

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



THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

14 JUNE 2026

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

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.**

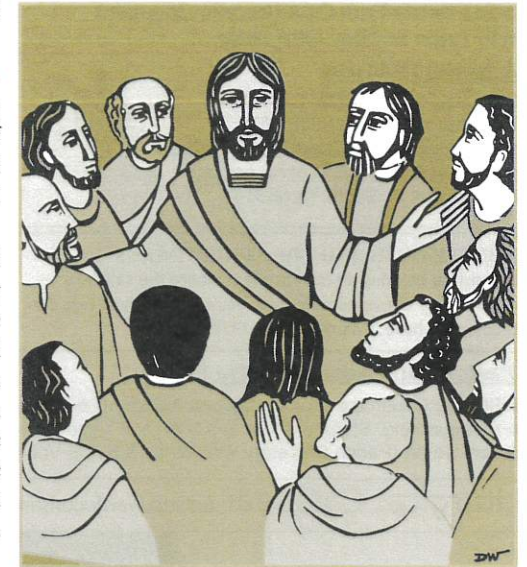
SECOND READING

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!



11th Sunday of the Year 14th June 2026
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and the vulnerable is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Aryana Vega (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Thurs)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month.
 (except school holidays and long weekends)
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(*Sacrament of the Sick*) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 14th June 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 13 th June	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 14 th June 11 th Sunday of the Year	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 15 th June 11 th Week of Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 16 th June 11 th Week of Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 17 th June 11 th Week of Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 18 th June 11 th Week of Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 19 th June 11 th Week of Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 20 th June 11 th Week of Ordinary Time	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL JUNE MEETING

During the Parish Council meeting last Wednesday evening, there was discussion about the Friends of St Augustine Laity Congress in October, Pope Leo's Encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" and the parish social gathering in August. Reports were received on the redesign of the parish website, completion of parish car park and the sealing of the time capsule.



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

▶ **Liturgy Meeting: Thurs 18th June 6pm**

Pope Leo – Magnifica Humanitas



"If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. You respond

'Amen,' and by responding in this way you assent to it. For you hear the words, 'the Body of Christ' and respond 'Amen.' Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true!"

The "Amen" that we say in the liturgy, the Body we eat and the Blood we drink shape our entire lives. The Eucharist "is an extremely personal encounter with the Lord and yet never simply an act of individual piety." In the Eucharist we find a visible manifestation of the reality that we "are the Church of Christ, his members, his body. We are brothers and sisters in him. And in Christ, though many and diverse, we are one: In Illo uno unum."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children who are receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time this Sunday at St Joseph's 10.30am Mass.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION APPEAL



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Recently Deceased Anniversaries

- ✦ Felix Balcerzak ✦ Harold Williams
- ✦ Marie Theresa Wiltshire ✦ Jorge Vargas
- ✦ Christopher Chong ✦ Rupert Atkinson
- ✦ Daniel Leow Chin Meng
- ✦ Caroline O'Neil ✦ Margarita Aravena
- ✦ Paul Mulvany ✦ Sarah Halpenny

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Friday starting Friday 26th June (10:45 to 11:30 am) St Joseph's Church
 A welcoming group for new and returning members

Practice Christian meditation together
 Benefits:

- Deepen your prayer life
- Weekly spiritual guides
- Join the World Community of Christian Meditation (WCCM)

All Ages Welcome. Come as you are — no experience needed.

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(or speak to us after services)

MASS COLLECTION 7/06/2026

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 803.55
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 387.50
Envelopes.....	\$ 70.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 575.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 475.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek.