

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

18 JUNE 2023

## SIGNS OF GOD IN THE TIMES

Reading accurately the signs of the times and then responding appropriately is seldom an easy matter. In coming to Mount Sinai, the people of Israel have arrived at a decisive moment, as today's first reading notes. They are called to remember how God rescued them and to pledge themselves to be faithful to their covenant relationship. By doing this each member will share in the priestly duties of bringing others to encounter the living God. Faced with the needs of so many people Jesus had also arrived at a moment of decision. The people were in desperate need of shepherds to care for them. His response was to appoint the Twelve to share in his ministry of healing and proclaiming the reign of God.

For Paul, the most important sign of the times was not the fact that all humanity deserved to be condemned as falling short of the mark. Rather, it was God's unexpected response to our need and powerlessness. Paul stresses our desperate plight in order to emphasise the marvellous gift we have been given in the saving death of Jesus. No greater proof could be found to show us God's love for all people than Jesus dying for us while we were yet sinners. From Paul's perspective, there was never a question of us meriting such an act of self-sacrifice. The death of Jesus is an invitation to wonder, hope and joyfully trust that whatever has ruptured our relationship with God has been healed.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## 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.**

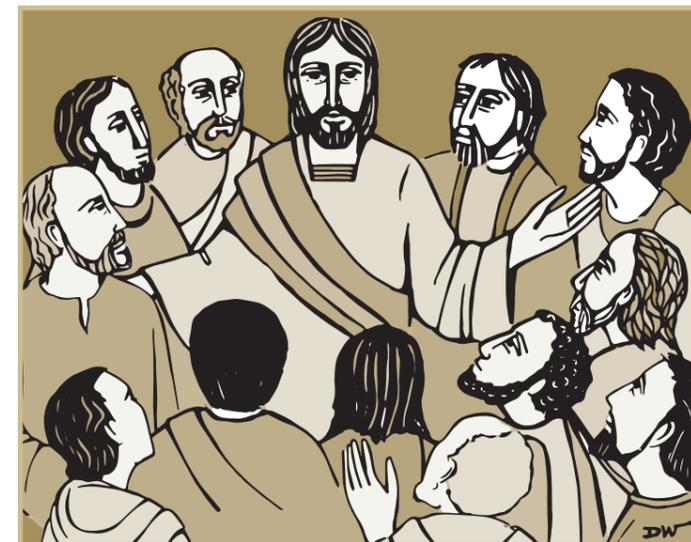
## SECOND READING

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!**

## 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.'

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**11th Sunday in Ordinary time**

**Reflection:**

Many of us here in church today probably aren't part of the same social circles. We are here, not because we are naturally drawn to each other, but because we were baptized. We have been called and named--- the way the Twelve were called and named for us in today's gospel. And like them, we too are sent. Through our baptism we are being prompted and empowered to see with Jesus' eyes, and respond to the needs of those around us--- where we live, work, recreate, go to school and in the world.

**So we ask ourselves:**

- Can I name a specific way in which I have been called to follow and serve in Jesus' name?
- What do I need to do to respond better to my call to be a Christian in the world?

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the children receiving First Holy Communion this Sunday at 9.30am Mass.

We ask our parish community to keep these children and families in their prayers.

**Baptism**

We welcome into our parish community Noah Gabriel Miranda, son of Gabriel and Marissa. Noah will be baptised this weekend. May God continue to bless the Miranda family.

**MASS THIS WEEKEND**

*The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses*

Sat 17 June 6pm                      **Silvana Contti**                      St Dom  
Sun 18 June 8am                      OLGC  
Sun 18 June 9.30am                      St Dom

**MASS DURING THE WEEK**

Tues 20 June 7pm                      St Dom  
Wed 21 June 9am                      St Dom  
Thurs 22 June 9am                      OLGC  
Fri 23 June 9am                      St Dom  
Fri 23 June 10.30am                      Birralelee  
Sat 24 June 9am                      St Dom

**MASS NEXT WEEKEND**

Sat 24 June 6pm                      St Dom  
Sun 25 June 8am                      OLGC  
Sun 25 June 9.30am                      St Dom

*Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning Mass and before every weekend Mass. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.*

**Winter Appeal**

The St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal has started and runs until the end of August. We welcome support from the Parish Community in any of the following ways. Non perishable food items can be left in the Vinnies basket at the rear of either Church. Envelopes are in the Church foyer for donations. Unwanted blankets can also be left in the rear of the Church for collection. Thank you to everyone for supporting people in need through our Winter Appeal. All enquiries to Barbara, M 0488100799.

**Pilgrimage with Fr Bernard**

Walk in the Footsteps of St Francis in Assisi on this pilgrimage to Spectacular Italy. Pray at Shrine of Padre Pio at San Giovanni Rotondo. Be awed by the Sistine Chapel and spectacular Vatican City and magnificent sights of Rome. From 11th to 25th April 2024. Expressions of interest to Fr by end of July. 9245 3899 or bernard.lanarolle@perthcatholic.org.au

**Upcoming Events**

22 June: PPC, 4pm at Karrinyup

<b>Rosters this weekend</b>	<b>17 June 6pm St Dom</b>	<b>18 June 8am OLGC</b>	<b>18 June 9.30am St Dom</b>
Readers	P Truda	B Croxford	R George
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society		M Farmer	

<b>Rosters next weekend</b>	<b>24 June 6pm St Dom</b>	<b>25 June 8am OLGC</b>	<b>25 June 9.30am St Dom</b>
Readers		K Wear	
Acolyte			
Offertory Procession		B Croxford M Tester	
Altar Society	Group 3	I Rodriguez	

**Saturday Soup Nights in Winter**

Please join us after the 6pm St Dominic's Mass for a shared meal of soup and bread in the parish centre. If you can help, please use the sign up sheet.

**Senior's Group**

**20 June** Lunch 11.30am, Odin Tavern, 51 Erindale Rd, Balcatta. RSVP by Monday 19th June. Wyn 0407 261 500 or Chris 0417 979 629.

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