



Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

Parish Newsletter 14th June 2026

11th Week in Ordinary Time Year A

This Sunday's Gospel allows us to see the heart of Jesus. He looks at the crowds and is moved with compassion, because they are *"harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd."* This is not only a description of the people in His time. It is also a picture of many people today: tired by life, uncertain about the future, wounded by loneliness, or searching quietly for meaning and hope.

Jesus does not respond to human need with criticism or distance. He responds with compassion and mission. He calls the Twelve and sends them out to proclaim that the Kingdom of heaven is near. Before they are sent, however, they are first chosen, called by name, and gathered around Him. Christian mission always begins with being close to Christ.



This is also a word for our parish. Our Lady of Lourdes parish is not simply a place where we come to receive something for ourselves. It is a community called by Christ, strengthened by the Eucharist, and sent to bring His mercy into daily life. Each of us has a part in this mission: by prayer, by kindness, by service, by encouraging others, by supporting parish life, and by witnessing to faith in our homes and workplaces.

Jesus says: "You received without charge; give without charge." Everything we have received from God — faith, forgiveness, peace, hope, the sacraments, the love of the Church — is a gift. And every gift becomes more alive when it is shared.



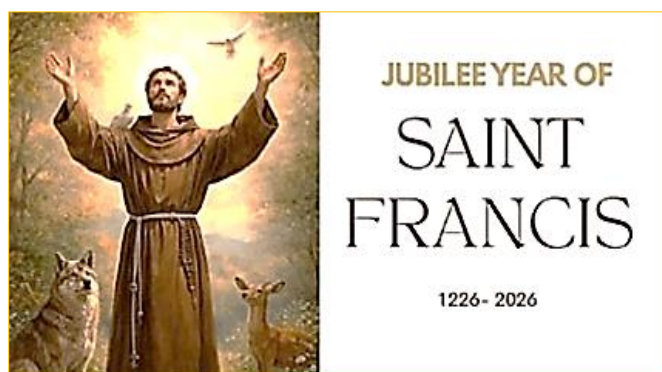
This Year Mission appeal we will welcome **Fr Fox**, who will be our parish guest for the **Mission Appeal 2026**.

He will visit us on the weekend of **19 July 2026** and will preach at all Sunday Masses in both **Our Lady of Lourdes** and **St Mary Magdalene's**.

The Mission Appeal is an opportunity for our parish community to hear about the missionary work of the Church, *to open our hearts to the needs of our brothers and sisters, and to support this important work through prayer and generosity.*

There will be a **second collection at all Masses** to support this missionary cause. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. Please give Fr Fox a very warm welcome and keep him and his mission in your prayers.

Second Parish Collections
in June:
on 21st for Day of Life
on 28th for Peter's Pence



St Francis of Assisi understood very deeply the words of Jesus: *"You received without charge; give without charge."*

His life was a response to the free gift of God's love. He did not keep faith for himself, but shared it through simplicity, peace, humility, and care for the poor.

When Jesus sends His disciples in today's Gospel, He sends them not with power or wealth, but with compassion.

St Francis lived the same mission. He went among people as a brother, reminding them that God is near, that every person has dignity, and that creation itself speaks of the goodness of the Creator.

This week, let us learn from St Francis to notice those who feel tired, forgotten, or alone.

A simple word, a small act of kindness, or a prayer offered for someone can become a sign that the Kingdom of God is near.



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**Our Lady's
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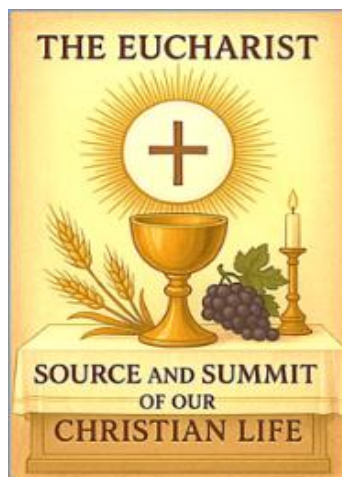
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PREPARING PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



After the completion of the ALPHA Course in August, our parish will begin a new journey of formation and prayer: the **Parish Eucharistic Revival Project**.

This initiative will help us rediscover the heart of our Catholic faith: Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

The Eucharist is not simply a symbol or a religious tradition.



The Eucharist is Jesus Himself, present among His people and waiting for us with love.

During the sessions, we will reflect on four important questions:

- Who is present in the Eucharist?
- What happens at Mass?
- Why does the Church encourage Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?
- How does the Eucharist change the way we live?

This will prepare us to begin a pilot programme of monthly Holy Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Before we adore, we want to understand whom we adore. Before we enter into silence, we want to discover the treasure that silence helps us receive.

Everyone is warmly invited to take part in this parish journey towards a deeper love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

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First reading

Exodus 19:2-6a

'You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5.

R3c *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Second reading

Romans 5:6-11

'If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life.'

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia. *The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.*

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

'Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.'



In June (18-25), we continue our **Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** with recitation of the **Litany to Sacred Heart of Jesus at 6.30 pm.**

Everyone is warmly invited to come and spend time in prayer before the Lord.

ALPHA IS FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO EXPLORE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

We continue the ALPHA Course on Wednesday 17th June at 6.30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes, in the church hall. *You are warmly invited to come along, to bring a family member, friend or anyone who is curious, to share some food and to get to know each other.*

Come along and see what you think

