

## 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 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.

**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 made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he 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.**



**AND JESUS CALLED TO HIM THE TWELVE,  
AND BEGAN TO SEND THEM OUT TWO BY  
TWO, AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY OVER  
THE UNCLEAR SPIRITS. (MARK 6:7)**



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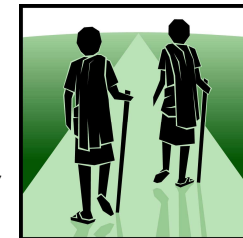
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## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**

*Lord Jesus, you sent out your disciples to proclaim  
your Good News among the people of Israel.  
Through baptism we too are your disciples,  
sent out to announce your Gospel to our world.  
We pray that our words and actions, indeed our lives,  
may bear witness to the goodness of God, who is  
our Heavenly Father. Amen.*



## FOCUS ON THE READINGS

Jesus sent out the Twelve, giving instructions about how they were to conduct themselves on their mission journey. Like the Twelve, we are sent to serve others and are given everything we need for our journey as disciples. This is the first time in Mark's Gospels where disciples are sent out on their own mission.

These missionaries are told to take nothing, except a staff. They must seek hospitality among those whom they minister to. What a risk, and how vulnerable these missionaries are. Where they receive hospitality they are to remain there, but if there is no welcome they must move on, shaking the dust from the feet - a strong symbol of wanting nothing more to do with that place.

'Shake the dust from your feet.' Sounds simple but there are counsellors and therapists who can testify that this is one of the hardest things we sometimes have to do. They could reflect and see what they could have done better; they could go back and try again. But sometimes you've done your best. Sometimes people just do not want what you think they ought to have. These disciples could walk away feeling a failure. 'It's all my fault. James would have got through to them. I'm not really a good disciple.' Again, sometimes there's no 'fault' or 'blame' when things go wrong, it just happens.

Jesus' advice is perfect. 'Shake the dust from your feet.' Leave this village behind you. Don't carry it with you in your guilt, or sense of failure, or anger. Let it go. The whole focus of Jesus' instructions to his disciples having their first practice is to 'travel lightly' – don't burden yourself with excess baggage either physical or emotional. Good advice for disciples of all time.

## **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

16<sup>th</sup> July Our Lady of Mount Carmel 20<sup>th</sup> July St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr.

21<sup>st</sup> July St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, doctor

***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 7.00 pm  
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am  
 Friday 11.00 am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays at 5.15 pm

**BAPTISMS:**

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B****14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018****YEAR OF YOUTH****PRAYING FOR...****All who have died recently:**

John (Jack) Caulfield.

**Those who we remember at this time:**

Margherita Capozzi., Adriana Bekkers, Jim Feeney, Terry Whelan; Elena Scarbossa, Palma Kaali-Nagy.

**The sick:** Peter Collyer, Tom McMahon, Paddy McCann, Brigida Mazzone, Stanley De Silva, Wilhelmina Weerden, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Mary Hill, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

**SICK LIST** – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**

Date: **Sat, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at 10.30 am**  
 Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.  
 Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING** Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10 am to 1 pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meet every **Tuesday at 10.00am** in the Parish Hall a cuppa prior, to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.15am, followed by inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986 or Andrew: 9755 2443.

**MOTHERS' PRAYER** will recommence on **17<sup>th</sup> July**. We welcome all mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together from **9 am–10** For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**FUNERAL MASS** The Funeral Mass for the late John (Jack) Caulfield will take place here at St John's Church on Thursday, 19th July, at 11.00am. Rosary will be recited prior to Mass at 10.30am.

**SUPPORT ST JOHN'S SCHOOL** The school Parents & Friends are holding a BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings in Scoresby on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August. We encourage all parishioners to "come on down" and buy a delicious sausage (or two) to support our parish primary school.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP** An annual statement for all contributors to the Thanksgiving/Stewardship Program is in the church foyer and available for collection. A heartfelt thank you for your generous support of the Parish through Stewardship.

**IT'S NOT ABOUT THE GIRL: PARISH MUSICAL** What a wonderful experience our Parish musical has been! There has been lots of positive feedback and the parish is buzzing with energy talking about it! The four performances went really well and the cast certainly wowed the audience with their amazing singing, dancing and acting talent. Who would have known that we had so many talented people in our parish? However a musical or any written work is just black marks on paper until people bring it to life. So we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped out in so many different ways to breathe life into this musical. We couldn't have done it without you. 🌻

**2018 ANNIVERSARY MASS** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 11am, at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage and Family Office invites you and your families to join us at the 2018 annual Anniversary Mass. All couples registering will receive a commemorative pack and certificate. Register by Friday 13 July on ph 9287 5587 or email: lmf@cam.org.au

**POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE** Details can be found on the Archdiocese of Melbourne website for various administrative and liturgical positions. For more information visit... www.cam.org.au/jobs

**10TH ANNIVERSARY OF WYD SYDNEY 2008** This July marks 10 years since we celebrated 'Days in the Diocese' in Melbourne and World Youth Day in Sydney. It was the first World Youth Day held in Australia, and the first World Youth Day in Oceania.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING ARCHBISHOP**

**HART** in honour of Archbishop Denis Hart's service to the Archdiocese over 51 years, and upon his retirement you are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving, to be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 11.00am. With refreshments to follow in Central Hall 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. RSVP: for all guests replying by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July please use the TryBooking link www.trybooking.com/WXJV

**LISTENING TO GOD AND TO EACH OTHER:**

**PRAYER & DIALOGUE** The 2018 winter conference of JCMA (Jewish Christian Muslim Association) will explore the meaning of prayer and the skills we need to listen to one another with respect. This year's format will involve a seminar is at the Don Bosco Centre, 465 Lysterfield Road, Lysterfield on Sunday 29th from 2pm to 8.30pm – a light evening meal will be included; moving then into a Retreat from 8.30pm Sunday night to the conclusion of the event on Monday evening at 5.30pm. Cost: Sunday seminar only: Donation; or Seminar, overnight stay and Monday retreat, including all meals: \$160. The Sunday Seminar is open to everyone who belongs to the Muslim, Jewish or Christian communities. To register see: <https://jcmawc2018.eventbrite.com.au>

**SOLEMN INSTALLATION MASS FOR THE**

**NINTH ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 7pm, St Patrick's Cathedral. You are warmly invited to attend the liturgical reception and Solemn Mass of the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli, who will be installed as Archbishop at this Mass. Refreshments will follow at Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. All welcome. With limited space in the cathedral, guests are requested to book to ensure a place. Guest bookings via TryBooking link: [www.trybooking.com/WXSE](http://www.trybooking.com/WXSE)

<b>ROSTERS: Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July to Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Carole D & Lia U
<b>Altar Servers</b>	6pm Nicholas D
<b>Linen</b>	Anne J
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm Jayne P, & Myra N 9am Marg & Adrian D 11am: Patrick S & Coral M,
<b>Lectors</b>	6pm Rosina L 9am Adrian S 11am Steph H
<b>Counters</b>	Byron M & Ruby S
<b>Gardening</b>	JULY Michael D..