's journey and will probably see you around Greensborough and at mass – always ready for a chat.

**With love and gratitude, Francesca.**

**CHURCH SECURITY** Group members and parishioners are reminded to check that **ALL doors** of the church and gathering space **are securely locked** and **all lights are off** when you leave after evening Masses and meetings. Thank you.

**COLLECTORS**, please wait until the *Reflection* image is off the screen before starting the 1<sup>st</sup> collection. Thank you.

**LADIES AUXILIARY:** the Ladies Auxiliary's next fundraiser will be a cake stall after Masses weekend 24th/25th. June. Enquiries Lucy 9435 6990 Judy 9435 4506

**HOLY ROSARY** is recited every Thursday morning after 9.15am Mass.

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** The prayer shawl ministry meets in the Gathering Space 10am - 12pm on Mondays. Enquiries: Maureen Leahy—0407 687 517; Anne Fleming— 0409 234 326 .

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** First Friday of month, after 9.15am Mass to 3pm. Spend whatever time you can.

All Welcome.

**LITURGY NOTES – The Word of God.** At Mass we listen to the Word of God, reflect on its message, and respond in prayer. God's Word is active. It is both a word to be heard and a guide to the way we live. We are called to take the Word of God with us in our hearts when we leave the church and return to our everyday lives. As a reminder of this call, at the end of Mass, the book of scripture, open at the Gospel of the day, is placed on the front of the lectern facing the congregation. The Word of God leaves the church in the hearts of the people rather than in a closed book.

**CAN YOU HELP AT WEEKEND MASSES? We urgently need Projectionists and Sacristans.**

**Projectionists** display the PowerPoint slides which enable us to join as a community in prayer and song. This role does not require setting up the slides.

**Sacristans** prepare the church, altar and offertory gifts before Mass, and pack up after Mass. These duties take about 10 – 15 minutes.

**Please contact the office on 9435 1543 if you can help. Thank you.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST MARY'S continued

*Be informed, inspired and entertained*

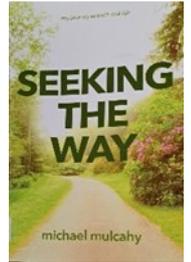


St Mary's Parish Library

Book of the week:

**"Seeking the Way: my Journey to Truth and Life" - Michael Mulcahy (2018)**

Honest, insightful, humble and informative, Father Mick's words are recorded in a humorous and very insightful way. Born in 1941 he studied accounting before his priestly training and ordination in 1962. He spent time in Venezuela with the desperately poor and then served prisoners in Australia, and those with mental ill-health. This book shows Father Mick as a gentle and thoughtful yet powerful force. Parishioners will remember him offering Mass at St Mary's many times before he died in 2022.



**If the Library is not open** please ask a priest or sacristan to open the room and you can record your loans on the form provided. Please return in one month through the chute outside the Library.

Access to the catalogue is available at: [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](https://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### **June Baptisms:**

***Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:*** Peter Mejak, Barbara Fernandez, Christos Pittas, Jocelyn Tibayan, Margaret Schreenan, Margaret Bramley, Olivia MacDonald, Helen Quigley, Lorraine Alexander, Harley McAleer, Pat Milczakowsky

#### **Recently Deceased:**

***We Pray for those whose Anniversaries occur this week, may they enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:*** James Murphy, David Barot, William John Semmens, Fr. Des Clifford CSSR, Ron Ferguson, Antonio Chiodo, Jeremy Serong, Dennis Rooney, Therese Jean-Francois, Doris Mullavey, Phyllis Star, Pietro Chiodo, Arthur Butcher, Fidel Orendain, Henry McIntyre, Betty Wilton, Greta Edwards, Margaret Sheridan, Eliseo Tamayo, Brian Foley, Elizabeth Enoch, Hilda Kate Weston, Bill Adams, Mary Walsh, Frederick Kendall, Kevin Hill, William Petty, Eleanor Pike, John Redmond, Angelo Arena, Percy De Zilwa, Paul Kay, Vincent Maurice Pollock, Cresini Santos, Asim Mujezin, Josephine Van-Hoff, Lillian Lonergan, Basil Callaghan, Domenico Filippelli, Helen Adicho, Laurence Furey, Jim McCarty, Norma Munro, Rhonda Margaret Herrin, Debbie Kinder, Pete Molo, Noeline Baillie, John Hickey, Nell Dowling, Maud & John Peacock, Gerald Carr, Eileen Downey, Percy Cull, Alma Soley & 2 sons, Eileen Gow, George Barber, Carmela Pagliarello, Maurice Scully, Catherine Downey, Marion Phelan, Jim Hower, Patricia Watson, Fr. Michael Clarke OMI, Patrick Luttick, Norah Cheevers, Betty Lucas, Ellen Donahoo, Andrew Williams, Francine Nihill, Caterina Caselin, Didier Bourdet, Len Godwill, Sally Lawler, Frances Borg, Trevor D'Souza

### ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**Are You Retired or Seeking A Deeply Rewarding Ministry to Others?** We invite you to join Heart of Life's **Taster Session on Tuesday 20 June 2023, 7pm-8.30pm, via Zoom**, where we'll share with you information on our formation programs to become a spiritual

director, pastoral supervisor, spiritual leader and contemplative listener to others. Our programs develop a compassionate, listening heart. The session will include a facilitated reflection session led by formation team members at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation.

Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/taster-session/> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) for more details.

**ST MARGARET'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ELTHAM:** Please join us on the last Sunday each month for Taize prayer in Eltham. We would love to welcome you at 5.30pm for a simple meal. Followed by 6.30pm for Taize prayer. Connect with others, enjoy a meal, singing, silent prayer and light a candle.

St Margaret's Anglican Church, 79-81 PITT Street Eltham.



**Lectionary Art and Reflection by Jenny Close** The gospel this week is the first of three readings in which Jesus gives instructions to his trusted twelve disciples. In today's reading, Jesus calls the twelve together and sends them out to minister to the 'lost sheep of the house of Israel'. Jesus sees the people of his generation as 'harassed and helpless' and feels compassion for them. They need reassurance, guidance and leadership – they need shepherds.

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

18 June 2023

### 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.'

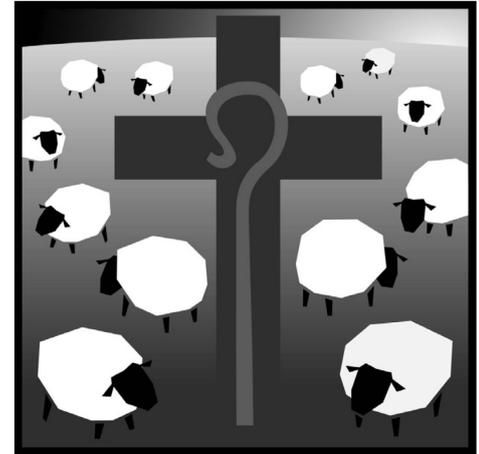
He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

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 Greg Sunter

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered. The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole – harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun.

The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.