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OPENING PRAYER

*Father,
through the obedience of Jesus,
your servant and your Son,
you have raised a fallen world.
Free us from sin
and bring us the joy that lasts forever.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Amos

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."'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**Response: 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. (R.)

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

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.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

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Before the world was made, God chose us.
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.

Gospel Acclamation

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: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.



REFLECTION on the Gospel of Mark 6:7-13 by Greg Sunter

Scriptural context – Mission and Ministry

This seems an odd event in the narrative of the Gospel of Mark. The twelve are sent out and we are told that they ‘cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them’. After a diversion to explain the fate of John the Baptist the gospel picks up again by simply stating that the disciples returned and reported all they had done. There is no explanation of why Jesus sent them out; no indication of how long they travelled; no evidence of what reception they were given. This was a prelude to the later ministry that would be performed; it was an instruction by Jesus for how the mission was to be carried on.

Have you thought? Sent in pairs

It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.

Living the Gospel – Travelling Light

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the 'haves' and 'have nots' the 'haves' are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for all members of our communities: that they may discover the spiritual riches of God and our First Nations cultures, so they can pass these treasures on to younger generations. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for all Elders in our communities: that we may honour their lives and legacy and embrace the love and peace that they show us every day by how they live their faith. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for unity in our community and culture: that the journey towards reconciliation within the Church may encourage each and every one of us to make reconciliation our story. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for the success of the forthcoming Plenary Council: that all participants will listen to how God is calling the Church in Australia to be Christ-centred and inclusive. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for all ministers of the Gospel: that they may bring us to a deeper understanding of the Christian faith and a stronger love for each other. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Teonie McMahon, Jeremy Nelson, Helen Campbell-Davys, Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and Celia Roach, that they may feel the healing touch of Jesus. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. We pray that those who have died will be rewarded with eternal life, including Father Brian Maher, Dick Laurie, David Parsons, and for our own deceased relatives and friends. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

*Lord,
May we never fail to praise you
for the fullness of life and salvation
you give us. Amen.*

Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

The church will be closed to the public for the duration of the lockdown. We can have Mass but all people are required to **wear masks**. If you have a mobile phone, please be sure to **check in via the QR code**.

Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures are still being observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time.

Weekday Masses: No Masses until further notice, due to Covid restrictions

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Adoration: cancelled until further notice.

Araluen Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

Social Justice Meeting: Sunday 4 July in the church at 10.30am.

Ecumenical Service at Braidwood MPS: 1st Saturday of the month at 3.00pm.

Whole School Mass: Tuesday 27 July 2021

Sacrament of First Eucharist: Special Mass on Sunday 15 August at 10.30am.

Vinnies needs winter clothing!

Vinnies shops and our emergency support services remained open throughout the COVID-19 emergency last winter in Canberra. Because Vinnies was one of only a few services open, our stocks of winter coats, jackets and blankets were wiped out. Donations may be left at your local Vinnies shop.

The Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce will host a dinner at the Southern Cross Club Woden on 16 July to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, [Sr Margaret Beirne](#) RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

Cleaners: 16 July: Margaret and Barbara. **30 July:** Helen P and Judith. **13 August:** Rod and Pauline. **Please note** the ceremonies happening in the church when cleaning will be required beforehand will be advised at the beginning of the newsletter.

Readings for next week: 1st: Amos 7:12-15. 2nd: Eph. 1:3-14. Gospel: Mk. 6:7-13.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
3 July	Felix	Helen P	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
10 July	James/Les	Cathy F	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
17 July	Geoff	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
24 July	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
31 July	Les	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won't be attending, so other arrangements can be made.

COVID-19 Links for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Mass Online Link: <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Take care and keep safe and warm,
Helen Hart