

Fifteen Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 11 July 2021



Readings for
this Sunday

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

Gospel Sequence

The Gospels for this Sunday (15th) and next (16th) form a unit. Jesus and his disciples have left Nazareth (14th) and continue their mission in Galilee. Jesus prepares them for their missionary work with his instruction, encouragement and advice to rest for awhile. This concludes his Galilean mission. We then have a break from Mark's Gospel for five Sundays. Typically we would listen to John's Gospel chapter 6. Except this interruption is interrupted further by two Solemnities, St Mary of the Cross (8 Aug) and Assumption of BVM (15 Aug). Also for the next three Sundays prior to the two solemnities we begin a semi-continuous reading of St Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

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Focus on the Readings

Saints and Prophets are troublesome people. They are not easy to live with. Prophets can be very difficult; upsetting the status quo, speaking out without fear, never compromising or allowing themselves to be intimidated by the powerful. Amos was an unrelenting prophet but with inexhaustible grace from God to speak out before the political and religious leaders and the powerful ruling class of the day. Today's first reading is only an introduction. His prophecies attacked the rampant social injustices and the abandonment of true religion.

This reading serves as an introduction to the Gospel in which Jesus' disciples are called and instructed to go out and preach repentance and dispel evil among the people. A similar mission of Amos but in different times requiring a different approach. The church today continues the mission of the Prophets and the Apostles and must read the signs of the times to preach and teach in ways that people hear and understand.

St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

We begin a semi-continuous reading of this Letter from 15th to 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time. Scripture scholars argue that the final edition of this letter was written by a disciple of Paul after his death and that the letter circulated to several other communities beyond Ephesus. Chapter one has a liturgical tone and recognised as a hymn: verses 3-14 a hymn of Blessing, verses 15-23 a hymn of Thanksgiving and Intercession. The shorter text given for today is also the Cantic used in the Liturgy of the Hours for Monday Evening Prayer weeks 1 & 3 in the Psalmody. The Letter is a vision of the Mystery of Salvation History and the Mystery of Christ and the Church.

Words from Pope Francis

For a long time, we carried on thinking we could be healthy in a world that was sick. But the Covid-19 crisis has brought home how important it is to work for a healthy world. *From Let Us Dream 2020*

Prayer for the Week

God of justice, God of salvation, from every land you call a people to yourself. Yours is the work we do, yours the message we carry. Keep your Church single-minded and faithful to you. Let failure not discourage us nor success beguile our hearts, as you send us to proclaim the gospel. (Alternative Collect 15th Sunday B)

On the Lighter Side

1. Three fish are in a tank. One asks the others, "How do you drive this thing?" 2. I used to be addicted to the hokey pokey... but then I turned myself around.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Angela Pena, Agata Formica (1 Month)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Jim Hamilton, Jack Mulcahy, Maria Assunta Carrafa
	Our sick and their carers	Anne Sarolea

ROSTER		
Date	Saturday 17 July	Sunday 18 July
Commentator	Carol Coulston	
Reader	Shelia Gregg	

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN 2021

In 2020 almost 1000 men across Australia, including over 200 in Victoria across every Diocese, registered to participate in this ground breaking "Gathering of Catholic Men" by grouping in host sites and hubs as COVID allowed, or by watching the material privately.

In 2021 this event is being staged again on the 31st July in a shorter format. It would be wonderful to increase the reach to Catholic men and to have more men gathering with likeminded men in clusters. The aim of the event has always been to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. It is hoped that the event will reinforce the importance of gathering in the faith environment of the Church, ensuring that the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. To register go to the following link:
www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

COVID Requirements

Everyone needs to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- Wear a face mask
- Use hand sanitiser
- Maintain a social distancing (1.5m)

After each Mass service, cleaning has to take place, if you are able to assist that would be greatly appreciated.

Mass Timetable Week commencing 12th July

Weekday Mass

Monday 12 th July	No Mass
Tuesday 13 th July	No Mass
Wednesday 14 th July	9:15 am Liturgy
Thursday 15 th July	No Mass
Friday 16 th July	9:15 am Liturgy

Weekend Mass

Saturday 17 th July	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 18 th July	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 24th July 11:30 am

St Donato Feast. – 7th August 2021

A mass to celebrate the feast of St Donato will be held at Sacred Heart Tatura, on Saturday 7th August at 10:00am.

Due to covid uncertainty, celebrations that usually takes place after mass have been canceled this year.

For further information phone Joe Gagliardi on 0438 579989.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online. Issue 23 includes links to watch the live-streamed Ordination Mass and Thanksgiving Mass of Rev. Deacon Adi Indra, and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/e9ad87361128/sandpiper-enews-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-8060873>

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page.)

A Journey to **EMMAUS** via Zoom for 6 Wednesdays

Do you want to know more about the Scriptures?

Need to take some time out from a busy life to come closer to Jesus? Then this Emmaus is for you!

This course explains the Messianic significance of the Old Testament Scriptures and their relationship with the New Testament.

It will:

- Deepen your appreciation of the Scriptures.
- Enable you to experience the power of the Word of God.
- Show you what the Word of God is, what it does and what our attitude to it should be.
- Take you on a journey through the Old Testament and show how it is fulfilled in Jesus.
- Give you an insight into the community of Jesus, its mentality and practice.
- Give you a burning desire to return from 'Emmaus' to 'Jerusalem' to announce your encounter with the Risen Lord.



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Weekly reflection sheets will add to your Emmaus experience.

6 Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm, Commencing: 21 July 2021

Booking Fee: \$5 overseas participants use promo code OVASEA

Book before 10am Tue 20 July at

Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSQSW>

The course is presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation



Mary Mackillop Rosaries – Purchase at discounted prices until 31 August

Last year the Aid to the Church in Need commissioned a commemorative set of rosary beads for the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

The rosaries were very popular and this is an opportunity for those who missed out to order them as we approach the feast of Mary Mackillop. Please note that orders will close Tuesday 31 August.

The flyer/order form are in the Narthex invoices will be sent when your order is submitted. For any questions or to submit your order form email orders@aidtochurch.org or call 1800 101 201.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” MARK 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care.

Think of all the material things “we can't live without” in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

This week on the Journey (Ep 414)

On the Journey this week: Mgr Graham Schmitzer says this Gospel challenges us to be active not passive followers. It should make us uncomfortable, realising God depends on us to do the work. Mother Hilda says we have two choices when facing hardships – to either rant & rave & carry on or bring the hardship & those causing it into God's presence. A Faith Testimony from Sharon Brewer, Canberra ACT. And Michelle Vass explains the difference between gratefulness & thanksgiving. Plus, more great music!

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