

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday Patchwork Group meet @ 12.30pm
Tuesday Friendship Group meet @ 10am
Parish Council meet @ 7pm
Wednesday Golf Group meet @ 7am
Rainbow Lunch Club meet @ 11.30am
ACA Group meet @ 6pm
Thursday Woodlake Service @ 11am
Confirmation Prep @ 4pm
Friday Cheese & Wine Evening @ 4.30pm

CHEESE & WINE EVENING – THIS coming Friday at 4.30pm. There hasn't been much notice about this event, but it's a lovely social evening as we get together to eat some delicious cheese and nibbles and drink some yummy wines. Plus have some great conversations with those who come along. Please put your name on the Notice Board if you're coming. We'll have the heater on so it will be nice and warm.

QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 24th July at 7pm. Please start getting your table of 8 people together so we can make it a really fun night. Entry cost is \$10 per person. Also, could you please start bringing in items for the prize hampers – wine, gourmet food, pamper stuff. We'll start selling raffle tickets for the meat tray – a great prize – next week, 3 tickets for \$10.



Happy birthday to anyone celebrating a birthday this week

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Welcome to Worship



Pentecost 3

14th June 2026

We are a warm-hearted community who are delighted to have you worshipping with us today ...

Our Mission is to

- **Know God personally**
- **Love and respect one another deeply**
- **Disciple and serve those around us**

Sentence: The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.
Matthew 9:37-38

Collect of the Day

All-powerful God,
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,
and defeat into victory:
increase our faith and trust in him,
that we may triumph over evil,
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Today's readings:

Genesis 18:1-15
Psalm 116:1-2, 11-18
Romans 5:1-11
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Next Week:

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 10:24-39



Pentecost 3 – Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, “... As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”

Today’s Gospel serves as a narrative transition from Matthew’s recounting of Jesus’ miracles and works of wonder (chapters 8 and 9) to Jesus’ missionary discourse (chapters 10 and 11).

The missionary dimension of discipleship is centred in two images: the “sheep without a shepherd” and harvest in need of labourers. Having established his identity as God’s Christ in his work as a healer, Jesus now commissions the Twelve and his Church to heal hearts and souls in a ministry of reconciliation:

“**cure the sick**” – bring back to God those who are alienated, those who are lost, those who are weak (the Greek word used in the text of today’s Gospel *asthenes* means “weak”);

“**raise the dead**” – lift up those hopelessly and helplessly dead because of sin, who are blind and deaf to the grace of God, who are entombed by poverty, racism and violence;

“**cleanse lepers**” – bring back the sons and daughters of God who are rejected or estranged from the human family;

“**drive out demons**” – liberate those enslaved by sin and evil.

Jesus’ compassion for the “shepherd-less” calls us to bring to the lost, forgotten and marginalised (those Pope Francis calls those on the “periphery”). Today’s Gospel reaffirms our responsibility as disciples of Jesus to welcome rather than condemn, to lift up rather than judge, to seek reconciliation with those from whom we are estranged or separated for whatever reason.

Every one of us, in our struggle to make sense out of life, seeks absolutes by which to guide our decisions, formulae to determine what is fair and good, yardsticks to judge success and failure. Masters and gurus, saviours and deliverers, parties and movements of every stripe preach to their followers how to secure fortunes but not how to live, how to feel better but not how to cure what afflicts, how to conquer one’s enemies but not how to live lives of justice and peace. Christ the “shepherd” walks with us on our life’s journey through hurt and change and maturity and wholeness to the dwelling place of God.

The defining mark of discipleship is the willingness and commitment to bring healing to the broken, comfort to the afflicted, hope to the despairing. In his first “organisational meeting” of the Twelve, Jesus commissions them to take on the work of healing, restoring, reconciling. As God humbled himself to become one of us and be part of our lives, we are called to the same humility in order to bring the compassion and forgiveness of God to the poor, the needy, the helplessly and hopelessly “dead,” the alienated, the rejected and the abused.

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Please pray for: Paul; Keena; Cheryl; Isla; Charlotte; Gavin; Marilyn; Annette; Claire; Eric; Lynn; Doug; Lafeta; Lily; Carl

This week Johnny is with Peg Fitzgerald

