

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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# Breaking Open the Word

## ONGOING MISSION

In the verse preceding today's Gospel, we  
learn that Jesus 'went about among the  
villages teaching' (Mark 6:6b). In the context  
of this activity, Jesus sends out the Twelve,  
and we are given a glimpse of the experience  
of the early missionaries, something we also  
find in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.  
Importantly Mark records that Jesus gives  
them authority over unclean spirits. They are  
now able to heal as he did.

Going out two by two, they emulate the Old  
Testament law of witness (Deuteronomy 17:6;  
19:15) as well as replicating the way they were  
called – in pairs. The details of their garb might  
seem strange to us. Taking a staff is not only  
helpful for walking but also adds protection.  
The specifics of 'no bread, no bag, no money'  
distinguishes them from Cynic preachers, as  
does having only one tunic and will allow them  
to be recognisable as participants in Jesus'  
mission. Wearing sandals distinguishes them  
from barefoot slaves or from those who could  
wear boots. They are to stay with people who  
welcome them and so as travellers they may  
be offered hospitality.

The results of their mission are made evident,  
and their activity comes to the ears of Herod,  
yet their identity as Jesus' disciples is still  
unclear. They are thought to belong to John  
the Baptist. The context of mission in the days  
of Jesus is a far cry from today. How are we  
called and sent out today? What is our sense  
of proclaiming the Good News in the world?

Dr Rosemary Canavan



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 JULY 2024

## 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.  
Now you too, in him,  
have heard the message of the truth and the  
good news of your salvation,

14 July 2024

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## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND** **Sat:** 5.30pm **Sun:** 9.00am & 5pm

**MASSES**

**WEEKDAY** **Wed:** 12pm **Thurs:** 9 am St Benedict

**MASSES** **Fri:** 12pm

### CONFESSIONS

**Sat:** 4.30-5.00 pm

\*Or by appointment

**ENTRANCE** *As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;*  
**ANTIPHON:** *I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

**COMMUNION** *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young;*  
**ANTIPHON:** *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.*

**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tommy Hudson, Michael Blanch (Armidale).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Wally Warner (2/7), Lyn Slade (10/7), Peter Parsons (12/7), Margaret O'Callaghan (12/7), Frances Martin (12/7), Sheila McNamara (20/7), Bridget Teo (29/7).

**DECEASED:** Noeline Turner, Bishop Peter William Ingham, John Nash, Peter Newley, Gary Donaldson, Colin MacPherson.

**SICK:** Elaine Murray, Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, Fr Anthony Koppman, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.

### VEENA'S VERSION:



*Doctor Bloomfield, who was known for extraordinary treatment of arthritis, had a waiting room full of people when a little old lady, almost bent over in half, shuffled in slowly, leaning on her cane. When her turn came, she went into the doctor's office and, amazingly, emerged within 5 minutes walking completely erect with her back straight and head held high. A woman in the waiting room who had seen all this, rushed up to the little old lady and said, "It's a miracle! You walked in bent in half and now you're walking erect. What did that doctor do?" She softly replied .. "He gave me a longer cane."*



### CHURCH COLLECTIONS: (BSB 082 105)

**1st. Collection West Tamworth Presbytery**  
(Diocesan collection) Acc No:001023642

**2nd Collection (Local) West Tamworth Church**  
(St Patricks Church Mgt) Acc No: 001041198

### COMING EVENTS:

**21 July:** Parish Morning Tea **July 21/28:** Sea Sundays **28 July:** World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
**4 Aug:** Priest Retirement Fd & Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal. **8 Aug:** Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop

*"Let not weakness make you discouraged." (1876)*



**VEENA'S UPDATE - FR ANTHONY'S LEAVE:** It has been wonderful to have Fr Anthony back with us last week. Although we need to say farewell again on 25 July, we will enjoy this blessing. Welcome back Fr Anthony! Please join our Parish Morning Tea with Fr Anthony as noted below.

**PARISH MORNING TEA** will be held on Sunday 21 July after the 9 am mass. Please bring a plate if you can, and join us for this special gathering.

**FATHER JOHN CURRAN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD:** A general invitation is extended to the friends of Father John Curran to celebrate a Mass with him at Saint Michael's Catholic Church Manilla Sat 24<sup>th</sup> August at 11am for his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. Followed by lunch at Manilla Services Club (25 Court St). RSVP required for lunch by 9<sup>th</sup> August to Marie Flett on 0427 851 120.

**CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT:** [Catholic Viewpoint – Issue 14 – Apr – Jun 2024](#) is now available. A print friendly PDF version is also attached if you would like to print your own copy. You might enjoy the article on the Aboriginal Message Stick which was recently exhibited in our local schools.

**FEAST DAY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP:** Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Thursday 8th August. Josephite Companions and Parishioners are invited to attend 9am Mass at St Patricks Church followed by a short reflection and morning tea in adjoining Parish Centre. Please bring a plate if you can and join us for this special feast day.

**DE LA SALLE ARMIDALE REUNION:** All Ex-students of De La Salle College Armidale are invited to a School Reunion to be held In Armidale on Saturday 26th October THIS YEAR, which is the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the College as we knew it. Very Importantly - in order to secure our booking at this early stage - we need to soon know NUMBERS coming! IF you (wife/partner also welcome) intend to come please send a "YES" to [dlsarmidale@yahoo.com](mailto:dlsarmidale@yahoo.com). Limited seating. More information Pete Stanley, Ph. 0401745406.

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** Planned Giving Envelopes are now available. Please collect your set as soon as able. If you would like to join planned giving either via Direct Debit or by weekly envelopes, please contact the office for assistance.

**PRIEST RETIREMENT FOUNDATION AND GOOD SHEPHERD APPEALS:** This combined collection will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of August this year. Please come prepared if you are able to donate.

## PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the person they choose be one of deep and true prayer, a person of a compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a person of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will. We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord.  
*Amen*

### WEEK 6 ROSTER: 14/7/24

**Vigil:** R N Pullman, G Styman  
**9am Sun:** R D Gowing, A Sartori  
**5.00pm Sun:** R Volunteer C Lavell  
**Counting Team** S Brown, A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** M Vella A Jones  
**Altar Linen:** E Smyth

### WEEK 1 ROSTER: 21/7/24

**Vigil:** R D Bolitho Sr Kathryn  
**9am Sun:** R S Nichols A Sartori  
**5.00pm Sun:** R J Moloney C Lavell  
**Counting Team** P Shiels A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** S Brown V Griffiths  
**Altar Linen:** H Reid

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

