

The Living Word

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

14 July 2024

First Reading Am 7:12-15

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."'

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 or shorter form Eph 1:3-10

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.

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

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.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 16:15
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Communion Antiphon: Cf John 6:57 Whoever eats my
flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in
him, says the Lord. ©Liturgy Help 2024

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5pm Taralga

Sunday ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)

9am (Crookwell)

Binda -10.30am (1st Sunday)

Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)

Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

Tuena - Nil until further notice

Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS**SPP:** 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 4.15pm**OLOF:** Sat. 9.30am -10am**Taralga:** 4.30pm (1st Sat)**Crookwell:** 8.30am (2nd Sun)**ADORATION & BENEDICTION**

SPP 11am Fridays

Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 12md (SPP)

Sat - 9am (OLOF)

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY****July 17:** Taralga Prayer group 10am**July 21:** NAIDOC WEEK MASS 12pm SPP**July 28:** World day for Grandparents and the elderly**July 31:** Ex Students Of St Joseph's 10 for 10.15 K&GZ**AUG 3:** Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage event (see below)**Aug 7: 6pm - 8pm** Great Hall, Parliament House**AUG 10:** Men's Breakfast 7.30am Tatts**AUG 14:** Crookwell Morning tea 10.30am Meeting room**AUG 21:** Taralga Convent Prayers 10am**AUG 24:** St Bartholomew's Collector Mass 10am**Sacramental Program****Confirmation program:** 8th August Goulburn**Confirmation in Goulburn :** 21/22 September

The enrolment is now available on QKR.

3 August | MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE |Please join Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the
Parish of St Peter's Pambula, in commemorating

Australia's first saint,

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL
grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea
Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.**12.00 noon** Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop
Christopher Prowse and visiting priests**1.00 pm** Lunch will be provided by the Parish of
Pambula. An occasion to share fellowship with
other pilgrims. If there are any special dietary
requirements, please make these known to us, by
emailing our parish office at pambula@cg.org.au
Please book in via following link [Archbishop's Mary
MacKillop Pilgrimage](#)**USED STAMP COLLECTION**Sister Brigid reminds us to continue the collection
of used stamps to raise funds for the St Joseph's
Mission. Please deliver the stamps to the office at
your convenience.**TIM FISHER ORATION Canberra**Don't miss out on this year's Tim Fischer Oration
on Ethics in Public and Political Life on 7 August
2024 at Parliament House, Canberra.**Keynote Speaker: Professor Helen Alvaré**Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin
Scalia Law School, George Mason University**Q&A: Chris Uhlmann**

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Giacon, Val McLean, Gavin Mckenzie, Erol Cummins, Shirley Cummins, Esme Clunes, Eileen Hutchins,**Anniversaries:** Lorna Watts, Connie Robertson, Donald Anable, Brendan Small, Bid Eggleston, Deceased
members of the Anable, Craicun and Coffey Families, Michael Ferrari, Dulcie Tickner, Pat Byron, Jim O'Rourke,
Sam and Guiliana Gravina, Tony McLaughlin, Debra Burgess, Patrick Hart, Dulcie and Charles Millynn, Maureen
Hewitt, Harry McLaughlin, Merryl Thistleton, Maurice King, Fred Lee, David Evans, Cheryl Anderson,**Prayers:** Richard Heaton, Children of Gaza, John Corby, Dorothy and Winston Selmes, Leslie King, Sue Harris,