

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Amos 7:12-15

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

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14

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.

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 READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6: 7-13

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.



VOCATIONS The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 10 August**. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the Archbishop, students, and staff. RSVP by **Friday, 2nd August 2024** to the Vocations Office at vocations@cam.org.au



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

13th/14th July, 2024 – Year of Prayer

Almighty God,

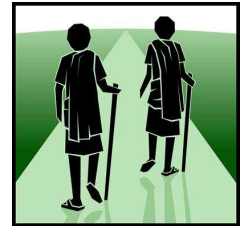
We pray that Your Gospel will revive

our hearts, attitudes and actions,

so that we may follow

in the footsteps of Your disciples.

We ask this, through Christ our Lord, Amen.



FOCUS ON THE WORD This account of the sending out of the twelve disciples appears in all three of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and so originates from the Gospel of Mark. It is a **commissioning of the disciples to spread the ministry of Jesus** – teaching, healing and casting out demons. It seems rather harsh conditions under which Jesus sends out his disciples. They are to carry nothing but a staff – a walking stick – and **to trust completely to the hospitality that they will encounter**. For the disciples going out on their mission, **it is a challenge to their faith and their trust that God will provide for them**. 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**.

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?** © Greg Sunter

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention **SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY**

FEAST DAYS Mon 15th July St Bonaventure

Tues 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sat 20th July St Apollinaris

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday 9.15am
& Thurs – 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 3rd Thursday 11am

BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.

Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

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PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:
June Caton; Rev. Kazimierz (Kaz) Trawicki CR



Those who we remember at this time:
Margherita Capozzi, Aprem Vithayathil, Rosa Sebastian; Amy M Judit, Giulio Rech, Patrick Stewart, Terry Whelan, Jim Feeney, Adriana Bekkers; Robert Whittle, Eleana Sgarbossa

The sick: Trish Walton, Sabrina McKeeverne, Aileen Knox, Janet Roffey, Celia Ellis, Eamon Smith, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Ann Good, Ben McLaey, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne.



ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.

MOTHERS PRAYERS Will resume on Tuesday 16th July at 9am in the Parish Office.

ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet in the new Parish Community Centre each **Thursday at 10.15am for a 10.30am start.** Pop in for a friendly chat, a game of cards, or some knitting.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING We meet **Thurs 10am** in the New Parish Community Centre. Please come and join us for a Chat, sit and knit or perhaps a game of cards.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
When: **First Saturday of the Month** at 10.30 am.
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE: CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE 278 Victoria Pde Est Melb Saturday 27 July 2024 11.00am-3.00pm Catholic Theological College will **open for self-guided tours** as part of the popular Open House Melbourne weekend. The striking bluestone building—designed by celebrated 19th-century Catholic architect William Wardell, who also designed St Patrick's Cathedral—previously housed Catholic secondary schools Parade College (1871–1967) and Cathedral College (1968–94). Award-winning architect Gregory Burgess' 1999 design of a fluid new building contrasts with the stability and formality of the original building, linking the two and allowing the new to grow out of the old with respect and unity. The site won the 2001 Heritage Property Award of the Australian Property Institute, and received a commendation in the 2000 Victorian Architecture Awards.

TEACH US TO PRAY- Living the Year of Prayer in Preparation for Jubilee 2025 As we move closer to the Jubilee of 2025, Pope Francis wants 2024 to be dedicated to prayer. Thus, he is inviting the whole Church to a time of intense commitment in preparation for the Opening of the Holy Door. The celebration of a Holy Year has its earliest origins in the Jewish tradition of the jubilee (yobel) as a time of forgiveness and reconciliation. Since the 1300s this has been a special time to meditate on the great gift of divine mercy that always awaits us, as well as the importance of inner conversion. Both are necessary to be able to live out the spiritual gifts lavished on pilgrims during a Holy Year, and to renew the bond that unites all who are baptized as brothers and sisters in Christ, with all of humanity, in that everyone is loved by God.

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST EVENT
The Parish Singles Group invites all Parishioners to a Theme: **TRAVEL SHOW**
DATE: **Sunday 18th August 2024**
TIME: 2.00pm - 4.00pm APPROX
PLACE: PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
Guest Speaker : Carolyn Sombekke to lead the discussion for the first half of the session with her travel adventures, she has a wealth of joys of travel to share. Attendees can make a short 2min presentation.



GOD AND BEER: 'THE ARMOUR OF GOD' with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
Monday 15 July 2024 6.30pm dinner 7.30 -9.30pm
Notting Hill Hotel, Steakhouse Room 260 FTG Road.
At the next God and Beer, we will hear from Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, who is visiting from the USA and will speak on prayer and the armour of God. Prayer is the foundation of the spiritual life, but for many people it is a struggle. Deacon Harold will explore the the various challenges that undermine our relationship with God, outlining a comprehensive strategy to counteract the negative impact of sin on our hearts and lives. This talk will be of great value to all men and women. tickets.org.au - Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations

CHICAGO PRODUCTION: GREAT NEWS - tickets to the combined production with **Mater Christi College & St Joseph's College - CHICAGO TEEN EDITION** are NOW ON SALE for the **1st Aug- 3rd August** and already being snapped up!. Adults \$33 Youth U16yrs, \$16 **BOOK YOURS NOW** here Burrinja.org.au

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. **Register now for the Season of Creation Convocation: 12-14 Sep 2024.** Online and in-person options. Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available. To learn more or to register visit: www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation

BAPTISMS— We offer our congratulations to **Levi Tom**, Son of Toms & Sandra, **Ellie Shileika**, daughter of Gustas & Karen, **Macy Menere** daughter of Ryan & Jacinta who are to be baptised this weekend: The Church of God welcomes you with great joy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY No Children Liturgy during the School Holidays. Resume 20th/21st July.

LITURGY+NEWS+EVENT
NAIDOC Week (7 July – 14 July) This year's theme is **'Keep the Fire Burning – Strong in Faith'** The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has produced resources, go to the website to find out more: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2024-atsi-sunday.html>
NAIDOC Week Mass Sunday 14 July, 11am St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared **15 July as World Youth Skills Day**, to celebrate the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. The theme for World Youth Skills Day 2024, **"Youth Skills for Peace and Development,"** underscores the crucial role young people play in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

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- www.RadioMaria.org.au
- **Digital Radio: 202.928**
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SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR Stella Maris regarding Sea Sundays to be held on Sunday 21 July and Sunday 28 July 2024. Sea Sunday is the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work.

ROSTERS: Mon 15 th July to Sun 21 st July 2024	
Flowers	Marg H & Judy G
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm Rosina L & Myra N 9am Lia Unmack 11am Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Tess D 9am Pamela E 11am .Peter J
Counters	Tony B, Steph H, Peter F & Rosina L
Gardening	Carlos E