



The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

4 July 2021

Dear Friends,

In our reading this morning from Mark's Gospel, having been rejected by his own people at the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus commissions his disciples to go out into the world, two by two, and spread the good news of salvation that he has shared with them. He instructs them to take nothing with them and to stay only where they are openly welcomed and the word received gladly. Thus they begin their ministry in the world, preaching, healing and doing good works.

Please continue to support our Parish financially in so far as you are able. Your offertory may be sent to the Parish Office by cheque (St Luke's Church Mosman, PO Box 162, Spit Junction NSW 2088), or deposited directly into our bank account (St Luke's Church Mosman, BSB 032-291, A/C 810105). Alternatively, you can contribute to offertory at: <https://donorbox.org/st-luke-s-anglican-church-mosman-support> (type or copy and paste into your browser).

If you would like to contact me, please feel free to do so. My contact details are on the back cover. It is my sincere hope that we will soon be able to meet together once more for Sunday worship. In the meantime, you all remain in my thoughts and prayers during these frustrating and challenging times. Every blessing to you and those whom you love.

The Reverend Dr Max Wood, **Rector**



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel
The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards
Northern Region: Parishes of Lane Cove and Mowbray,
Lavender Bay and Longueville
Local churches: St John's Uniting Church, Mosman; clergy and people

Missions 2021

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;
Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer,
The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;
The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

Immediate Sick:

Jenny Willis, Dorothy Bashford, Nancy Lovitt

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

Alex Dimitric, John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Denise Thomas, Jackie Lockhart, Robert Rowlands, Tim Bolot, Robb Crawford

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter,
Helen Huby, Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson,

The Prayer for the Day

O Lord our God,
you are always more ready to bestow
your good gifts upon us
than we are to seek them;
and more willing to give than we desire or deserve:
in our every need,
grant us the first and best of all your gifts,
the Spirit who makes us your children.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 12.2-10

Paul wrote: I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6.1-13

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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