



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 Michael Tate

When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff.

Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

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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

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WEEKDAY MASS & SERVICES:

Mon 19th June	6.30am
St John's Church, Walkerston	
Tues 20th June	No Mass
St John's Church, Walkerston	
Wed 21st June	No Mass
St John's HOLY HOUR	No Mass
St John's Church,	No Mass
Holy Rosary	No Mass
Thurs 22nd June	No Mass
Immaculate Conception, Mirani	
Friday 23rd June	No Mass
St John's Church, Walkerston	No Mass
Holy Rosary, Marian	No Mass

SUNDAY MASS:

NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday 24th June	5.15pm
St John's church, Walkerston	
Holy Rosary church, Marian	6.30pm

Sunday 26th June	7.00am
St Francis de Sales Finch Hatton	
Holy Cross, Eton	9.00am

Reconciliation

Immaculate Conception, Mirani: Before Mass	
(2nd & 4th Sunday)	
Holy Rosary : Wednesday	5.30pm
St John's: Friday before Mass	
Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.00pm	

Baptisms: St John's Church: 1st Saturday of the every month at 9.30am
Or by appointment if this time does not work within a family.



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Weekly Planned Giving 11/06/23:- \$380.00 (6) Envelopes, Loose :- \$ 261.75
Holy Goods: \$35.90. HOY:- \$1155.10. Thank you for your continued support.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion:- Congratulations to the Candidates that are receiving the Sacraments this weekend. Please keep all the children in your prayers.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. **More information and Applications Forms** are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing Date 4 August 2023

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. I am happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 02 89124818.



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Sharon Johnson, Grace Mifsud, Pauline Falzon, Lisa Hodges,

(permission of people needed for names to be printed)

THE FAITHFUL RECENTLY DEPARTED

Jane Falzon (Malta), Fillomena Debono (Malta), Anthony Borg, Pauline Refalo, Valent Falzon (Malta), Liz McLennan, Tessie DeWard, Joe Axiak, Gertrude Clerc, Annie Scriha, Norma Shuttlewood

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH :-

Jason Vassallo (6/5), Clementine Kinajil (10/5), Doreen Young (24/5), Florence Brown (28/5), S.R. Juliana Gauci (31/5), Stewart Brown (8/6), Grace Zarb (17/6), Mary Bartolo (1/7),

WE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED

Allan Mclauchlan, Joseph & Sheila Sloan, Joan & Arthur Mclauchlan, Margaret & Clarey Blues, Jake Paton, Cathy Stevenson Knezvic, Mark Stevenson, Graham Stevenson, Shaun Hansen, Annie Scriha, Tony Borg, Natalie Bugeja, Betty Vella, Ned Grima, Mary Borg, Clare MacDonald, Samuel Borg, Ruth Gaviglio, Veronica Vezzoli, Fiorella Bradshaw, John Paul Borg Jr., Vincent Colby, Patrick Camilleri, Mary Camilleri, Charlie Borg, Mary Vella, Anne (Vella) Fowke, Doris Tweddle, Chas Bugeja, Ben Agius, Anthony Scriha, Peter, Tony & Mary Camilleri, Joe (Lizzy) & John Borg, Emmanuel & Tessie Falzon, Richard, & Clare & Carolyn Batros, Sandra Jacobsen, Angela, Salvatore, Patrick & Randy Galea, Charlie Deguara, Trish Hardy, Greg Willoughby, Joe & Vicki Stivala, Albert, Norma & Agnes Sammut, Andrew Sammut, Grezzju Sammut, Jean Sciberras, Frances & Simon Sant, Reberta & Paul Zammit, Lillian Zarb, Glen Ellwood, Pat & Doreen Young, Kerrie Johnson, Matty & Mary Vella, Antonio & Guiseppa Axiak, George & Rose Bezzina, Brae Fry, Charles, Mary, Victor, Sam, & Adrian Camilleri, Jean Sammut, Grace Zarb, Mary Deguara, Joe Galea, Pat Frazer, Kathleen Doyle, Trevor Lamb, John Caruana, Jessie & Manuel Fenech Emanuel & Jessie Bugeja, Heather Brady, Anthony Bugeja, David Deguara, Greg Wright, Deceased members of the Said, Pertot, Dei-Rossi, Sant, Zammit, Galea, Grima, Portelli, Cutajar, Vassallo, Muscat, Mason, Borg, Vella and Golz Families.

***PLEASE NOTE:- There will be Mass at St John's Church at 6.30am Monday 19th June, Then there will be no Mass at St John's or any of the Pioneer Valley Catholic Churches until Saturday 24th June, as the Priest's will be away **

Fr Stephen Hanly's Farewell Mass - Choir Practice:

It would be lovely to have many people come and join the choir for this special celebration.

There will be a choir practice on Sunday 25th June at 10:30am held in St Joseph's Church. Please pass the word around your communities, if people want to come and join the choir they will be very welcome.

Everyone is Invited to Fr Stephen Hanly's Farewell - Celebration of Mass 6:00pm on Wednesday 28th June at St Joseph's Church. Followed by gathering on the Front Church Verandah. Please bring a plate of food to share. Cold Drinks, Tea and Coffee provided. All welcome. *Envelopes for gift contribution are available at Parish Churches*

The Maltese Rosary Group meet at the Cluster Parish meeting room, Morley St, South Mackay at 9.30am on the last Thursday of each month. All welcome.

PETER'S PENCE (HOLY FATHER'S) COLLECTION:

Second collection next weekend 24th & 25th June

10th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Father Bill Senn 3rd July
Father Bill will celebrate Mass here in Mackay!!

Sunday 2 July

9.00am St Francis Xavier Church, West Mackay 6.00pm St Patrick's Church, Mackay

Monday 3 July

12.10pm St Patrick's Church, Mackay. ALL WELCOME!!