



St George Maronite Catholic Church, Thornleigh

Our Parish

5th Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday 16th June 2024

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The Gospel

Matt 10: 1-7

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

Season of Pentecost

الإنجيل
متى ١٠: ١-٧



دَعَا يَسُوعُ تَلَامِيذَهُ الْاَثْنِي عَشَرَ، فَأَعْطَاهُمْ سُلْطَانًا يَطْرُدُونَ بِهِ الْاَرْوَاحَ النَّجِسَةَ، وَيَشْفُونَ الشَّعْبَ مِنْ كُلِّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلِّ عِلَّةٍ. وَهَذِهِ اَسْمَاءُ الرُّسُلِ الْاَثْنِي عَشَرَ: الْاَوَّلُ سِمْعَانُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى بُطْرُسَ، وَانْدْرَاوُسُ اَخُوهُ، وَيَعْقُوبُ بْنُ زَبْدَى، وَيُوحَنَّا اَخُوهُ، وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَبَرْثَلْمَاوُسُ، وَتُومَا وَمَتَّى الْعَشَّارَ، وَيَعْقُوبُ بْنُ حَلْفَى وَتَدَّاوُسَ، وَسِمْعَانَ الْعَيُورَ وَيَهُوذَا الْاِسْخَرْيُوطِي الَّذِي اَسْلَمَ يَسُوعَ. هُوَ لِاِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ اَرْسَلَهُمْ يَسُوعَ، وَقَدْ اَوْصَاهُمْ قَائِلًا: «لَا تَسْلُكُوا طَرِيقًا اِلَى الْوَتْنِيِّينَ، وَلَا تَدْخُلُوا مَدِينَةَ لِسَامِرِيَّينَ، بَلِ اذْهَبُوا بِالْحَرِيِّ اِلَى الْخِرَافِ الضَّالَّةِ مِنْ بَيْتِ اِسْرَائِيلَ. وَفِيْمَا اَنْتُمْ ذَاهِبُونَ، نَادُوا قَائِلِينَ: لَقَدْ اَقْتَرَبَ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ.

Next Sunday

6th Sunday of Pentecost

Old Testament

Reading

Ezk 2: 1-7, 10-12

Epistle

1 Cor 12: 12-13, 27-30

Gospel

Matt 10: 16-25

Divine Liturgy and Services

Sundays: 9:00am (Arabic), 11:00am (Arabic/English), 6:00pm (English)

Mondays and Tuesdays: 9:00am

Wednesdays – Saturdays: 6:00pm

Confessions: By Appointment

Sick Visits: Contact Clergy or the Parish Office (contact details below)

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Bishops Message Year of Prayer

5th Sunday of Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you from Bkerke, Lebanon, where I am participating in the Annual Synod of Maronite Bishops with our Maronite Patriarch. Thank you for your ongoing prayers.

This 5th Sunday of Pentecost, we reflect on the mission entrusted to us by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew (10:1-7). Jesus calls and sends forth the Twelve Apostles. This moment marks the beginning of the Church's apostolic mission to bring the good news of salvation to the world. This passage highlights the necessity of evangelisation and offers us a clear method through Jesus' example. As we, in the example of the apostles, take on this mission, we need to reflect on a few key points.

First, we must recognise that being sent on a mission requires being called by God. This calling necessitates an intimate relationship with Christ, just as the apostles were close to Him. It is not our personal thoughts or ideas about God or religion that we are to share, but the very word of God, the love of God, the Good News! Healing and miracles, if they occur, come not from the apostle's own power but through the grace of God. Therefore, an apostle must remain united with the Lord in trust, love, and the humility of service.

Second, proclaiming God's word is not about coercion. The word of God is shared openly, and people are free to accept or reject it. God desires hearts that are free and open, not constrained or brainwashed. Announcing the Good News means sharing God's love, which is always offered freely and never imposed.

Finally, it is significant that Jesus sent the apostles first to the Jews, those who shared their faith, rather than to foreigners or Samaritans. This teaches us that while evangelising others is important, we must also focus on those within our own communities who may be drifting away from God. In our context, this passage encourages us to pay attention to those around us in our families and in our circle of friends, and to share God's love with them.

This week, let us remember that we too are called to be apostles. Through our baptism, we share in the mission entrusted to the Twelve. So let us embrace our apostolic calling with joy and zeal. Let us go forth to proclaim the Good News and may we never forget that Christ is always with us, guiding and strengthening us in our witness.

I wish you a blessed week!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay



Reflection of the Week: "Real Mission"

'Go to the lost sheep' (v6) is the message of Jesus to the Twelve. He follows it up with, 'proclaim the good news' (v7). Two very important points to keep at the forefront of our minds and hearts as Christians.

Religion has always appealed a great deal more to the poor because it offers hope and shows the willingness to be with the downtrodden. God is and will always remain a source of endless love and amazing hope. A source of good news for all wanting a life of justice and goodness. When we preach a God of unconditional love and compassion then we are empowering the lives of people and revolutionising the world.

Unfortunately, people who have called themselves Christians have gone out and preached a God of anger and punitive punishment or else a God who revels in the good things in life, in order to justify their own self-centred ways of living.

The Gospel passage is clear – God is about the poor, those who are lost and those in need. God's promise is not about a fulfillment of earthly wealth and a good time, but an affirmation that God will be with us in love, for all eternity. That is the greatest message of hope that people want to hear. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn mshf



كلمة الحياة غذاءً للنفوس

في إنجيل الأحد الخامس من زمن العنصرة، نقرأ نص دعوة الأثني عشر تلميذاً وإرسالهم في مهمتهم التبشيرية: لقد إقترب ملكوت الله. نلاحظ معاً الأفعال التي قام أو قالها يسوع وهي من صلب الدعوة المسيحية لكل معمد:

- دعا: إن الله هو الذي يدعو. دعانا إلى الوجود فوجدنا. وهو يدعونا كشعب واحد ننتمي لإله واحد، أن نعيش في القداسة، فننقدس. وهو يدعو كل واحد منا فردياً إلى القيام بعمله ورسالته في جسد المسيح. لا تنسى أن الله يدعو الكل من دون تفرقة؛ فمن يُصغي؟
- أعطى: لا يدعو الله المرء من دون أن يجهزه بالوسائل والأسلحة اللازمة في رسالته، وهي السلطان الإلهي أي نعمة الروح القدس التي تحل على المرسل ليكله خادماً ومبشراً. هذا السلطان الخدمي هو من الخادم الأول الذي ما جاء ليخدم بل ليخدم. لا تنسى أنك وهبت سلطاناً إلهياً؛ هل تُدرك ذلك؟
- إذهبا: من المهم الإنطلاق في الرسالة مهما كانت؛ حياة زوجية مباركة ومكثلة بالفرائض المسيحية أو الإلتزام في الحياة المكرسة أو الكهنوتية، أم الإلتزام العلماني لخدمة المجتمع والكنيسة. مهما كانت الرسالة، من الضروري الإنطلاق والمضي، متكلين على من أرسلنا "لأن الرب معنا". لا تنسى ها هو يدعوك؛ فمن ينطلق؟

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Parish News and Upcoming Events

Origin Game 2





26th June 7pm

\$10 Entry
Food & drinks provided

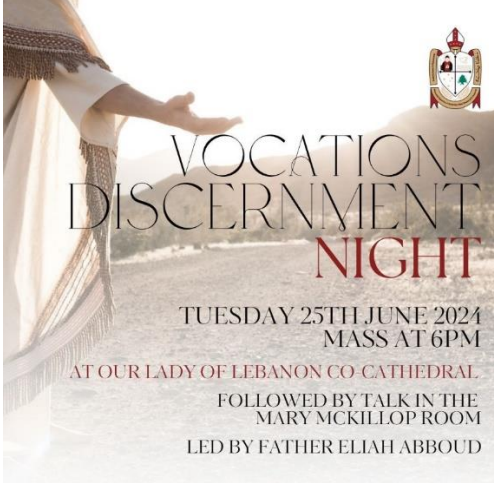

PRIZES TO BE WON!

ROSARY NIGHT



EVERY MONDAY

7.30PM IN THE CHURCH





VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT NIGHT

TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2024
MASS AT 6PM

AT OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO. CATHEDRAL
FOLLOWED BY TALK IN THE MARY MCKILLOP ROOM
LED BY FATHER ELIAH ABOUD

CONFESSION



EVERY THURSDAY 7.30PM-8.30PM

1 John 1:9
9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness




ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Every Thursday @ 7:30pm
Confession Available

ST GEORGE PLAYGROUP



EVERY FRIDAY 10am - 12pm
during school term

Children 0-5 Years

ALL WELCOME
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Senior Program

Wednesdays 9:00am - 4:00pm

If anyone is interested in joining the Seniors Program or volunteering, please contact:
Zaride 0417 427 661
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EVERY MONDAY FROM 17 JUNE 2024 AT 7:30PM

LOL COMMUNITY YOUTH AND PASTORAL CENTRE
1/40-46 ALICE ST, HARRIS PARK

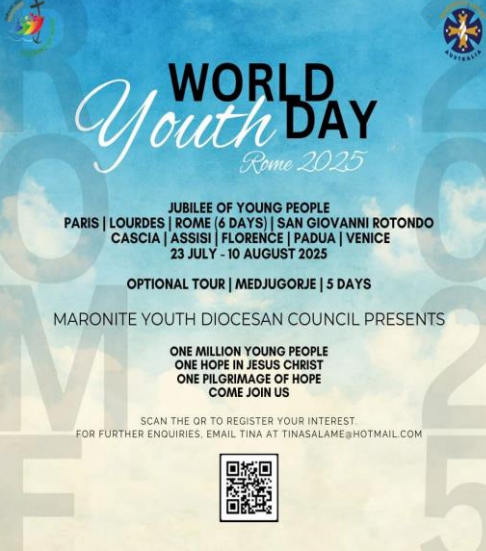
For enquiries, call or text Subdeacon Charbel Mourani on 0410 343 233 or email faithformation@maronite.org.au
To register, go to tinyurl.com/MaroniteCTC



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MARONITE CATHOLIC FAITH

17 June	God's Purpose for You
24 June	Belief and Faith
01 July	The Most Holy Trinity
08 July	Our Lord Jesus Christ
15 July	Our Lord's Life, Death and Purpose
22 July	The Holy Spirit
29 July	The One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church
05 August	Scripture and Tradition
12 August	Our Lady Part I
19 August	Our Lady Part II
26 August	Prayer
02 September	Virtue and Sin
09 September	The Ten Commandments
16 September	The Teachings of the Lord
23 September	The Sacrament of Confession
30 September	The Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation
07 October	The Eucharist
14 October	The Sacrament of Marriage
21 October	The Maronite Saints
28 October	Catholic Social Teaching
04 November	The Divine Liturgy - The Qurbono
11 November	Q&A Night!

Course is held at the Our Lady of Lebanon Community Youth and Pastoral Centre, 40 Alice Street, Harris Park. Classes begin at 7:30 pm and everyone is welcome.
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WORLD Youth DAY

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YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

BY POPE FRANCIS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETREAT FOCUSED ON PRAYER

HEAR, O LORD AND ANSWER ME

for I am poor and needy

Psalm 86

SATURDAY 13 JULY | 9AM-4PM (MASS 8AM)
BEIT MAROUN CHAPEL
105 THE BOULEVARDE STRATHFIELD

The day will consist of a talk, activity, adoration & confession

Register via www.trybooking.com/CSFBI
Cost: \$30




Memorial Masses

نوايا القداسات

Saturday 15 th June 2024	6pm	Mass for the Late Melhem Said Khamis	قداس المرحوم ملحم سعيد خميس	٦:٠٠	السبت ١٥ حزيران ٢٠٢٤
Sunday 16 th June 2024	9am	Mass for the Late Mikhail and Frozina Nadwie with their children Romanous, Marin, Georgette, Peter, Katour & George	قداس المرحومين مخابيل وفروزينا الندوية مع أولادهم رومانوس، مارين، جورجيت، بيطر، كتور، وجورج	٩:٠٠	الاحد ١٦ حزيران ٢٠٢٤
	11am	40 th Mass for the Late Samir Massoud Nehme Aouchan	قداس ٤٠ المرحوم سمير مسعود نعمة عوشان	١١:٠٠	

Parish Financial Updates

Parish Income (fortnight 10/06/2024 – 23/06/2024)
TBA

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Parish Operations Account
\$90,616.29

Parish Loan Balance
\$389,547.52



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