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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11 - 7 - 21

This week: Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13
Next week: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



The prophet Amos finds that his religious leaders want no prophets near them:
'Go away seer... we want no more prophesying in Bethel: this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.'

It's a powerful lesson of how organised religion can become utterly closed to God, secure in its own positions and its own power, refusing to hear the unexpected, unwanted, and challenging messages that come from prophetic voices.

The Bible is full of stories like this:

God's message rejected because the established religion had 'tamed' God, set the rules for God, decided what God did and did not want – and all justified as being the work and command of God.

This reading, and so many others like it, ask whether **we** are open to letting God be God, open to letting **God** set the rules, open to the surprises and challenges that God lays before us, both individually and as a Church.

Or whether God will be kept on our leash, well and truly tamed, a mere reflection of our own prejudices and biases.

Fr Colin



**WE NEED
FOSTER CARERS**

CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family.

CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au.

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Diocese of Broken Bay

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I am confident there are everyday Catholic families across our parishes who hear the call of God to care for our most vulnerable children.

”

-Bishop Anthony Randazzo-

CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

As per the notice in Ad Clerum #51 on Friday 25 June 2021, we are launching our Foster Care campaign in July to identify everyday families within our parishes who might consider taking a young person or child into homes.

Parish Life in week 3 of lockdown....

While we all understand that the lockdown is for the good of all, this third week no doubt comes as a challenge, particularly to those who live by themselves. If you're in that situation yourself and would like to chat please give Fr Thomas (0421 406162) or me (94167195) a call; if you'd be willing to call for a chat with someone who requests it please also let us know.

Just to set out some things during this time:

- ◆ **Mass:** public Mass still cannot be celebrated this week. However we are providing both Sunday Mass and weekday Mass on our parish Youtube channel. Just go to our parish website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and click on the box 'Online Mass'. The page also provides a link to a booklet with the prayers, readings and hymns for the Mass. A text copy of the Sunday homily is also available. **Additionally, during lockdown we again will provide two alternative online Masses on our channel - one will contain the homily directed more at older youth and adults; the other will contain a shorter homily directed at younger children. The two videos will be clearly labelled on our channel.**
- ◆ **When will Mass in the church return?** The extension to lockdown has at this stage been set to end this coming Friday night 16th. If that is the case then public Mass will return next weekend—though perhaps with some restrictions. We will advise details on our parish website under 'Mass and Prayer Times' when we know. Please keep checking. It is more than likely however that the lockdown will be extended—in which case we will continue to provide our online Masses.
- ◆ **Parish bulletin:** The bulletin of course is not being printed at present but is available to download from the parish website. Please do download it as it is our way of keeping in touch and also providing some spiritual reading. If you know of someone who doesn't have internet access please either print them a copy or let us know and we'll post them one so that they can keep in touch with parish life.
- ◆ **Online activities:** We continue to have a range of online sessions for the nurturing of our faith. To find out more please click on 'Groups and Ministries' on the website and then click on 'Adult Education'.
- ◆ **Parish Finances :**
 - As you know we ended the Financial Year with our First Collection (which provides for Fr Thomas and myself and for sick and retired priests) **\$6796 behind** compared to the last pre-CoVod year and our Second Collection (which provides all the operating costs of our parish) **\$42,508 behind**. And of course last year our expenditure was greatly assisted by JobKeeper, which we don't have this year. Added to which, another source of our income—rental of our halls—is temporarily suspended during lockdown.
 - We hope that you can help us to maintain our parish income during this lockdown, during which we can have no collections at Mass - contributions can be made online by scanning the QR code below or using our bank details below:



1st Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8002
(Lindfield Killara Parish Pastoral Revenue Account)

Second Collection: BSB 062 784 Acct 1116 8001
(Lindfield Killara Parish Church Account)

Of course please adhere to the Stay At Home Order for the sake of the health of all. And for the well-being of all **REPORT any breaches to Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000**

Fr Thomas and I continue to miss being able to gather with you for the celebration of the Eucharist and our other parish activities and ministries and we hope that it won't be too long before we can do so again. Please be assured of our prayers during this time and please keep us in yours. Let's all be ready to resume and renew our parish life when the time comes for us to gather together again. And do please let us know if we can be of help. *Fr Colin*

Food for the soul

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits (Mk 6:7)

An idealistic young priest once visited Thomas Merton at the Trappist monastery in Kentucky and spoke to him about his agony over social justice issues. "I know it's wrong," he said, "and sometimes I can hardly face myself in the mirror for going along with things as they are. Yet I don't know what to do. What can I do?"

"Don't do a damned thing," replied Merton.

"Just take the time to become what you profess to be. Then you will know what to do." If Merton had less credentials in the area of social justice, his answer could easily be seen as a rationalisation, an excuse to escape involvement. Given his record, however, it is a profound answer. The answer of a saint to the agonising question: what can I do in the area of social justice?

What can we do? In the circles that I move in, there is enough talk on this question, enough agonising and enough guilt, but little in the way of practical action. At our roots, many of us feel that we need to do something about injustice and poverty. We feel guilty about being affluent, but we feel helpless: "I have enough problems of my own! I have trouble paying my own mortgage, how can I save the world?" Or, as a friend of mine recently said: "I don't know what to do. So I go to a lot of meetings and read a lot about poverty and the Third World. It's making me more sensitive and assuaging my guilt somewhat, but, in the end, I am still not doing anything concretely."

What finally can we do?

Merton's answer is that if we don't know what to do, then we are still not ready to do anything. If we are still asking what to do, if our own problems are still too distracting, and if we are having trouble looking at ourselves in the mirror, then we are still too caught up in our own neuroses, ambitions, woundedness and false values to be of much help to the poor. We are still too poor ourselves. Our lives are not yet lives of praise and gratitude, lives that, by necessity, spill over and pour out graciousness. Our service, our prophecy and our resistance are still too self-seeking, too motivated by guilt, too distracted by wound and bitterness and anger.

To be a prophet of justice, an instrument of peace and a channel of graciousness necessitates that one be living more in gratitude than in anger, more in the posture of praise than the posture of paranoia.

But this isn't easy. Too often our prophecy, our service and our resistance are motivated by guilt over our own

affluence or by anger at our own culture. When that is the case, we do not truly help anyone. Our actions are simply self-aggrandising and, in the end, serve to extend our own neuroses, ideologies and bitterness to the poor. There is no outflow of graciousness.

Resistance, prophecy and service must flow from a life which is full of gratitude, celebration, deep friendship and contemplative prayer. When these elements are there, graciousness automatically spills over. One knows what to do!

That is what is implied in Merton's answer. Only when a person has grown in prayer, friendship and gratitude so that the bitter need to kill, to defend self, to be jealous and to be angry because one has been wounded disappears, will one truly be able to resist, prophesy and serve.

Saints and prophets aren't characterised by bitterness, guilt or anger. These do not serve the poor. Saints and prophets are recognised by the warmth of their love and their sense of God's presence. That is why Merton tells that young man: "Take the time you need to become what you profess to be. ... Don't rush wounded, self-preoccupied, ill-prepared and badly motivated into the crisis."

In a crisis, at an accident or a fire, things are not made better, nor is anyone helped, by someone who is too full of personal crisis and self-interest to be self-forgetful enough to genuinely give himself or herself over to the task at hand. Persons caught in self-interest are more part of the problem than of the solution—both at fires and in social justice.

This answer is not a dangerous privatisation of morality, an escape clause for the rich, a shutting of the ears to the urgency of the cry and hunger of the poor. It's a refusal of the blind to lead the blind. It's the admission that it is hard to save the world when one must still be engaged in the humbler task of growing up. It is a taking seriously of one's woundedness and narcissism.

Most important, it is a challenge to move beyond present complacency, to begin the painful task of uprooting bitterness, resentments, paranoia, self-pity, jealousy, self-interest, laziness, neuroses, and re-rooting in prayer, gratitude and friendship, so that when the poor cry out we know what to do.

In the meantime, many of us are reduced to a certain impotence as we live the question.

Fr Ron Rolheiser omi (from the Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)

Our Killara carpark re-development

Where things are up to...

Initial work in digging up the old car park surface has progressed. The next stage will involve emplacement of the new stormwater drainage and unfortunately this means that (once we return to public Mass) and the parking area on the Charles St side of the church may be temporarily unavailable while that work takes place.

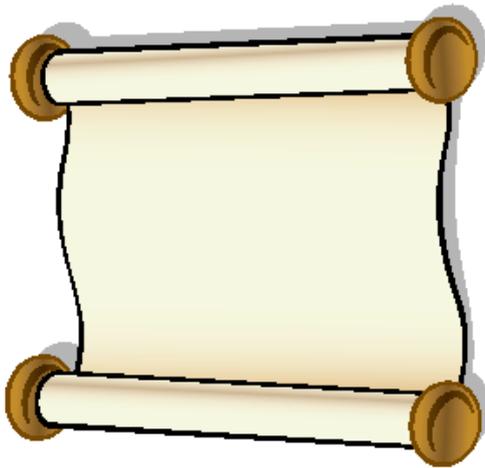
On a lighter note

You may notice a wire fence around the tree on the 'grassy knoll' near the Charles St/Fiddens Wharf Rd corner. This has been put in place by Ku-ring-gai Council out of fear that the large tree there might be harmed by the construction works - despite the fact that these are taking place around the corner at some distance from the tree, and that there is no vehicular access to the tree! Oh to be a tree in Ku-ring-gai!



Believe in the message of God

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Gospel Mk 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.

If Jesus sent you out to proclaim his Good News, what would you tell people? Write or draw your answer in the scroll above.

Peter and John are on their way to spread God’s message to others. Help them find their way through the maze where they will find people who will welcome them and listen to their message. Keep an eye out for those who look unwilling to listen!



FR RICHARD ROHR OFM’S MEDITATION: ACTS: KNOWLEDGE ON FIRE

In Luke’s Gospel, the Holy Spirit is fully bestowed on Jesus, the beloved Son who acts with God’s power, speaks with God’s authority, and loves with God’s love. Through the gift of the Spirit given to Jesus, God’s justice is announced and demonstrated as Jesus travels from Galilee to Jerusalem, freeing the sick from their illnesses, liberating the enslaved from their sins, and enriching the poor with the good news of the messianic banquet open to all.

In the Acts of the Apostles, also written by Luke, that same Spirit is bestowed on a body of God’s sons and daughters who surrender their own lives to God’s love. Jesus tells his disciples, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit overcomes you, and then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The spiritual truth is this: there is a difference between knowledge “on ice” and knowledge “on fire.” For many Christians, their belief is often just knowledge “on ice,” not experiential, firsthand knowledge, which is knowledge “on fire.” Even though we call them both faith, there is a difference between intellectual belief and real trust. There is

a difference between talking about transformation and God’s love and stepping out in confidence to live a loving life. Only the second is biblical faith: when our walk matches our talk.

The Spirit teaches us this new walk. When Jesus died, the apostles didn’t have a Spirit-filled faith. Though Jesus’ mother Mary and Mary Magdalene stayed, all but one of the men deserted Jesus on the cross. The apostles were demoralized. They lacked conviction. They had no aim or purpose. But shortly afterwards, they were transformed. Changed from within, they acted, lived, and walked in a new way. These lukewarm followers began to act like people “on fire.” Or as Acts describes them, they are “the people who are turning our whole world upside down” (Acts 17:6).

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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讀經一(你去向我的百姓講預言吧!)

恭讀亞毛斯先知書 7:12-15

那時候,阿瑪責雅又向亞毛斯說:「先見者,你走吧!趕快到猶大國去,在那裡餬口,在那裡講預言。在貝特耳,不可再講預言,因為這裡是君王的聖所,王國的殿宇。」亞毛斯回答阿瑪責雅,說:「我原來不是先知,也不是先知的弟子,我只是一个放羊、兼修剪野無花果的人。但是,當我正在趕羊時,上主提拔了我。上主對我說:你去向我的百姓以色列,講預言吧!」——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

【答】:上主,求你向我們顯示你的寬仁;求你賜給我們你的救恩。(詠85:8)

領:我要聽天主上主說的話;他向自己的

聖者和子民,及向全心皈依他的人,所說的話,確是和平福音。他的救恩,必臨於敬畏他的人;他的光榮,必在我們的地上永存。【答】

領:仁愛和忠信,必彼此相迎;正義與和平,必彼此相親。忠信從地下生出;正義由天上遠矚。【答】

領:上主也必賜下康樂幸福;我們的土地,必有收穫。正義在上主前面行走,救恩必緊隨上主的腳步。【答】

讀經二(天主在創世以前,在基督內,已揀選了我們。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致厄弗所人書 1:3-14
弟兄姊妹們:

願我們的主耶穌基督的天主和父受讚美!他在天上,在基督內,以各種屬神的祝福,祝福了我們,因為他於創世以前,在基督內,已揀選了我們,為使我們在他面前,成為聖潔無瑕疵的;又由於愛,按照自己旨意的決定,預定了我們藉著耶穌基督,獲得義子的名分,而歸於他,為頌揚他恩寵的光榮;這恩寵是他在自己的愛子內賜與我們的。我們就是全憑天主豐厚的恩寵,在他的愛子內,藉他愛子的血,獲得了救贖,罪過的赦免。的確,天主豐厚地把這恩寵,傾注在我們身上,賜與我們各種智慧和明達,為使我們知道,他

旨意的奧秘,是全照他在愛子內所定的計劃:就是依照他的措施,當時期一滿,就使天上和地上的萬有,總歸於基督元首。我們也是在基督內,才得作天主的產業,因為,我們是由那位按照自己旨意的計劃,成就萬事者,早預定了的,為使我們這些首先在默西亞內,懷著希望的人,頌揚他的光榮;在基督內,你們一聽到了真理的話,即你們得救的福音,便信從了,且在他內,受了恩許聖神的印證;這聖神,就是我們得嗣業的保證,為使天主所置為嗣業的子民,蒙受完全的救贖,為頌揚他的光榮。——上主的話。

領/眾:亞肋路亞。

領:我們的主耶穌基督的天主,光照我們心靈的眼目,為叫我們認清:他的寵召有什麼希望。(弗1:17-18)

眾:亞肋路亞。

福音(耶穌開始派遣他們出去。)

恭讀聖馬爾谷福音 6:7-13

那時候,耶穌召集那十二人,開始派遣他們兩個兩個出去,賜給他們制伏邪魔的權柄。耶穌囑咐他們在路上,除了一根棍杖外,什麼也不要帶:不要帶食物,不要帶口袋,也不要帶腰帶,不要帶銅錢;卻要穿鞋,不要穿兩件內衣。耶穌又對他們說:「你們無論在那裡,進入那一家,就住在那裡,直到離開那裡。無論何處,不接待你們,或不聽從你們,你們就離開那裡,拍去你們腳上的塵土,作為反對他們的證據。」那十二人就出去宣講,使人悔改,並驅逐了許多魔鬼,且給許多病人傅油,治好了他們。——上主的話。

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THE PARISH OFFICE is physically closed at this time. For office enquiries please contact Alison via email on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS Our monthly Youth and Family Mass was scheduled for next Sunday 18th. While we will of course have Mass in the event that lockdown ends, it won't be the usual Youth and Family Mass and will be at the normal time of 6pm.

*Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life.
Grant that life to:*

Recently deceased: James O'Connor (brother of Margaret Frater of our parish), John Donnellan, Doreen Cannon, Fr Tony Simari, Carline Miller, Merdado Martinez, Nicholas Geraghty, Edmund Dearn.,

Anniversary: Eileen Wade, Greg Wade, Mary Wade, Patrick Murphy.

And for: Marion Grace Blayney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Barbara McMullan,, Sally Cogle, Trevor Bailey, Peter Quirk, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony Ellison, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs, Russell Adams.

And for all those affected by COVID-19.

PARISH DIARY

JULY

Tues. 13th	7:30pm	Parish Pastoral Council (online)
Wed. 14th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	7:30pm	Scripture group (online)
Wed. 21st	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	11:00am	Scripture study (online)
	7:30pm	'Untold Blessing' (online)
Tuesday 27th	7:30pm	Finance Committee
Wed. 28th	8:00am	Meditation (online)
	7:30pm	Scripture group (online)

For the Kids A reminder:

As explained on page 2, during lockdown, we will provide two alternative videos of our online parish Mass on our Youtube channel, one with the homily intended for older youth and adults, the other with a special and shorter homily directed towards younger children.. See page 2 for details.

YOUTH@LK

Is there life after lockdown?

The answer is YES! We've got great things planned for youth from year 3 to young adult... here's a sample of what you have to look forward to in the next term.

Years 3-6

We're starting a NEW program to teach kids more about their faith through music, drama and dance. Kids will learn to bring the Gospel to life in a creative and fun way. This program will be offered on Sundays (time TBD) and registration will be required. More details in late July.

Years 7-9

Our Fusion youth group meets on Sundays after the Youth & Family Mass. Young teens are invited to join us for games and friendship, where they'll get the chance to socialise, and learn a bit more about building healthy, respectful relationships in a Catholic framework.

Years 9-12

Today more than ever, our young men and women need opportunities to interact with each other in a safe place where healthy relationships are role-modelled and encouraged. Parish's are in a unique position to offer this to our teens. That's why we're starting a NEW PROGRAM called "Sunday Socials" - a chance for our older teens to interact with other Catholic young men and women from our parish and in our local area. There'll be pizza, a fun activity (our first meeting is Trivia), and lots of time just to socialise. Keep your eye on this space!



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ADVANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Clergy, seminarians, teachers, liturgists, pastoral associates, parishioners and all who have an interest in the Eucharist are welcome to register for this professional learning seminar (not for academic credit with no assessments) which is also being offered as a postgraduate unit (for academic credit or audit). This rich face-to-face learning opportunity will provide you with access to your choice of 12 learning hours drawn from Professor Johnson's lectures and special sessions with guest presenters. Learning session descriptions can be viewed at acu.edu.au/THLS601-Sessions

DETAILS
7 & 8, 28 & 29 August 2021, 9am-5pm
Online

COST
The cost of the Professional Learning Seminar is \$450 per person (for 12 contact hours over 4 sessions in total).

REGISTRATIONS
Register and sign up for your choice of learning sessions by 30 July 2021 at www.acu.edu.au/PL-CFL

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LECTURER
Professor Clare Johnson
Clare Johnson is Professor of Liturgical Studies and Sacramental Theology at ACU and Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy. She will be joined by guest presenters Professor Maxwell E. Johnson (University of Notre Dame, USA) and Professor Emeritus Michael S. Driscoll (University of Notre Dame, USA) for special sessions of THLS601.

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