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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

14th July 2024

Pastor's Message

For most of us, a holiday involves a going, a journey of some kind. An important part of a holiday is leaving the familiar, the place where we usually live and work, and heading off to a different kind of place. There is always something exciting about setting out on such a journey. There are other journeys in life that are not of our choosing in quite that way. These are journeys we make because, at some level, we feel we must make them. Something within us moves us to certain path, to head out in a certain direction. Even though we sense the journey may be difficult, and we may have all kinds of hesitations and reservations about it, nonetheless, we know we have to set out on this path, if we are to be true to ourselves. Yes, we choose to make such a journey, but it is a choice in response to what seems like a call from beyond ourselves or from deep within ourselves.

Such a journey is put before us in today's first reading. Amos, according to himself, was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees in the southern kingdom of Judah. Yet, at a certain moment in his life, he felt under compulsion to make a difficult journey into the Northern kingdom of Israel in order to preach the word of God there. It was a most unlikely journey for the likes of Amos to make, and Amos was well aware that it would be no holiday. Yet, he also knew that this was a journey he simply had to make. He spoke of this compulsion in terms of God's call: 'The Lord took me from herding the flock and said "Go".' Amos went because he had a strong sense that he was being sent. In a similar way, in the gospel, the disciples set out on a journey because they are sent on that journey by Jesus. They set out freely, but in response to a call, a sending.

The experience of Amos and the disciples can be our experience too, setting out on a journey not completely of our choosing. The second reading suggests the mystery of God's purpose for our lives. It says that God wants us to live in a certain way, to live our life's journey as Jesus did. Although we often make all kinds of journeys of our own choosing, whether holidays or business or other trips, there is sense in which we try to allow our God to guide us to take certain paths and to avoid others, moving us in one direction rather than another. Although God has chosen this journey for us — 'before the world was made', according to St Paul — God wants us to also choose this journey for ourselves, and waits for us to do so. This is not a choice we make once and for all; it is one we are constantly remaking. All our lives we can keep on choosing to surrender to God's purpose for us; we keep setting out on the journey God is calling us to take; we keep inviting God to have his way in our lives, saying with Mary, 'Let it be to me according to your word.'

If we keep choosing the journey that God has chosen for us in Christ, responding to God's call, this will impact on the many smaller journeys we take in life. It will influence our holidays for example. We will choose to holiday in ways that are genuinely recreational, that help re-create the image of God's Son in us. We will relax in ways that are life-giving for ourselves and for others, in ways that help us to become more fully the person God wants us to be.

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin

Parish Diary

Monday 15th July – *St Bonaventure*

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Tuesday 16th July

- 3:00pm Communion/Penance Interviews (until 6:00pm), OLR Church Meeting Room

Wednesday 17th July

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:00pm Communion/Penance Interviews (until 6:00pm), OLR Church Meeting Room
- 5:00pm P&F Meeting, OLR School

Thursday 18th July

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 3:00pm Communion/Penance Interviews (until 6:00pm), OLR Church Meeting Room
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 19th July

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary Youth Group (*Launch Pad*), CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify), CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 20th July

- 8:30am Music Practice, OLR Church Kenmore
- 8:30am Communion/Penance Interviews (until 10:30am), OLR Church Meeting Room
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 21st July – *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time* *1st Communion Welcome Sunday*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Children's Liturgy & Family Group Music)
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

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Our full electronic Parish newsletter is emailed each week by subscribing at <http://bit.ly/olrflock>

1st Reading: *Amos 7:12-15*

Sunday Readings

2nd Reading: *Eph 1:3-14*

Gospel: *Mk 6:7-13*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240714/mass.htm>

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PARISH INFORMATION

Prayer Requests

If your relative or friend has been removed from this list and you wish them to remain on it, please call the Parish Office.

Recently Deceased: Please remember **Denis Connellan** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Olivia Williams, Isabella Williams, Pan Leggat, Kathy O'Sullivan, Kitty Foxon, Pat Dryden, Felicity McPhee, Carlos Leyden, Joan Halvorson, Stewart Behan, Alicea Longford, Kay Bernoth, Pat Nelson, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Noupahn Phanthavong, Elizabeth Shand, Hayley Shatkovsky, Mario Garza, Amy Deans, Juliet Quiterio, Ellen Farkas, Harry Deans, James McGrath, Graham Jackson, Leonard Cox, Prida Dibbayawan, Clint Quinlivan, Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Judy Kocho, Pat Clohessy, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, John Green, Cherry Austin, Denise Reeves, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Mass for Denis Connellan will be held on Friday 19th July at 11:00am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church (352 St Vincents Rd, Banyo, 4014). May he rest in peace.

Youth Coordinator Thank You – John Foxon

We are most grateful to John for his time as Youth Ministry Coordinator and wish him every success as he moves on to a new career. John has held this position since January 2023 and has been integral to the growth of youth ministry in our Parish during the last 18 months. He has enhanced and supported an effective team of volunteer youth leaders and worked diligently to engage our Parish youth through the junior and senior youth groups, youth music ministry and by connecting our youth with wider opportunities and activities throughout the Archdiocese of Brisbane. I thank John for his ministry and pray for him in his future endeavours.

Fr Mark Franklin, Parish Priest

A message from John:

Dear Parishioners,

As I come to the end of my time as the Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator, I look back with fond memories on the year and a half that have passed since I stepped into the role. It has been a joy to see both of our youth groups flourish into vibrant communities centred around God. Launch Pad with all its fun and games and Magnify with its warm family feel. Something that has been particularly rewarding for me is seeing the relationships that have developed at Magnify, it's awesome to see our young people creating wholesome friendships with other like-minded people. My hope is that this sense of belonging will do them well in these formative years to come as they move from school age to young adults. While I'm stepping down from my role as coordinator, I still intend on volunteering at Magnify.

God Bless, John Foxon

Welcome to our New Youth Ministry Coordinator

Hello! My name is Caleb, and I am excited to say that I am taking over the role of youth coordinator at OLR from John Foxon. If you don't know me yet, I am looking forward to meeting you soon.



I had the privilege of volunteering with the Primary and Secondary Youth Groups while John was coordinating and would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication to the community. I am an avid musician, rock climber, and outdoorsman, having lived in the beautiful country of New Zealand for most of my childhood (but don't hold it against me, I am 100% Aussie born). Alongside this Youth Coordinator role, I work part time with NET ministries, an organisation that gives young people the chance to connect with God, through the witness of our Missionaries. In this role, I hope to continue the good work of previous coordinators, and alongside the volunteer team, to provide a space for our young people to build friendships, learn more about their faith, and be themselves. I will be praying for you all, and I ask that you would keep me and our community in your prayers.

God Bless, Caleb

Synod24

DATE CLAIMER: A Presentation on Synodality for the Western Deanery, featuring Paul Jensen, will be held at OLR Church Kenmore on Wednesday 14th August at 7:00pm - All Welcome.

In preparation for SYNOD24: *I Am Making All Things New*, a short video has been created, which includes a pastoral message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge on his vision for the synod and a short FAQ discussion with Bishop Tim Norton SVD as Synod Chair and Steph Unger the Synod Executive Officer.

The video can be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/957389678>

Sea Sunday (21st July)

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church providing practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports.

For more information, go to: www.stellamarisaustralia.org

Our Lady of the Rosary Education Ministry

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish has a number of education services, please contact these for further information.

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