

Gospel Matthew 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:

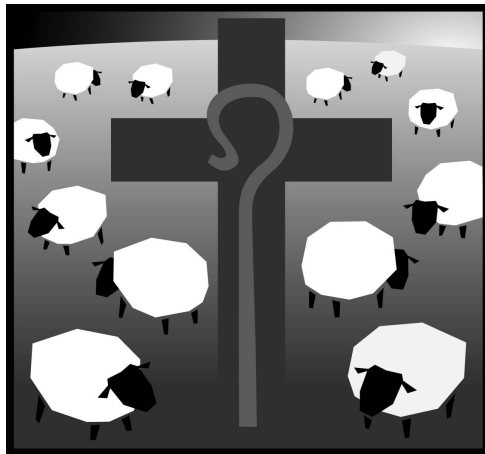
'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town;

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 290 New Missal: 403



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

14 June 2026

First Reading Exodus 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.

Thanks be to God.

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 Romans 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.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am

Vietnamese 11:00am

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Saturday 5:30pm

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Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

The Parish of St Martin de Porres and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. Child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Vlad; George Pinpin; Kimberly Damanik; Kay; Susie; Zac; Peter Falzon; Jan, Miecia, Zygyuch; Janice Murray; Rossini Burns; Anna; Franca; Mark; Nazzi & Teresa Demaio; Nancy Green; Emily & Grace; Monica Marland; Mellisa.

Recently Deceased:

Margaret Yap; Geraldine McGee; Anna Staats; Peter Young; Carmena Galea; Maria Loschiavo; Grazia Cammerino; Sr Anthony (Poor Clares); Pauline Rodgers; Sr Nena Lorilla (asjm); John Burns; Gaetano Mammoliti; Frank Rapa; Giuseppe D'Angelo; Teresa Morello; Steve Cecelja.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Sofia Saidel (1st); Matteo Ciavarella (1st); Elisa Sepe (1st); Nazzareno Falduto; Pio Dizon; Nicola Loschiavo; Tony & Frank Patti; Dominic Cumbo; Bernarda & Francis Grima; Teresa, Emmanuel, Tonina, Phillip Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazarena Farrugia; Adam Hood; Rita & Carmelo De Bono; Joseph Consiglia.

Parish Support Programme:

Pays Wages, Electricity, Cleaning, Insurance,

Pledge: \$2,588 Received: \$2,043

Loose: \$1,576

Presbytery: Supports Parish Priest,

Retired Priests & Cathedral. \$3,116

The Kids Bulletin

A fun way for children to learn about our Catholic faith. Weekly updates, please visit thekidsbulletin.com/

St Martin's Prep Enrolments 2027



Applications Open

Please apply at the School Office or phone 9331 9000.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing the New Parishioners Form in Documents and Forms under Recommended Links on our website and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and pray for:

Mateo Duncan;

Aria & Luca Scarfalloto



catholic mission

Reach out. Give life.



ONE IN CHRIST
UNITED IN
Mission
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

2026 World Mission Sunday Appeal

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, or visit www.catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

Please give generously & Thank You.



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary

3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.

Christian Meditation 2026



Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Monday 10 - 11am

Parent's Room in the Church

Term 2: June 15

Melbourne Archdiocese Vacancies

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for various positions in the Archdiocese.

Further details can be found at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Sacred Heart of Jesus

12th June 2026



O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you,
I love you,
and with lively sorrow for my sins
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient,
pure and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in
you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger.
Comfort me in my afflictions.
Give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.

Amen

Immaculate Heart of Mary

13th June 2026

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I give you my heart.
With it, I want to love you, and with you,
and through you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
and the entire divine creation.
My dear Mother,
I place myself in your Holy and
Immaculate Heart.
I know that you will take care of me,
and all those who have recourse to you
in all our needs.
With you motherly help,
I wish to sanctify this entire day,
for the conversion of sinners,
the reparation of our sins,
the salvation of the dying,
for the glory and love of
the Most Holy Trinity. *Amen*

