



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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Eph 1: 17-18

**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 Mk 6: 7-13

**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark.**

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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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GOOD NEWS TRAVELS LIGHTLY

In today’s Gospel (Mark 6:7-13) Jesus sends the Twelve to go out to preach the Good News. They are to travel very lightly—no food, no haversack, no money—submitting themselves to the risk of inhospitality. They must have confidence that the ‘treasure’ they bring to people —the Good News of God’s love—so vastly outweighs any burden of hospitality that they will find a welcome from all destined to share in the life of the Kingdom.

Travelling so lightly will not compromise trust in the divine authority that has been given them and also ward off suspicion of self-seeking on their part.

The Twelve, of course, are the ‘pillars’ upon which the later Church will be built. Their mission during Jesus’ lifetime establishes something essential for its life: that it is always a community on mission, entrusted with the supreme treasure of the Gospel and the ministry of reconciliation and healing carried out in the sacraments.

How the Church is to imitate these first missionaries in the ‘lightness’ of its travel has long been a problem, granted the massive institutionalisation and wealth that it has acquired down the centuries. There are no facile solutions to this—save perhaps when persecution strips the Church of its wealth and possessions.

But today’s Gospel reminds the Church that the effectiveness of its prophetic role—its critique of prevailing cultural assumptions and practices—will largely be in proportion to the ‘lightness’ with which it travels, its trust in the goodness (hospitality) of ordinary people, and the lack of self-seeking its clergy present to the world.

FIRST READING

Am 7: 12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos.

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.”’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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.**

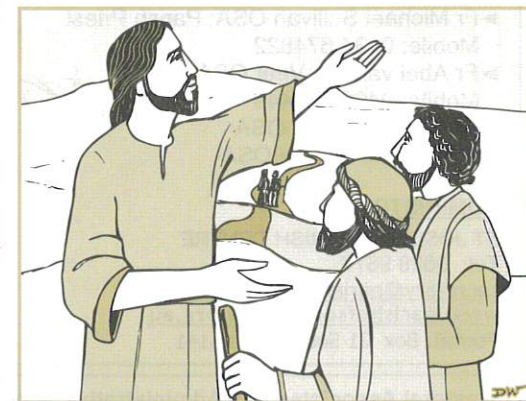
SECOND READING

Eph 1: 3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

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,



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.



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CHILDRENS' LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 First & third Sundays of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
 (or by request)

ANointing / HEALING MASS

First Tuesday of the month 10am at
 St Joseph's Church
*(Senior parishioners, those with ongoing
 sickness, those with mental illness, may all
 receive the Sacrament of the Sick)*

Pastoral Associates and Administrative Support

- ▶ Toni Stuart (Secretary & Weddings: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Yvonne Bolland (Weddings: Tues 10am-12noon)
- ▶ Emilie Rousset (Business Manager: Tues/Wed/Thurs)
- ▶ Diane Brebner (Alfred Hospital Liaison)
- ▶ Richard Anderson (Accountant)

Parish Mass Times for the week commencing weekend 15th July 2018

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Sunday 15 th July 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Saturday- Vigil 6pm) (YAM) 10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 16 th July		
Tuesday 17 th July Bl Magdalene Albrici	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 18 th July	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 19 th July	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 20 th July	10.00am Mass 10.30am Christian Meditation	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 21 st July	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

SAVE THE DATE

Monday 6th August 2018 – Ecumenical Mass in St. Joseph's Church at 7 pm. All are welcome to join us in hosting this Annual Ecumenical Gathering which will be followed by a light supper with fellow Christians from Christ Church (South Yarra), Baptist Community Church (South Yarra) and St. Martin's (Hawksburn).

ENROLMENTS FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in on Sunday 16th September. If you wish your child to receive this Sacrament please enrol by contacting the parish office. Preparation classes will be held in the 4 weeks prior to the Confirmation Mass.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Christian Meditation: Fridays 10.30am
- ▶ Praise & Worship: Sun 15th July 6.30pm in St Joseph's church followed by coffee & cake.
- ▶ Ecumenical Mass: Mon 6 Aug 7pm St Joseph's



PRAYER REFLECTION FROM ST AUGUSTINE

"Be careful not to despair about yourself; You are meant to place your trust in God, not in yourself."

THANK YOU

We thank very sincerely all who have contributed generously to our Parish Planned Giving (Second Collection - Thanksgiving Offering for the Parish) during the past month. If you have not renewed your offering or would like to begin giving using envelopes, direct debit, or regular credit card payments, you are invited to fill in the Thanksgiving Offering forms that are available at the entrance to the church and return them to the Parish Secretary or Parish Business Manager.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly welcome to our parish community George Sanchez, the child of Jorge and Laura, who is to be baptized in St. Thomas Aquinas Church this weekend. Also William Jelenich, the child of Gareth & Sarah-Jane, & Harvey Varney, the child of Johnathan & Danielle who are to be Baptised in St Joseph's church this weekend. Congratulations!

ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART'S RETIREMENT

In honour of his 51 years of service as Archbishop of Melbourne, parishioners are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 21 July at 11am with refreshments to follow in Central Hall, 20 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. RSVP essential:
<https://www.trybooking.com/WXJV> by Wed 18 July

WELCOME ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI

Parishioners of the Archdiocese are invited to the Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 1 August at 7pm.
 RSVP: <https://www.trybooking.com/WXSE>

IN LOVING MEMORY



**Recently Deceased
 Sandra Severe
 Anniversaries**

- ✦ Don Buckley
- ✦ Rohan Vincent
- ✦ Mary Lord
- ✦ George Wawrusak
- ✦ Emmanuel Veckranges-Scholastique
- ✦ Dorothy Walker
- ✦ Karel & Elfrida Kral
- ✦ William Kendall Cahill
- ✦ Bill McCreedy
- ✦ Robin Armstrong
- ✦ Monica Murphy
- ✦ Albert Netto
- ✦ Laurence Simpson
- ✦ Mary Taylor

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Congratulations and many happy returns to our oldest parishioner, Beb Larsen who is turning 103 on Sunday. We wish you God's blessings and good health in the coming years.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

June Cochrane, Des White, Beb Larsen, Chaiel Balcombe, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotle Pamintuan, Therese Phillips, Mitos Gludemans, Meldred Liba Lagahit, Socomo Severe, Dolores Hogan, Frank Muratore, Maurice Wallin, Alex Walisz, Margaret Greene, Elaine Dennis, Spiros Layia, Emma Kirk, Chris 'Smith', Jean de Campo, Jacinta Severe, Gus Carter, Soocrates Baroutas, Anne Rigg, Tony McNamara, Sergio Fassio, Anthony Alfred, Brendan Taylor, Djohan Gunarta Kurniawan

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS

We sincerely thank the following retiring members of our Parish Council for their dedicated support for the mission of our parish over the past four years: Savina D'Souza (Retiring Chair) Anita D'Andrea (Retiring Council Member) Eileen Monagle (Retiring Deputy Chair)

We congratulate the office bearers of the Parish Pastoral Council who were elected at last Wednesday's PPC meeting:
 PPC Chair: Diana Jeske
 PPC Deputy Chair: Diane Brebner
 PPC Secretary: Daniel Dorall
 PPC Deputy Secretary: Clare Taylor

We also welcome two new members to the PPC, Tony Grant and Charles Staa who have been appointed to the PPC to fill recent casual vacancies.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 8/07/18

Thanking you for your continuing support!
 Please contact the parish office if you wish to contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card

- 1st Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c) \$ 831.40
- 2nd Coll. (Planned Giving Church a/c) \$657.00
- 2nd Coll. (Loose Money Church a/c)..... \$390.15