

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B
First Reading Am 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 Eph 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 Eph 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 Mk 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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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

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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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 13th - St Henry
Wednesday 14th - St Camillus de Lellis, priest.
Thursday 15th - St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor.
Friday 16th - Our Lady of Mount Carmel



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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist



Singalong- postponed due to Covid restrictions

Cenacle Prayer - Tues at 4.45pm Church
Enjoy The Good News - Wed after Mass
Opal Mass - Every 1st Wed 10.30am (7/7)
Glen Mass - Every 2nd Wed 10.30am (14/7)
Goodwin Manor Mass Every 3rd Wed 2pm
Maranatha Mass - Every 4th Wed 2pm

Craft Group-Thurs 10am -12pm
Adoration- Fri (9/7) 5pm (16/7) 5.30pm

Wrap With Love- Tues 13th July 10am

Charismatic Prayer Group - First Friday every month after morning mass

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop - Postponed due to Covid19 regulations date to be advised.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time -YEAR B

There is one thing plain from this Sunday’s Readings, God did not choose scholars or university professors to spread the Good News. He chose people like you and me!
Amos, a very ordinary man, a shepherd in fact, was called by God to go to Bethel and give God’s message which was ridiculed by the priest Amaziah who told him to go home... back where he came from!!!



The apostles in the Gospel, definitely not learned men, were sent out two by two to spread this message of repentance and **love** that they had witnessed having lived and travelled with Jesus. *Repentance meaning a new way of understanding God and understanding others.*

What gave these people the power to do God’s bidding? It was the fact that they were **chosen** and were **obedient** to God’s will. Not every venture they took on was successful but they kept on, knowing that God was with them. We surely can identify with the above. We have perhaps become weary these days of living with the unknown! Our minds and bodies are in a sort of ‘waiting space’ for the next phase of the covid journey.

It is not fanciful to rejoice in the knowledge that Paul’s reflection puts it all in context! *I was chosen, in Christ, before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish!* How often have we read those words and not fully comprehended their meaning? Each of us is known by God, personally!

Even more, *‘we become God’s adopted sons and daughters, through the gifts of Christ and our faith’.*

Christ asks us not to carry anything surplus on our daily journeying! What does that mean for us in these times? Is God asking us to trust that in doing God’s will, we will be provided for? Is our own baggage weighing us down and hindering our progress? Let’s hand over to God’s loving embrace all that is causing us to doubt the diving love which has been with us from the beginning of creation.

Two quotes I find helpful:

- (i) *Prayer is - “a long, loving look at the real” i.e. sit patiently Burghardt*
- (ii) *’ God has a way of transforming everything into grace!’*

God bless, Sr Marie

The Updated Archdiocese Covid Protocol is available on our website to read. Please bring your mask when you come to Mass and observe the practise of hand sanitising and social distancing.

Thank you for your co-operation. We hope to create a safe environment for everybody.

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

JULY

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 13th: 5.30pm Mass
Weed 14th: 9am Mass
Thurs 15th: 9.00 am Mass
Fri 16th: 9.15 am Mass
Sat 17th: 9am Mass /Rosary
9.30am Reconciliation
6pm Mass
Sunday 11th: 9am Mass 5pm
Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

10/11 JULY 2021

Church Cleaning

B Favetta/J O'Neill (11-14)

Welcomers

6pm D Robinson

9am C Connell

5pm L Miller

Commentator

6pm M Weatherall

9am A Brown

5pm A Horsfall

Readers

6pm Sr Marie

9am B Basevi

5pm J O'Sullivan

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm C Brownlie

9am L Stevens

5pm B Maynard

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

5pm M O'Neill

REGISTRARS

6pm J McCarthy/Peter O'Kelly

9am G Norris/ B Basevi

5pm M de Smet

MORNING TEA

Is not on due to COVID19 regulations.

17/18 JULY 2021

Church Cleaning

D & L May (19-23)

Welcomers

6pm C Brownlie

9am T van den Broek

5pm D Ebejer

Commentator

6pm P O'Kelly

9am B Maynard

5pm L Miller

Readers:

6pm M Bridges

9am L Page

5pm S Ebejer

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm H Blake

9am N Page

5pm A Horsfall

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

5pm J O'Sullivan

REGISTRARS

6pm M Vidovic & Zdenka

9am M & S Beashel

5pm M Devine

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LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY

...Reflecting on What Matters...

YOUR ROD AND STAFF COMFORT ME (Psalm 23)

Once upon a time, an old Hasidic tale teaches us, the local Jewish congregation was very concerned about the fact that their rabbi disappeared into the forest every single Sabbath night.

Was he chanting with angels?

Was he praying with Elijah?

Was he communing with God?

So, after months of this, they finally sent someone to follow him. The next Sabbath, the sexton followed to a cottage on the far side of the cliff. And there, the sexton could see through the window, lay an old gentile woman, sick in her bed and wasting away. The rabbi swept the floor, chopped the wood, lit the fire, made a large pot of stew, washed the bedclothes and then left quickly in order to get back to the synagogue in time for morning services.

The sexton, too, arrived back breathless. "Well," the congregation demanded, "did our rabbi go up to heaven?" The sexton thought for a minute. "Oh, no, my friends," he said and smiled softly. "Our rabbi did not go up to heaven. Our rabbi went much higher than that."

There are some kinds of pain that cannot be taken away in life. Loss. Hurt. Rejection. Disability. But those who enter into the pain of another know what it is to talk about the love of a God who does not change the circumstance that form us but walks through them with us every step of the way.

Comfort is a small and tender thing. All it takes is regular presence, patient listening and genuine concern. It demands that we go out of ourselves to the other in ways that advantage us not a whit.

The real question, come to think about it, is whether or not the congregation kept their old rabbi or got themselves a new one—for the sake of the faith, of course.

To go down into pain with another breaks open the heart of the God who looks among us always for the face most like God's own.

from *Songs of the Heart: Reflections on the Psalms* by Joan Chittister (Twenty-third Publications)

A CUPPA WITH MARY MACKILLOP



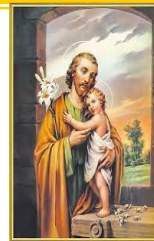
**Will not be held due to
COVID19 regulations.**

**It has been postponed
to a date to be advised**



**Welcome Back to
students and teachers
at our schools for Term
3 may you enjoy a fresh
start to your studies.
God bless.**

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



Prayer to St Joseph

Faithful Joseph:
*Teach us to listen and
not be afraid to trust as
you did in God's
Promise*

With the update of the lockdown in Sydney, Fr John Iacono won't be able to come to support the Masses and other sacraments for our Parish during the next two weeks. Therefore, Fr John Walter who has been very helpful in supporting the Parish will continue to look after the Masses and others sacraments. Please keep our priests in your prayers. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on **4472 4153**.

From the 'In Brief' in the Catechism of the Catholic Church concerning the Sacrament of the Sick, instituted by Christ:

1536: "Is any among you sick?" Let him call in the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." (Jas 5:14-15).

1527: The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick has as its purpose the conferral of a special grace on the Christian experiencing the difficulties inherent in the condition of grave illness or old age.

1528: The proper time for receiving this holy anointing has certainly arrived when the believer begins to be in danger of death because of illness or old age.

1529: Each time a Christian falls seriously ill, he may receive the Anointing of the Sick, and also when, after he has received it, the illness worsens.

1530: Only priests (presbyters and bishops) can give the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, using oil blessed by the bishop, or if necessary by the celebrating presbyter himself.

1531: The celebration of the Anointing of the Sick consists essentially in the anointing of the forehead and hands of the sick person (in the Roman Rite) or of other parts of the body (in the Eastern rite), the anointing being accompanied by the liturgical prayer of the celebrant asking for the special grace of this sacrament.

1532: The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:

- The uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;
- The strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;
- The forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance;
- The restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;
- The preparation for passing over to eternal life.

- for information from Fr John Walter -

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING DOT POINTS

- Parish Feast Day is to be celebrated on Sunday 22nd August with the theme being "*The Multicultural Face of the Parish*" with cultural dress, music and food.
- Parish Assembly to discuss the Plenary Council . Document text is available on our website to be read and discussed for community discernment.
- The PPC acknowledges the contributions of the many volunteers who have assisted in the Parish with the installation of the benches, Youth Mass,
- Confirmation and the Archbishop's visit and BBQ. Your valuable contribution is greatly appreciated.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, at the start of the new financial year, the details are as follows:

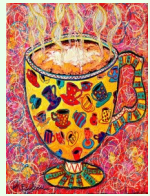
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Remembering the Sick:

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Death Anniversaries: Michael Guymmer, Lynette Nunan, Dawn Latta, Doreen Walker, Mary Sellick, Kevin Smith, Filomena Favetta, Harry Golbach, Denis Johnson, Joyce Kalish,, Hazel Elliot, Evert Ordelman

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Fr Brian Maher, Tony Walsh, Frank Rosin, Guiseppe Nibali, Erin Killmier, Harold Fox, Patricia O'Mahony, Jade Hammond, David Bushnell, Chris Walsh, Pauline Effenev, Francis Mines, Anna Ordelman, Susan McNamara, Liberata & Francisco Desabella, Elaine Jane Ceruzi, all souls in Purgatory



COFFEE CLUB

Thursdays after
Mass.
All are welcome.

VENUE: Corrigans Cove

COFFEE N CHAT

URGENT NEED

Visitation and Holy Communion to Residents at the Glen; We need volunteers to visit and take Holy Communion to 12 Catholic Residents at the Glen on a fortnightly and/or monthly basis. **Requirements:** Love of elderly residents, current flu vaccination and WWCC - free for all volunteers. Training on 1:1 and resources available with Marie Weatherall at Parish Office. Ph: 0405 028 057



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