

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.’ Amos replied to Amaziah, ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were

claimed as God’s own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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The Big Picture sets you free

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, *God conceived of you*, ‘God chose you in Christ’. The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny. That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God’s presence. That is the Big Picture, the ‘Very Big Picture’. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today’s Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: “take no purse, no haversack” because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began. You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. ‘Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.’

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FIFTEENTH WEEK in
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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and
fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after Mass

Regional NAIDOC
Mass Friday 26th July
11am

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 31st July,
1pm CMR

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

Actions speak louder than words!

At the heart of Christian service and discipleship are Works of Compassion. The Works of Compassion make visible the hiddenness of Christ, when our actions come from the ‘storehouse’ of our love, while manifesting the Divine life within us enlivening our compassionate service. Two 20th Century women come to mind when speaking of love in action: Mother Teresa, Founder of the Missionaries of Charity and Dorothy Day, Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. They received spiritual energy from their Christian faith. Mother Teresa reminded her community: ‘**More than ever people want to see love in action through our humble works – how necessary it is for us to be in love with Jesus – to be able to feed him in the hungry and the lonely**’ [A Call to Mercy: Hearts to Love, Hands to Serve, 2016, page 3]

Dorothy Day wrote: ‘**Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our heart ... He made heaven hinge on the way we act towards Him in his disguise of commonplace, frail ordinary humanity.**’ [Dorothy Day ‘Selected Writings’ 2001, pgs 94 & 96.]

Letting Christ act and speak through us.

In today’s Gospel Mark 6:7-11 Jesus sends his disciples out on mission in pairs to spread his word and to heal. He instructs them to ‘take nothing for the journey except for a staff’- also ‘no bread, haversack, spare tunic or money for their purse.’ They were to trust that God would take care of them and that many people along the way would welcome and provide for them. **This was to be a journey of trust and faith.** Gary Walker, in the St Vincent de Paul, Spiritual Reflection Guide reflecting on this Gospel challenges us to live simply, travel lightly like the disciples in the Gospel... he goes on to say: ‘What really is important and gives meaning in our lives, can’t be found in material things. Rather that can only be found in and through God.’ [2024, pg11]. It is also worth noting **the model of discipleship in the Gospel – Jesus sends them out in pairs – they did not have to do this alone, but make this journey with the support of another believer, another friend.** Finally remember that the Disciples Jesus chose were not perfect, but they believed and trusted, and grew in faith, hopefully like we do on our faith journey.

We incarnate the ‘**Works of Compassion**’ when we provide for those in need in our community, take our clothing to the Vinnie’s store, visit and care for the sick and distressed, stop by to visit ageing and grieving individuals or sit by the bedside of the ill and dying. This is Christian discipleship.

Marie Weatherall.





Mass
Schedule

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 15th—Sun 21st July

Monday 15th: No Mass

Tuesday 16th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 17th: Mass

Thursday 18th: Mass 9am

Friday 19th: Mass 9am

Saturday 20th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 21st: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am
Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The
Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha
Lodge

ROSTERS

13/14 JULY

Cleaning

15-19 Favetta/O'Neill/
Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder
Commentator S Ebejer
Reader: : J Quigley
Eucharistic Ministers
Naomi Buick
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den
Broek
Commentator . B Basevi
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
N Page, L Stevens
Computer Screen T
Priest

MORNING TEA:

M Vidovic, Zdenka

COUNTERS

B Basevi

20/21 JULY

Cleaning

22-26 D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: K Conway
Commentator: J Quigley
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
C Brownlie
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L May
Commentator P O'Kelly
Reader: N Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers
A Scicluna, J Whiteford
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

COUNTERS

D & L May

3 August | MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE |

Please join Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Parish of St Peter's Pambula, in commemorating Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.

12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and visiting priests

1.00 pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. An occasion to share fellowship with other pilgrims. If there are any special dietary requirements, please make these known to us, by emailing our parish office at pambula@cq.org.au

CLAIM THE DATE:

Invitation to attend a morning session

'I hear but do I really listen!'

facilitated by Patrick Fleming, Clinical Psychologist

on Monday August 19, 2024

9-15am for 9-30am start – 12 noon.

Cost=Free; BYO shared morning Tea. All welcome.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL by Monday August 12

Marie W 0405 028 057.

Feast of St. Mary MacKillop

will be celebrated on Thursday August 8 with 9am Mass.

After 9 am mass we are having a **Cuppa with shared morning tea and Reflection** in the church meeting room .

All welcome to attend.

Facilitated by Carolyn Evenden and Marie Weatherall.

Why not attend!

St Vincent de Paul Volunteers needed:

Our local Conference is looking for volunteers who may be able to give a few hours every month to interview companions who need assistance. You would always be on with an experienced member who will guide you. Why not just turn up to our Conference Meeting on the first Monday of the Month in the Church Meeting Room at 2pm and get to know about this Vincentian Ministry or phone

Gary: 0429 774 101 or **Marie** 0405 028 057.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation (12–14 September 2024)

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation.

We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together.

Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

For more information and to register by August 12th visit:

www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God,

You have called me to life
and gifted me in many ways.

Through Baptism You have sent me to
continue the mission of Jesus by sharing
my love with others.

Strengthen me to respond to
Your call each day.

Help me to become all You
desire of me.

Inspire me to make a difference in
others' lives.

Lead me to choose the way of life You
have planned for me.

Open the hearts of all to listen
to Your call.

Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that we
may have listening hearts and the
courage to
respond to You.

Enkindle in my heart
and the hearts of others the
desire to make the world a
better place by serving as
Lay Minister, Sister, Priest,
Brother or Deacon.

Amen

FUNERALS IN THE PARISH:

Richard Smart late of The Glen, Friday 12th July 11am

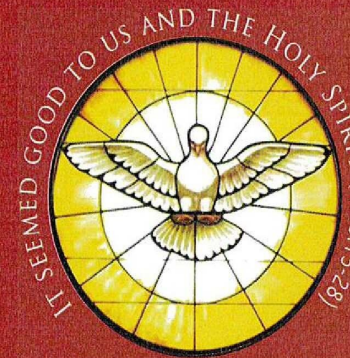
Patrick Dunn late of Surfbeach, Friday 12th July 2pm

Remembering the Sick:

Pat & Wendy Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Claire Dickens, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Kathryn King, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions JULY For The Pastoral Care of The Sick

Let us pray that the
Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick,
bestows the Lord's
strength to those who
receive it and to their loved
ones, and that it may
become for everyone an
ever more visible sign of
compassion and hope.

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