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## ***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 7 July 2024*** ***Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday***

### **FIRST READING**

**Ezekiel 2:2-5**

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 122. R. v.2**

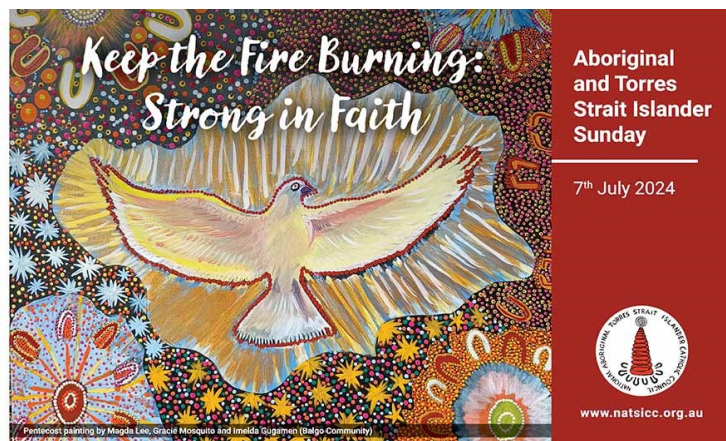
**(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

### **SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.



### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.***  
**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL**

**Mark 6:1-6**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

***Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.***

*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,**

Some thoughts for your reflection; the expression 'familiarity breeds contempt' is as old as the hills. We find it in works ranging from Aesop's fable of 'The fox and the lion', to the tale of Melibee in the Canterbury Tales, where Chaucer says, over-greet hoomlynesse (or familiarity) engendreth dispreysynge (engenders contempt). We all know from experience what the reality of this expression can mean in our lives. We get used to people and assume we know them. We take them for granted and can be blind to their good qualities. We become dismissive and are quick to find fault. We lose a sense of wonder.

In today's gospel we hear of Jesus' return to his home village after a period of preaching and working miracles around Galilee. No doubt news of his activities found its way back to Nazareth and on the Sabbath he is invited to teach in the local synagogue. Initially the people are astonished and they recognize in Jesus something out of the ordinary. Where did this man get all this, they ask, his wisdom and his power to work mighty deeds? We don't know what Jesus said but the initial astonishment quickly sours and gives way to hostility and rejection. Who does he think he is? We know him. He grew up among us. He is just the local carpenter. We know his family. He is no different from us. How mistaken they are! Yes, familiarity breeds not just contempt but unbelief. Jesus says as much when he tells them, 'a prophet is not without honour except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.' And he is taken aback at their lack of faith.

Today's gospel suggest that a great obstacle to faith is familiarity, hoomlynesse: a refusal to believe that God's presence could possibly come to us in so familiar a form as the person next door; a resistance to recognise that God might have sent us a prophet in someone who, to our eyes, does not quite fit the bill. We can be like the locals of Nazareth who had fixed ideas as to when and where and how the Messiah should come to Israel. The local carpenter, the son of Mary, did not measure up. And they really missed out.

Have a blessed Sunday. **Fr Leonard PP**



**Dear Parishioners,** in the recent meeting between the Consulters and Archbishop Julian, I have been installed as the Dean of the North. The position became vacant after Fr Jason who previously held the position took a leave of absence from the Archdiocese. I am grateful for the trust placed in me and with your support I hope to fulfil my duties faithfully. **Fr Leonard PP**

**From the NATSICC Liturgy Team....***On this Sunday, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church. The Gospel Reading for 7 July, from Mark 6:1-6, tells the story of Jesus returning to His hometown, only to be met with scepticism and disbelief. Despite His teachings and miracles, those who knew Him best failed to recognise His divine wisdom and power. This passage resonates deeply with our own experiences as First Australians, as we can often find that our voices go unheard and our contributions not embraced.*

*The recent Voice referendum highlighted the ongoing journey toward recognition and reconciliation. While the outcome was not what many hoped for, it has strengthened our resolve and commitment to working together for a better Australia for everyone. Like Jesus, who persevered in His mission despite the obstacles, we too remain committed to our Culture, our Land, our Church, and our communities with unwavering hope and determination.*

*As we gather on this sacred land, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians and honour our Elders past and present, and our young people. Our connection to the land, waters, and skies is deeply rooted in our identity and spirituality. We invite you to join us in respecting and cherishing this connection, as it is vital to our shared journey of faith.*

*As Pope Francis reminds us, we are called to be a Church that goes forth, embracing all cultures and peoples. Let us open our hearts to the wisdom and spirituality of our First Nations Peoples, recognizing the presence of Christ in our stories and traditions. May this celebration be a moment of grace, healing, and transformation for all of us.*

### **YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY**

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Isla Bernacki** (Michael and Jenna) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Dympna McCann, Pat McCarthy, Fiona Hood, Marlene Egidio Tosello, Ray Atley, Sr Mary Joseph OCD, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Kathy Aldred, Cheryl Dawtrey, Rowena Villacampa, Kevin Quadros, Will Smith, Merril 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:** Gabrielle James (Hannah) and Mary Morgan who have died recently, RayWells, Edwina De Greeff, Keith McCoy, Geertruida Maloney, Sr Alessandra Brunacci, Mary McManus, Hans Breier, Clare O'Sullivan, Malcolm Hamilton, Therese Lintner, Nancy Burgess 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

**ONE HOUR WITH JESUS** *This Sunday, 7th July at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

**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** The next meeting of the Launceston Branch of the will be on **Tuesday, 9th July**, at the Parish Centre in Margaret Street. The Rosary will start at 12.30 pm and the meeting at 1pm. All newcomers welcome.

For inquiries ph Victoria: 0408398785.

**PRESENTATION ASSOCIATES** The meeting for which was to be held on **13th July** has been **CANCELLED** due to some folk taking a short holiday break and others not being 100%. 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.

**St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses next weekend.**

**5th Evangelium Conference—Saturday 3rd August, 2024, Sacred Heart School, Launceston.** For more information - contact Ruth Sternberg on [evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au](mailto:evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au) or 0448 537 384. <https://events.humanitix.com/evangelium-conference-2024> Early bird tickets are \$40 and sales end on 14th July.

### 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>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, Pastoral Centre (upstairs)**

**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:

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Amos 7:12-15**

**Psalms 84:9-14**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Mark 6:7-13**



### 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..*





*This Sunday I would like to bring your attention the importance of singing during the Mass, with a focus on the directives on liturgy by Vatican II. As we started to focus from last Sunday on an intellectual conscious effort of Divine Liturgy from being mere spectators to active and prayerful praying of the Mass.*

### **Singing the Mass**

When congregational singing became a part of liturgical celebrations after Vatican II, there was a tendency to fall into a 4-hymn syndrome, singing the entrance, offertory, Communion and recessional hymns – and nothing else!

The nature of the liturgy, however, calls for a variety of music forms. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium) suggests priorities for the assembly: "To promote active participation, the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons and song..." (SC30). The General Instruction on the Roman Missal says that: "In choosing the parts to be sung, preference should be given to those that are more significant and especially to those to be sung by the priest or by the priest and people together." (GIRM40) This indicates clearly that acclamations have priority when it comes to deciding what parts of the Mass to sing.

There are four acclamations which should be sung at Mass, even if there is no other singing. We stand and sing the Gospel Acclamation in anticipation of the Good News of Christ. Then during the Eucharistic Prayer, three acclamations allow the people's active participation – the Holy, Holy (Sanctus), the Memorial Acclamation and the Great Amen. The acclamations share the number-one spot because they are all fundamentally acts of praise and worship.

By contributing to the singing of these acclamations, we, as the worshipping assembly, are offering our highest praise to God. Be it acclamations, antiphons or song, let us join in with fervour. Let us increasingly put into practice that as parishioners of the Launceston Catholic Parish, we 'sing the Mass' rather than 'sing at Mass', to the praise and glory of God.

Reference – Elizabeth Harrington (liturgybrisbane.net.au)

**Fr Leonard PP**

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### **Launceston Parish Youth Program**

**Young students from Grades 6 to 12**

**Thursday 11 July, 6-7.30pm in St Ailbe's Hall**

## **Children's Corner**

**Complete Jesus' teaching by using the words below.**

\_\_\_\_\_ are  
\_\_\_\_\_ everywhere  
in their \_\_\_\_\_.



**except  
hometown honoured prophets**

### **WALK TO RAISE AWARENESS**

**Homelessness Week**

**Wednesday 7th August—10.30am**

**From City Park Rotunda to Royal Park**

**Refreshments at Royal Park**

**Enquiries: St Vincent de Paul Society: 6326 5551**