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## ***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 14 July 2024***

### **FIRST READING**

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."

**Amos 7:12-15**

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 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.

### **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.)

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the Hope to which we are called.***

***Alleluia!***

### **GOSPEL**

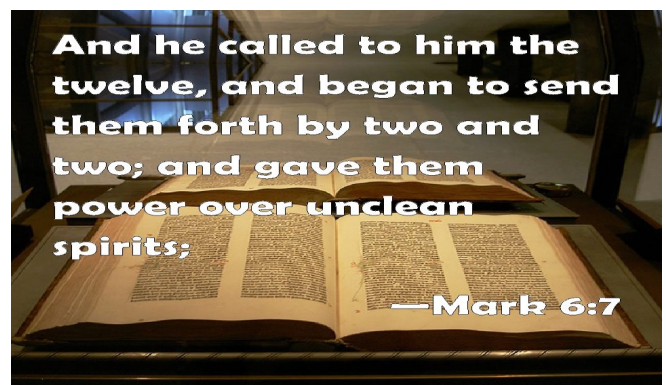
**Mark 6:7-13**

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.

### **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, determined 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 in sight. 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.



*We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.*

### Dear Parish Family,

Most of the time we aim at arriving our destination in a fastest way. But there is truth in every journey that, "If you want go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go and walk with somebody." The reason why in the Gospel today, the Lord sent out his disciples in pairs, because as Christians we walk together on a journey. We have to remember that our goal is not simply to reach our destinations but to fulfill the Lord's mandate to become missionary.

That's why the Lord gives us three pieces of advice so that we can fulfill our journey in doing our mission. First the Lord reminds us of the importance of the stick. We should hang on to that walking stick, to trust in God's providence. The stick provides a support that through the lens of faith, we see that everything happens in our life, happened for a reason. Second, we need a community of faith. There no such thing as a lone ranger Christian. You are not alone in your journey. The Lord tells us to trust in our spiritual companion, a fellow Christian who can give us encouragement, support and guide us in prayer. Third, we can shake off the dust from the towns that will refuse to listen to us. For sure, there are other places where the truth of Christ will be received and welcomed. In other words, "Do not dwell in the past! To be in a mission is to go forward and to move on."

We all live with purpose. Our goal is to fulfill the mission. We are Church in the journey with others as we are pilgrims but above all, we are all missionaries!-

**Fr Jessie Banez**



**Dear Parish Family,** Fr Vinco Muriyadan, has been appointed as an assistant priest to our parish. He is originally from Kerala, India. He is the eldest son of a family of five. After completing his studies at Corpus Christi in Melbourne, he was ordained as a Deacon on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, and served for a few months in Hobart, before his departure to India for medical reasons. He was ordained in Kerala, India by Bishop Tony on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023. He is of the Syro-Malabar background. His interest is reading, listening to music and movies. Please make him feel at home in his new assignment.

**Fr Leonard PP**



**STELLA MARIS**

### Sea Sunday Appeal

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. *To donate or for more information about its work, visit: [www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)* Please collect an envelope from the church and return it over the next 2 weeks.

### A VOCATION VIEW

***In today's First Reading, Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet. God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to reconsider your actions and do His work instead.***

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

Intention for evangelisation – For the pastoral care of the sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick bestows the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

### YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Heirah Asumbra** (Dave and Jonalyn) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Dympna McCann, Brigitte, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Fiona Hood, Marlene Egidio Tosello, Ray Atley, Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Kathy Aldred, Cheryl Dawtrey, Rowena Villacampa, Kevin Quadros, Will Smith, Merrill Thompson, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazzoni, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Alida Moolenschot, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Jan McClean, Peter Marshall, Ellen Bortolot.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Lois Forwood, Barry Nas, Stephen Furtado, Gina Beardwood, Phyllis Berne, Matthew Oates, Cynthia O'Toole, Richard Nowakowski, Peter Randles, John Barney, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus.

**FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** *Sung Mass on Tuesday 16th July at 9.30am.* Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Julian Porteous DD. **A Novena of Masses and Prayers will be offered at the monastery from July 7th – 15th.** Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta via post or [tascarmel1@gmail.com](mailto:tascarmel1@gmail.com) Morning Tea after Mass All are welcome

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** will be holding its next meeting on **Tuesday, 16th July**, at the Parish Centre, Margaret St. Rosary to start at 12.30 p. Followed by the meeting proper at 1pm. All newcomers welcome. Enquires: Victoria on 0408398785

**PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES** Our next gathering will be on 10th August commencing at 2pm in the Church of Apostles meeting room.

**MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION** will be held in the **Stables, Emmanuel Centre** on **Tuesdays at 11am** and **Wednesdays at 5pm.** All are welcome. Enquires: Tina: 0417305546

**MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY** *Every Monday in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm.* Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

**LECTIO DIVINA** Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

**FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.



**Evangelium Conference**  
3 August 2024 | 10 am - 4 pm  
Sacred Heart Catholic School, Launceston

Archdiocese of Hobart

Evangelium  
a church on mission

**5th Evangelium Conference—Saturday 3rd August, 2024, Sacred Heart School, Launceston** *The early bird ticket discount has been extended to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024!* Pick up a flyer at your parish and scan the QR code or visit <https://events.humanitix.com/evangelium-conference-2024> to purchase your ticket today! We also wish to announce that the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and his Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition will be on display at the Conference! We hope to see you there! For more information email Ruth Sternberg on [evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au](mailto:evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au) or 0448 537 384.

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.00pm Vigil</b>	Sacred Heart, Newstead
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Carmelite Monastery
<b>9.00am</b>	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
<b>9.00am</b>	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
<b>10.30am</b>	Apostles	
<b>5.30pm</b>	Apostles (April to September)	

### WEEKDAY MASSES 8th –13th July

**\*7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery**

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>*9.30am</b>	<b>Carmel</b>
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Newstead</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Invermay</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Carmel</b>

### RECONCILIATION

<b>Saturday :</b>	<b>9.30am-10.30am</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
	<b>4.15pm –4.45pm</b>	<b>Newstead</b>

**MASS LIVE-STREAMED Every Sunday at 9am**

Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston or:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>  
Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

### **Parish Safe Communities Information Sessions**

**Tuesday 20 August**

**Choice of 3 sessions to attend: 11am-12noon;  
3pm-4pm; 6 pm-7pm**

**Please register using forms available in the Church by  
16th August.**

*Only for volunteers aged 18+ carrying out volunteer work  
in the Launceston Parish*

*(not St Vincent de Paul volunteers)*

### **NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**Psalms 22**

**Ephesians 2:13-18**

**Mark 6:30-34**



**Bank details for direct debit donations to support the  
financial needs of your Parish:**

**Account Name:** Launceston Catholic Parish  
**BSB:** 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.  
**Reference:** "your surname"

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..*



## The History of the Brown Scapular Devotion

**July 16 is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.** Our Lady of Mount Carmel has been a source of rich devotional tradition throughout the centuries. For average pew-sitting Catholics, Our Lady of Mount Carmel is probably best known in connection with the brown scapular devotion, thus let us take a look as to how it came to occupy such a prominent place in the devotional life of Catholics the world over.

First of all, what is a scapular? Scapular comes from the Latin word scapula, meaning “shoulder,” so called because it began as an over-garment suspended from the shoulders. While we may think of scapulars as small pieces of cloth, in the beginning they were full length garments, stretching the full length of the breast and reaching down almost to the feet in front and back. They were worn by nuns and monks over the habit and in time came to constitute the distinctive identification of a particular religious order. There are many types of scapulars, but the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the oldest. It dates to the 13th century and the life of the Englishman St. Simon Stock (1165-1265), who was the prior of the Carmelite Order. The Carmelite Order in the 13th century was in a time of transition. The Carmelites—at least in their current form—had begun in Palestine as an eremitic community centred on Mount Carmel during the crusades. But with the fall of the Crusader States to the Muslims in the 13th century, they began migrating into Western Europe. These circumstances necessarily gave rise to many questions about the future of the order, how they would live, where, their manner of living, and so on. These were the matters St. Simon Stock found himself occupied with.

According to tradition, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon on July 16, 1251. She invested him with a brown scapular, implying clothing with Mary’s graces and devotion to Christ. She said to him the words, “Hoc erit tibi et cunctis Carmelitis privilegium, in hoc habitu moriens salvabitur” (This shall be the privilege for you and for all the Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall be saved). In the beginning, this privilege was taken to refer to those who wore the Carmelite habit—i.e., joined the Carmelite order. But, as was custom, the Carmelites gave their scapular to supporters and benefactors in the hopes that they, too, might receive some portion of the Virgin’s promises by virtue of their association with the order. Thus the devotion at present has spread to all Christians who have a special devotion to Our Lady.

Quiet as this sacramental may be, it is most powerful as a sign of “Mary’s quiet presence.” The quiet, unfailing love of our Blessed Mother is always with us, and we are silently reminded of this day after day. When memory fails, the slight tug of the scapular’s cords or the occasional itch of the wool against the skin is a quiet yet distinct reminder. If you like to know more about this devotion or would like to have a brown scapular, please visit our Carmelite sisters in West Launceston. **Fr Leonard PP**



**Blessed CARLO ACUTIS**

FIRST CLASS  
RELIC &  
EUCCHARISTIC  
MIRACLES EXHIBITION  
VISIT TO  
TASMANIA

 JULY 20-21ST  
JULY 27-28th

@THE EMMANUEL CENTRE  
123 ABBOTT STREET  
NEWSTEAD, TASMANIA  
PHONE - 0458 003 642  
(ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE ONSITE)

OPEN 12:30PM - 4PM  
SAT 20TH JULY - SUN 21ST JULY  
SAT 27TH JULY - SUN 28TH JULY  
WEEKDAY VISITS & GROUPS -  
BOOKINGS BY APPOINTMENT

- VENERATION OF THE RELIC
- MIRACLES EXHIBITION
- EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

FREE EVENT - DONATIONS WELCOME


**WALK TO RAISE AWARENESS**  
**Homelessness Week**  
**Wednesday 7th August—10.30am**  
**From City Park Rotunda to Royal Park**  
**Refreshments at Royal Park**  
**St Vincent de Paul Society: 6326 5551**

**Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation**  
**(12–14 September 2024)**

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation.

We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together. Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

**For more information and to register, visit:**  
[www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation](http://www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation)  
(Registrations close Monday 12 August 2024)



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**Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church**