

15h Sunday in ordinary time (Year B) 11 July 2021

First reading

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14(Sun15)

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

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.

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

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

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

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

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

Second reading

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, 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, 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

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

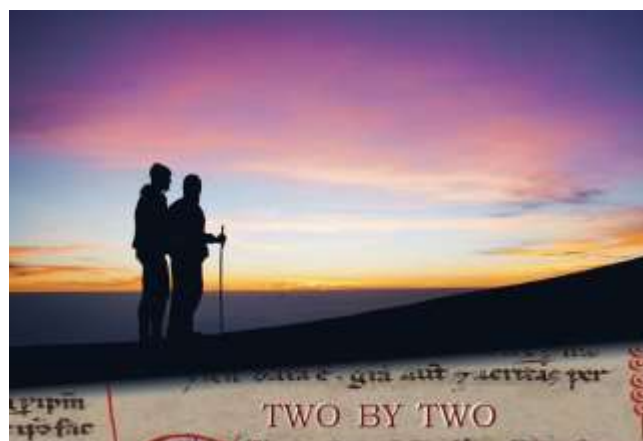
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see
how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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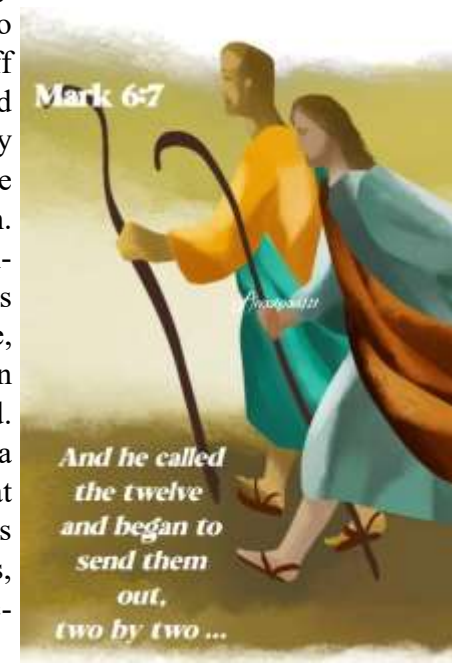


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A short Reflection on NAIDOC Week

In Australia the first week of July is called NAIDOC week. It is an annual occasion to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year’s theme is "Heal Country". It reflects the need of our country for healing environmentally, socially, and spiritually. What can we do to make this healing happen? I recall what Jesus did to his twelve apostles when he sent them to their mission. To guarantee the success of their mission he gave them three simple tips which, I believe, can be applied to our effort of the ‘healing country’ as well. Firstly, he told his disciples, “If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district.” Here Jesus emphasizes the importance of staying with the people means building a strong relationship. This is the primacy of relationship. It definitely brings healing to our social wounds when the relationship founded on the rock a genuine love, mutual respect, mutual understanding and acceptance. Unfortunately, many who migrated to this land live in fear of others. Instead of building bridges to let others to come to them, they prefer to build walls to protect themselves. Secondly, Jesus told his disciples to “take nothing for the journey -- no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses, and do not take a spare tunic”. Jesus underlines the importance of detachment from material dependence which may lead them to greed. Australia needs environmental healing as it is wounded by greedy people who exploited and destroyed its beauty. It is not hard to find sad realities like land-mining, deforestation and the coral reefs at the brink of extinction. Maybe we need to learn from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who treat the land, water, and nature with great respect and love for they are sacred. The third tip is to “walk away and shake off the dust from under your feet”. In Jesus’ time there was a practice that

when pious Jews walked into a gentile territory and on leaving that territory and getting back to the holy ground of Israel they literally shook off the dust. Stepping into the gentile territory and taking its dust are considered unclean to the holy ground of Israel. ‘Walk away and shake off the dust’ symbolizes the importance of conversion. For us in Australia we need to bring spiritual healing through an ecological conversion. This means a change in how we look at, interact and behave, to care for our common home. We must keep in mind that our common home is a sacred ground. The ecological conversion includes: having a sense of gratitude to the Creator, awareness that we are also part of the book of creation, awareness that every creature reflects God’s goodness, knowledge, beauty, love, gentleness; and acknowledging harmony and order in creation.



Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021

Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) are required to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church.



The Eucharist is the chief Christian ritual, celebrated in response to Christ's command to: "Do this in remembrance of me".

Clergy, seminarians, teachers, liturgists, pastoral associates, parishioners and all who have an interest in the Eucharist are welcome to register for this professional learning seminar. DETAILS: 7 & 8, 28 & 29 August 2021, 9am-5pm Online COST: The cost of the Professional Learning Seminar is \$450 per person (for 12 contact hours over 8 sessions in total).

REGISTRATIONS: Register and sign up for your choice of learning sessions by 30 July 2021 at www.acu.edu.au/PL-CFL CONTACT:

For more information contact us at CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.



Joke Corner

Sophie announced the birth of her first child by sending a friend a text message with a verse from the Bible. She wrote simply "Isaiah 9:6." The text in the Bible reads, "A child has been born for us, a son given to us." But her friend, unfamiliar with the Scriptures, said to her husband, "It sounds like Sophie had a boy who weighed a healthy 9 pounds 6 ounces, but why on earth would she call him 'Isaiah'?"

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. Please collect yours. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

Last Week's Collection: 4/7/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$858

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$445



Thank you so much for your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your gift helps to continue the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters as they support vulnerable mothers and their babies, as well as many other mission programs around the world. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.



HEAL COUNTRY!
4-11 JULY 2021

Electronic sign in by QR code

Sacred Heart church is now using Electronic Sign-in by QR Code for all Masses as directed by the Victorian Government. Paper based record keeping is no longer accepted. Note: You MUST have the Services Victoria App installed Tip: Install the app now from: <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/> When you arrive at church, open the Services Victoria App and tap on the "Contact tracing Check-In" button (as shown below) then scan the QR Code on the posters in the foyer.



Contact tracing Check-In

Then, you only need to enter your name and phone number. The parish will not receive this data. The Victorian Government contact tracers will use this data if a Covid-19 outbreak occurs. The data is stored by the government for 28 days.

We will have volunteers in the foyer to assist anyone who does not have a smart-phone - please be patient and arrive with plenty of time before Mass.

ST Vincent de Paul Winter Warm-up Appeal.

"What you did for one of the least

The summing up of our winter appeal will take place next weekend. A sincere thank you to all for your ongoing support who have supported the Society of the years - even more so during this COVID year. You can and have made a difference in the lives of people in our community.

Next week envelopes will be placed in the Church should you wish to donate.

Choose from the following ways:

- * Collect an envelope, fill out and return next week,
- * Donate online at www.vinnies.org.au or by phone at 13 18 12, quote Conference no 940.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible

* Donations of warm winter clothing- (must be washed and of good quality) can be taken directly to a Vinnies shop, Preston or Thornbury.

Thank you for enabling us to make a difference in the lives of many on your behalf.



Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

LAUNCHING NATIONALLY ONLINE FROM SATURDAY 31 JULY 2021

The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world In this Year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants.

register at the following

link: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

The Catholic Church needs more men to actively participate in the work of evangelization

"God is glorified when men are fully alive"



Catholic Theological College
Ethical Issues and Human Ageing
Online unit via zoom on 6 Saturdays
from 31 July

Lecturer:

Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM
Audit, Undergraduate and Postgraduate
Options available

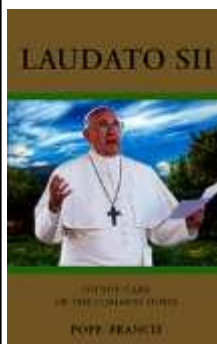
Enquiries: 03 9412 333 or registrar@ctc.edu.au

LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

NAIDOC WEEK 2021: For thousands of years this culture of yours was free to grow without interference by people from other places. You lived your lives in spiritual closeness to the land, with its animals, birds, fishes, waterholes, rivers, hills and mountains. Through your closeness to the land, you touched the sacredness of man's relationship with God, for the land was the proof of a power in life greater than yourselves. You did not spoil the land, use it up, exhaust it and then walk away from it. You realized that your land was related to the source of life. (Pope John Paul II: Alice Springs 1986)

Pope Francis follows up on the prophetic words of Pope John Paul II

LS 146: In this sense, it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their land are proposed. For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values. When they remain on their land, they themselves care for it best. Nevertheless, in various parts of the world, pressure is being put on them to abandon their homelands to make room for agricultural or mining projects which are undertaken without regard for the degradation of nature and culture.



LS 96: Throughout our lives, may we remember your words, and see every person and every part of creation, with your eyes, and love with your heart. Amen

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke,
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph
Paige Lapenta, John Plum, and
Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

We Commemorate

Teresa Paoli (10th Anniv.)

Mario Caruso, Elsa Grossi, Raffaele Caruso, Gratiano Caruso; e tutti i deceduti della famiglia Caruso
Antonio De Bonitatibus

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



When we pray, we need to be humble, so that our words are actually prayers and not just idle talk that God rejects

Ministers' Roster

The next roster for Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be prepared over the coming weeks. Thanks to all for your faithful service to our Eucharistic Celebrations. However, if you are unable to continue with your ministry or wish to change your availability, please contact Pauline O'Day as soon as possible on 9484 2445 or the office directly. New volunteers currently holding a Certificate of Formation in their ministry are welcome. Please note also that it is a requirement that all regular volunteers involved in parishes of the Archdiocese must hold or apply for a current Working With Children Check card linked to the parish in which they serve.

Roster for weekend of 17/18 July 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Mary Harb Celia Lemos	Barbara Fitzgerald
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Giovanna D'Intino
Sun 6.00pm	Anna Liggieri Robert Dullard	Damian Casamento

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 17 July 2021

Lizzie/Volunteer
Thank you for your hard work

