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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.”’

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.

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!*

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.

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

For those who have registered to purchase tickets for Fr Michael's 60th Anniversary of Ordination, please visit the piety stall to finalise your purchase.

We are seeking volunteers in preparing for the event and for cleaning up on the day. Please contact the office on 9792 4422 should you be able to assist.

Thank you to all who have offered their support and help in coordinating this wonderful celebration.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

ST. GERARD'S PARISH CENSUS

Thank you for participating in our Parish Census. We are truly grateful to you for the time you have taken to register your information.

Be a part of the first Alpha at St Gerard's

Alpha will be starting at St Gerard's on Tuesday, 30 July from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Alpha is an evangelisation program comprising of 8 weekly sessions, aimed at bringing people to Jesus and building our parish community. We start with a meal, have a short talk on life's challenging questions, and then discuss them in a friendly welcoming atmosphere.

If you would like to be a part of the program and can help build our parish community, please contact Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883 or register at <https://www.alpha.org.au/try>

Dear Lord, We pray for our parish as ALPHA is due to commence. We pray that we may strengthen our faith and draw more people to Christ - "Go, make Disciples".

God and Beer July

Topic: The Armour of God: Prayer and Spiritual Combat. **Speaker:** Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. **Date:** Monday 15th July. **Time:** 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk. **Cost:** Free (donations gratefully accepted). **Venue:** Notting Hill Hotel ([Steakhouse Room](#)), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. **Register:** Godandbeer.com.au.

Prayer is the foundation of the spiritual life but for many people it is a struggle. In this presentation, Catholic speaker and evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will explore the various challenges that undermine our relationship with God. He will outline a comprehensive strategy to counteract the negative impact of sin on our hearts and lives. This talk will be of great value to all men and women but with a special emphasis on empowering men to take on the role of spiritual leaders within their families and communities, fostering a stronger, faith-based foundation for all.

The Church's Mission: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection. His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2–4). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace. Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not "professionals" who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters. Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command. With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm. This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle.

In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory. Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

Save with CDF Community Fund – it's in everyone's best interest.

On Sunday on the 21st of July, we will be welcoming Aaron Gupta and Bernard Docherty, representatives from the Catholic Development Fund, to introduce us to the CDF Community Fund. They will be giving a short speech and are eager to have a friendly chat with parishioners, so make sure you stick around after Mass and say hello! To find out more, attend Mass on 21 July, or visit their website.

By opening a savings account or Term Investment, not only will you receive a competitive financial return, your savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With competitive interest rates available across a range of savings accounts, including **5.35% p.a.* on a 3, 6, 9, and 12-month Term Investment**, it's a way to save while doing good.

To find out more, visit www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer, scan the QR code, or speak to us on 1800 134 135. *Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.



MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 13th - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm For the soul of Carmin & Caitan D’Souza ✙
and Annesley & Rita Fernando (Remembrance ✙)
and Fitch & Esparon Families (Death Anniversaries ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 14th - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Giovanna McKercher (Remembrance ✙)
and Maureen Francois (Recently Deceased ✙)
Mass 10:30am Rosslyn Crasto & Teresa Zuric (Recently Deceased ✙)
Mass 3:30pm Tamil Community
Mass 5:30pm For the Souls in Purgatory

Monday, July 15th - Saint Bonaventure

Mass 9:15am For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 16th

Mass 9:15am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
and Rosamma Sebastian (Death Anniversary ✙)
and George Francis, Hillary & Christian (Death Anniversary ✙)

Wednesday, July 17th

Mass 9:15am Edward Baldsing (20th Death Anniversary ✙)
and Rosamma Sebastian (Death Anniversary ✙)

Thursday, July 18th

Mass 9:15am Claude Isaacs (First Death Anniversary ✙)
and Maria Gatt & Sister Luisa Farrugia (Death Anniversary ✙)

Friday, July 19th

Mass 9:15am Margaret Marmion (Death Anniversary ✙)

Saturday, July 20th

Mass 9:15am For baby Jones and his parents - for baby’s health

Saturday Vigil, July 20th - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Lespoir & Cecile Families (Death Anniversaries ✙)
and Thanksgiving Mass - Charlene Fernando & Family
and Winston Perera (20th Death Anniversary ✙)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 21st - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Marco Pradel (11th Death Anniversary ✙)
and Maureen Francois (Recently Deceased ✙)
and Agnes Lam & Francis Lam (Death Anniversaries ✙)
and Louis Larue & Rosemary Vidot (Death Anniversaries ✙)
Mass 10:30am Antonette Vettivelu (Birthday Remembrance ✙)
and Stefaniya Los (4th Death Anniversary ✙) and
Anton Los (Remembrance ✙)
and Ernesto Bonato & Mario Rossi (Death Anniversaries ✙)

No French Mass French Mass will be held on Sunday 28th July at 4:00pm

Mass 5:30pm For baby Jones and his parents - for baby’s health

Please pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Frances & Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O’Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Elajah Isah, Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Selina Tour, Christine Joseph, Hilda Marianne, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Clarice Giacomini, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Dino Antonucci, Ron Jabke, Giuseppina Bonato, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwes

The recently deceased:

Nicoletta Tucci, Giuseppina Golotta, Maureen Francois, Mary Thisgaard, Daniel Blonarowich, Andja Spoljaric, Ellie Arthur, Simon Watson, Ivy Savannah, Noeline Wilson, Christine Sethapathi

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Giovanna McKercher, Jessica Cabral, Christina Messina

Church Cleaning

Saturday, July 20

Knights of the Southern Cross

Saturday, July 27

Linda and Family

Reading Roster

Saturday, July 20

5:30pm D. Franklin

Sunday, July 21

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Abraham

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, July 27

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, July 28

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Jose

5:30pm J. Panicker

Daily Antiphons - Monday, July 15 to Saturday, July 20, 2024

Monday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 15 - Saint Bonaventure

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after My sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

Responsorial Psalm: To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: It was not you who chose Me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Tuesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 16

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: God upholds His city for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 17

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will not abandon His people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 18

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Friday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 19

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: You saved my life, O Lord, I shall not die.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to My voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow Me. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 20

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Do not forget the poor, O Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.