

The English Speaking  
Roman Catholic Community on Gozo  
Patron Saint – St. Thomas More  
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Sacred Heart Seminary Chapel – Enrico Mizzi Street , Victoria

14th June 2026  
11th Sunday Ord A  
Celebrated by  
Fr. George Debrincat

*God's love , mercy and call to action*

**First Reading Exodus 19:2-6**

From Rephidim the sons of Israel 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 eagle's 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 99(100):2-3,5**

**(R)We are his people, the sheep of his flock.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy.  
**(R)**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R)**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **(R)**



**Second Reading Romans 5:6-11**

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  
Alleluia, Alleluia !  
The sheep that belong to me  
listen to my voice,  
says the Lord,  
I know them and they follow  
me.  
Alleluia!**

**Memorial Acclamation  
We proclaim your death, O  
Lord and profess your  
Resurrection until you come  
again**

**We Pray For**  
Those in our community and all  
our relatives and friends who  
need our prayers especially  
**Lilian Fitzpatrick** as well as those  
who have died

**♪ Hymns for Today ♪**

490 Morning Has Broken  
302 In bread we bring you, Lord  
227 God's Spirit Is In My Heart

**Gospel**

**Matthew 9:36-10:8**

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*

**Communion Reflection**

Letter to Diognetus (AD c.130?): in defence of Christians For the Christians are distinguished from other men neither by country, nor language, nor the customs which they observe. For they neither inhabit cities of their own, nor employ a peculiar form of speech, nor lead a life which is marked out by any singularity. The course of conduct which they follow has not been devised by any speculation or deliberation of inquisitive men; nor do they, like some, proclaim themselves the advocates of any merely human doctrines..... They marry, as do all [others]; they beget children; but they do not destroy their offspring. They have a common table, but not a common bed..... They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives. They love all men, and are persecuted by all.....they are insulted, and repay the insult with honour; they do good, yet are punished as evil-doers. When punished, they rejoice as if quickened into life; they are assailed by the Jews as foreigners, and are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to assign any reason for their hatred.

After listening to today's readings let us now consider the following :  
**Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them, and sent others out to do the same. His aim was to bring them the peace of God, to help them by ridding them of their worries, their sickness, their embarrassment at being lost sheep without a shepherd (God was always the shepherd in Israel). When he set up the twelve apostles he was making a New Israel, a new set of twelve tribes, as a permanent healing body, to make sure that the Kingdom of the Father and its peace and generosity would always be available. He was not setting up a clergy, a set of leaders, but appointing his own helpers in spreading God's Kingdom. That is what every Christian must do. Do I make it my business to spread the Kingdom or the Kingship of God? Am I a labourer in the harvest, trying to bring God's peace and healing to all the sick sheep? After all, I was made in the image of God, and God gave me the task of following on his creative work. And then Jesus called me, too, to work with him. Am I supposed to cure the sick and cast out devils?

**And from Fr. Robert Draper**

All three readings offered to us today appear to emphasise the grave disadvantage that is the lot of those addressed. The Hebrews in the passage from Exodus have managed to flee from Pharaoh and his army, but they are now in the wilderness where they have experienced - and complained about - lack of food and lack of water, and they have been attacked by the Amalekites. Paul reminds the Romans of their situation of being helpless and having been enemies of God. In the Gospel, the crowds are harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. We are confronted by these passages with the truth of the inherent vulnerability of humankind, and its inability to save itself. In its helplessness, humanity is without hope and chooses to act out of... love. Because human dependency on God is absolute, there is always the need for salvation. The Lord reminds Moses of what he has done and indicates that as evidence that God will continue to act for his people: I will count you a consecrated nation, St Paul points to the sacrificial death of Christ as the way humankind is made righteous, and that means that we may count on being saved by the life of his Son. When Jesus sees the crowds who are lost and dejected, he acts decisively to provide shepherds for them. The appointment of the Twelve and their commissioning with authority and power ensures that the kingdom of heaven will always be proclaimed and be close at hand. The vulnerability and powerlessness of humanity is not a recent phenomenon marked by global warming, war, disease and famine; and ultimately it is not hopeless because, these readings assure us. God has acted and will continue to act,

Audrey Pace would like to thank the community for their prayers which were so sustaining throughout her two-week journey in the critical cardiac care unit at Mater Dei recently.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>14-Jun-26</b>	<b>Ben Miltenburg</b>	<b>Iain Dando &amp; David FP</b>
21-Jun-26	Johanna Marks	Ben Miltenburg
28-Jun-26	Mary Newman	David Felice Pace
05-Jul-26	Iain Dando	Monique Sant Georges
12-Jul-26	Johanna Marks	Ben Miltenburg

Readers Rota – If you would like to join please contact Johanna on johannamarks3@gmail.com

<b>14-Jun Readings</b>	<b>Vince Vella</b>	<b>Prayers</b>	<b>Mary Newman</b>
21-Jun Readings	Stella Woodgate	Prayers	Andy Young
28-Jun Readings	Andy Young	Prayers	Johanna Marks
05-Jul Readings	Johanna Marks	Prayers	Angelika Camilleri
12-Jul Readings	Angelika Camilleri	Prayers	Vince Vella

**Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for June**

**For the values of sports**

Let us pray that sports be an Instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

Commencing **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, and on the 15 Wednesdays up to the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, there will be a **Mass in English at Ta Pinu at 11.15a.m.** Readers are needed for these masses please.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in English at Ghasri church will take a break and resume later in the year. More details as they become available

**Birthdays in June**

- 17th** Johanna Marks
- 28th** Francesca Coen

**Money Matters**

**The collection for last Sunday was €160.50**  
**All monies collected are deployed to cover the costs of running our community and for good causes**

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