

# The Living Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

14 June 2026

## 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 the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

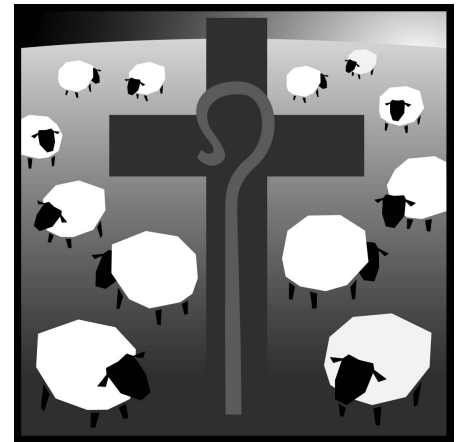
He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

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 psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc.(ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from *The Psalms, A New Translation*, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the *Jerusalem Bible*, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.

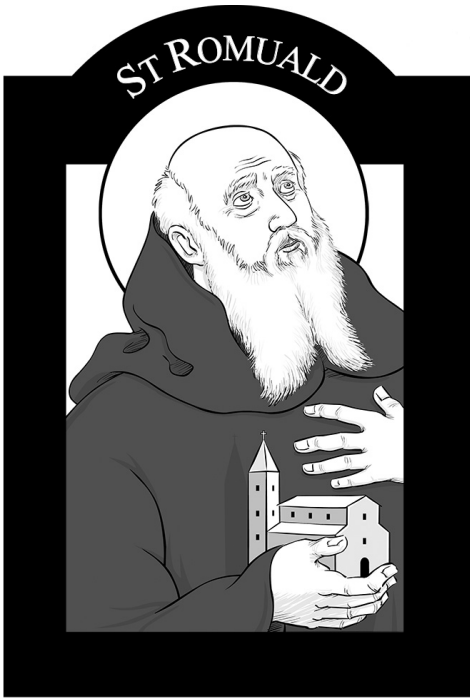
© Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd  
All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.



## 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.



**S**t Romuald was born to a wealthy family in Ravenna, Italy in around 951. As a young man he lived a life of indulgence, but after witnessing his father kill a relative in a duel, Romuald went to the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare and did 40 days of penance for his father. He became a monk there, but he felt that the observances were not strict enough, so he moved to Venice and lived the severe life of a hermit for 10 years. Romuald then spent the next 30 years travelling Italy, founding and reforming monasteries and hermitages, before once again withdrawing to live his remaining years as a hermit.



# Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

- |          |          |              |          |
|----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| apostles | Gentiles | instructions | shepherd |
| confused | harvest  | Judas        | twelve   |
| flock    | heal     | Peter        | workers  |

H L S E A O Q C C V T Q D W Z O X  
 K S Z N B H O N S M E D E P I G H  
 R F H W O Q Q E A S K G S I R E X  
 G O N F H I G L D V B C U O A M Q  
 F L O C K A T W U E I A F L N S L  
 T F Y N R I R C J G T J N Y H Z S  
 F D C B R R A V U I L Y O I G M L  
 Z W L P J S F G E R P B C Q U Z A  
 A Q Q G F F F E E S T Y F H G B X  
 W J L S Q M P Y I E T S Y D E Z B  
 W J B F Y C Q N O L L T N W N O F  
 L A P O S T L E S C D N O I T U B  
 X M D R E H P E H S J R P Z I Q V  
 O U B E V L E W T J K G S Z L D X  
 Z M K N L J R W D E Y R K F E D I  
 S Z I L V I G O R Y P C K U S Z X  
 D I Q R T C S S G W P E T E R D T

There's a large crop in the field but not enough workers! Send these workers out to gather in the harvest

