



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 JULY 2024

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.

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. **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

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,



determining 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,



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.

REFLECTION: Design Masters. I read recently of a monk who spent time in the Egyptian desert. As part of that time his friends took him to a village named Harrania. In that village there were some weavers specialising in carpets but particularly in rugs. The monk was totally enthralled as he watched the loom and shuttle going back and forth, back and forth. In awe of the tremulously intricate work that these weavers were coming up with it occurred to him to ask the question; "What happens if you make a mistake?" The weaver simply replied; "Ah well, that is easy. We cannot go back and undo it with things moving so quickly, so what we do is we invent a whole new design. We work with the mistake into the whole article and what we come up with is entirely new. Sometimes it happens that our most precious designs are the ones full of mistakes." It occurred to me you know don't you and I make mistakes all the time and not only that are you one of those people that have a whole lot of resolutions for the New Year and have you broken them all already? Have you already given up on yourself? Well, here is the deal; The deal is that whatever your mistakes you have managed thus far

God is already working with them into the most intricate and precious design of your entire life. Don't give up on those mistakes. Don't give up on that design. Good things are happening even as you make mistakes.

THOUGHTFULNESS THIS WINTER: Parishioners whilst we are blest with this Winter weather, could we please keep the internal doors closed and the external door / s open. With the visual of the external doors open it allows the public that we are "open for business". The glass internal doors when closed would help to Keep the lazy cold wind out. Thank you for your thoughtfulness of others.

PARISH OFFICE PHONES: Dear Parishioners, our phones haven't been working since we had water damage to the parish office. You can contact us via parish email. Our sincere apologies. We hope the matter will be settled soon.

JOHN XXIII COLLEGE - A SYNODAL CHURCH - RESPONDING TO THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES: John XXIII College is delighted to invite you to an insightful community. In an engaging evening, Fr Frank Brennan SJ will explore the concept of a synodal church: a church that listens, dialogues and journeys together. **Tuesday 16 July 6pm to 7.30pm.** Thomas More Exhibition Centre, John XXIII College, John XXIII Avenue Mount Claremont. This is a free event, but registration is essential at www.trybooking.com/1229490.

CATHOLIC EARTH CARE 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, visit:** www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation (Registrations close Monday 12 August 2024).

CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL (CFR) – RETREAT: Catholic Faith Renewal (CFR) invites you to a retreat on **Saturday 27 July 9am to 3pm**, Mary McKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. Rev Fr Greg Donovan will give a talk on, "This is my son, the beloved; Listen to Him." Cost is \$20per person, includes coffee, tea and biscuits. For info or booking form: phone/text Charles 0413 755 799 or Ivan 0428 898 833.

HOLY TRINITY CARMELITE MONASTERY – OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL FEAST CELEBRATION: The Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel will be celebrated with Mass on **Tuesday 16 July 10am** at Holy Trinity Carmelite Monastery, 100 Adelma Road, Dalkeith. Bishop Don Sproston will be the celebrant. Further info; deborahocd@multiline.com.au.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP: Pilgrimage **15-26 October 2024**. Find out more by phoning 02 8912 4812 or emailing national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.



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RECONCILIATION - Saturday's: 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Please be aware that Votive Candles are 30 Cents each. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Graham Lynch, Fr Greg Carroll, Fr Wilson Donizzetti, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot.

SAFEGUARDING PERSONAL DECLARATION: Dear Parish Volunteers, if you have not yet filled in your Safeguarding Personal

Declaration Form, please obtain one from the foyer, complete it and send to the Parish Office as soon as possible. **The deadline is on Wednesday 31 July 2024** ready to hand in completed information to the Safeguarding Office.

WEEKEND OF PRAYER FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: The first-ever **Archdiocesan Assembly for Perth will be held on Saturday 13 July 2024**. This significant event follows a day of formation held for all delegates on 23 September 2023, setting the stage for extensive discernment and preparation over the last nine months. Please pick up your free prayer card from the foyer table near the parish bulletins.

ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY PRAYER: Gracious God, You have blessed our Archdiocese with many gifts, and you call us to share those gifts with others. We thank you for this call and commit ourselves anew to responding with courage and generosity. In this time of challenge and hope for the Church, you invite us to start afresh from Christ your Son and to contemplate his face so that we might recognise him in others. As we enter the preparation, formation and experience of our Diocesan Assembly may we experience a new wave of grace as we journey together led by the Spirit. Bless our Diocesan Assembly Delegates, attune their hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit in all their listening and discernment. May all be open to the voice and guidance of the Holy Spirit that our Church may be transformed,

our Archdiocese be a sign to the world of your presence with us, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice. With the intercession of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: On the weekend of 27-28 July 2024, we will be having a mission speaker coming to all Masses for this year's Catholic Mission Appeal.

MASS INTENTIONS Saturday 13 to Friday 19 July
Saturday 13 July
9am Mass: Margareta Cucevic (Ann)
6pm Mass: Maria De Ornelas (RIP)
Sunday 14 July
7.30am Mass: For The People
9am Mass: Dianne de Olival (Ann)
Tuesday 16 July OLMC Feast
9am Mass: In Honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel + For The People
Wednesday 17 July
9am Mass: Intention of Donor
Thursday 18 July
9am Mass: Madalena Correia (Intentions)
Friday 19 July
9am Mass: Petar & Franceska Matulovich (RIP)



and have believed it:
and you too 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Eph 1: 17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart 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.

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Breaking Open the Word

ONGOING MISSION

In the verse preceding today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus 'went about among the villages teaching' (Mark 6:6b). In the context of this activity, Jesus sends out the Twelve, and we are given a glimpse of the experience of the early missionaries, something we also find in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Importantly Mark records that Jesus gives them authority over unclean spirits. They are now able to heal as he did.

Going out two by two, they emulate the Old Testament law of witness (Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15) as well as replicating the way they were called – in pairs. The details of their garb might seem strange to us. Taking a staff is not only helpful for walking but also adds protection. The specifics of 'no bread, no bag, no money' distinguishes them from Cynic preachers, as does having only one tunic and will allow them to be recognisable as participants in Jesus' mission. Wearing sandals distinguishes them from barefoot slaves or from those who could wear boots. They are to stay with people who welcome them and so as travellers they may be offered hospitality.

The results of their mission are made evident, and their activity comes to the ears of Herod, yet their identity as Jesus' disciples is still unclear. They are thought to belong to John the Baptist. The context of mission in the days of Jesus is a far cry from today. How are we called and sent out today? What is our sense of proclaiming the Good News in the world?

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