



Readings for  
next week:

Amos 7:12-15  
Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10  
Mark 6:7-13



Readings for  
next week:

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Ephesians 2:13-18  
Mark 6:30-34



## Liturgical Jottings

### Letter to the Ephesians

From the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday the second reading is a semi-continuous reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Church at Ephesus.

Ephesus is a great coastal city and port for trade, education, sport, theatre, medicine and culture. The city was home to a great library, the biggest amphitheatre in the Roman and Greek worlds, a popular marketplace and temple.

This letter differs significantly from other Pauline letters in vocabulary literary style and pastoral emphasis. Many scholars conclude that it was a commentator or disciple of Paul that was the actual author. The letter offers the reader a summary of St Paul's teaching, often quoting other letters rather than addressing particular pastoral issues. Today, at the beginning of the letter, we read a hymn of praise to God through Christ our foundation, saviour and hope. We find that mystery does not mean something that is hidden, but the opposite: God's plan is revealed.

## Focus on the Readings

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and cleaners. These people follow ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ. © *Dianne Bergant CSA*

## Quote of the Day

Prophets are those who take life as it is and expand it. They refuse to shrink a vision of tomorrow to the boundaries of yesterday. *Joan D. Chittister.*

## Words from Pope Francis

We will never become a synodal and missionary Church unless parish communities are distinguished by the sharing of all the baptised in the one mission of proclaiming the Gospel. If parishes are not synodal and missionary, neither will the Church be. .... Parishes, beginning with their structures and the organisation of parish life, are called to think of themselves primarily as being of service to the mission that the faithful carry out in society, in family life and the workplace, without concentrating exclusively on their own activities and needs. *Letter to Parish Priests, 2 May 2024*

## On the Lighter Side

The only mystery about the cat is why it ever decided to become a domestic animal. *Compton Mackenzie*





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| <b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b> |                                |
| <b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>            | Felice LoPiccolo, Jim Hamilton |
| <b>Our sick and their carers</b>                                  | Ellie Kleindienst              |

### NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

#### Saturday 20 July 6pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston  
 Reader: Denice Bourke  
 Gospel Procession: Mary Vraca  
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton  
 Special Minister: Not required

#### Sunday 21 July 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller  
 Reader: Ann Marie Nilhill  
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller  
 Gifts: De Lai family  
 Special Minister: Anna Ciaveralla

#### Sunday 28 July 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm  
 Reader: Ross Kelly  
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra  
 Gifts: D Phelan & B Miller  
 Special Minister: Steve De Lai

### Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> July

#### Weekday Mass

Wed 17 July 9:15am  
 Fri 19 July 9:15am

#### Weekend Mass

Sat 20 July 6:00pm  
 Sun 21 July 10:30am

#### Weekday Mass

Wed 24 July 9:15am  
 Fri 26 July 9:15am

#### Weekend Mass

Sun 28 July 10:30am

#### Weekday Mass

Wed 31 July 9:15am  
 Fri 2 August 9:15am

#### Weekend Mass

Sat 3 August 6:00pm Mass  
 Sun 4 August 10:30am Mass

### ATTENTION PLANNED GIVERS

In the Narthex are Letters and Envelopes for all envelope Planned Giver and also a letter for all Planned Givers who contribute by direct deposit and credit cards. Please make sure you take your letter and envelopes.

### Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish. May God bless you always.  
 Last week: \$ 552.80

### ST DONATO FESTA - TATURA

Saturday 10 August 10am Mass at Sacred Heart church. 11.30am doors open to Tatura Italian Social Club, upon entry Liquor and biscuits served. Followed by Antipasto, Buffet lunch and dessert. Adult \$60 Youth (5-12 years) \$25. Entertainment by Mick Tenace. Bookings essential by 1<sup>st</sup> August.

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Prepay Tickets: BSB: 083 709 ACC: 9191 54865, reference your name please.



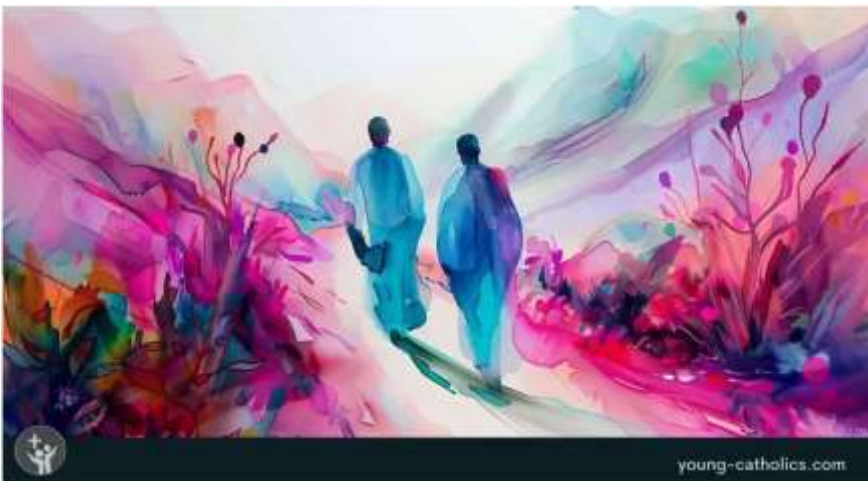
*Heavenly Father, help us to hear Your call and respond with faith.  
 Give us the courage to follow where You lead.*

*Help us to trust in Your care and share Your message of love with others. Amen.*

On the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, the readings focus on God's call and mission. We see how God chooses ordinary people to carry out His work.

- **God's Call:** Amos was a shepherd when God called him to prophesy to Israel. This shows that God can call anyone for His mission.
- **Spiritual Blessings:** In Ephesians, we learn that we are blessed with spiritual riches in Christ. This means we are chosen, redeemed, and sealed with the Holy Spirit.
- **Mission of the Twelve:** Jesus sends out the Twelve apostles to preach, heal, and expel demons. They are to rely on God and the hospitality of others.
- **Repentance and Faith:** The apostles were sent to preach repentance. This teaches us the importance of turning away from sin and believing in God's message.
- **Relying on God:** Jesus instructs the apostles to take minimal supplies. This shows that we should trust God to provide for our needs.

The themes for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B remind us that God calls us all to serve Him. We are blessed in Christ and should trust in God as we carry out our mission.



*Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.*

*Mark 6: 10-11*

### **Mission and Blessings**

In the first reading for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we hear about Amos. He was a simple shepherd. God called him to be a prophet. Amos did not seek this role. He obeyed God's call and spoke His message to Israel. This shows us that God can call anyone, no matter their background.

In the second reading from Ephesians, we learn about the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. We are chosen to be holy. We are redeemed by Jesus' sacrifice. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit. This reminds us that our blessings are not just physical but spiritual.

The Gospel reading shows Jesus sending out the Twelve apostles. He gives them authority over unclean spirits. He tells them to travel light and rely on God. They are to preach repentance and heal the sick. This teaches us about faith and trust in God.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY**

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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