

# Parish of St Monica

## Moonee Ponds

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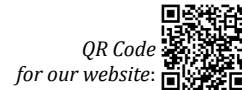
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**The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**14th July, 2024**

### Worship Timetable—Moonee Ponds

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**  
Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**  
Saturday: **8.00 am**  
**8.30 am—Reconciliation**

### Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**  
Sunday: **9.30 am**  
Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday

to

Friday

**9.00 am - 3.30 pm**

Dear friends,

Like last Sunday's readings, today's readings talk about what it is to be called to be a prophet. What it is to be sent by God as a messenger to others; to proclaim God's message of salvation.

In today's First Reading, we hear about the prophet Amos. Amos comes from that time in Israel's history, when the ten tribes of Israel in the North broke away from the two tribes of Judah in the South. It is fair to say that the nation was in a bit of turmoil. And into all of this comes the prophet Amos. Amos was from the Southern Kingdom of Judah, yet he was not afraid to go to the Northern Kingdom of Israel and preach the Word of God at Bethel, the religious capital of the Northern Kingdom.

Not surprisingly, Amaziah, the priest at Bethel, is none too thrilled at Amos turning up on his doorstep. Amaziah tells Amos quite plainly, we do not want you here. ***Do your prophesying elsewhere.*** And then Amos explains himself. Look, says Amos, ***I was no prophet...I did not belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets...I was a shepherd...I looked after sycamores...It was the Lord who took me from herding sheep, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."*** Amos is not chosen because he is the best prepared to preach God's Word. Because the prophet does not preach the Word of God only in the words he speaks. The prophet is called to proclaim God's message with his whole life. The prophet is called to be a sign of the steadfast and faithful love of God. In the midst of his ordinary life, God called Amos to do and be something very different.

Just as Amos was happy tending his sheep, so, I suspect, were the Twelve Apostles more or less happy as fisherman and in the other jobs which they had. But they are chosen by Jesus. Again, not because they are the best prepared or the most eloquent or the best preachers. Hardly. They are chosen because they are the ones who can best proclaim the faithful love of God with their whole lives, not just with any words they might preach.

Just as Amos was called, just as the Twelve were called, so too, each and every one of us is called to be prophets. Called to proclaim with what we say and what we do the steadfast and faithful love of God. And this, I think, is perhaps what most of us struggle with. Why would God choose us? Why does God choose us who by and large are not the best prepared to proclaim his message?

The answer is simple, if confounding.

It is the free gift of God which we call grace. As St Paul reminded the Church of Ephesus in today's Second Reading: ***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....such is the richness of the grace...which he has showered on us...we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning...chosen to be, for his greater glory...the people who would put their hopes in Christ.***

Before all eternity, we are called by the love of God into a life. A life meant for the great glory of God.

With every peace,

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

**ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 21st July 2024 — The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>K Sherwood</b>	<b>V Pizzichetta</b>	<b>M Galioto</b>	<b>S Letcher</b>
10.30 am	<b>L Besterwitch</b>	<b>S O'Dwyer</b>	<b>A Briggs</b>	<b>C Shiu</b>
5.30 pm	<b>J Fernando</b>		<b>D Fernando</b>	<b>J Fernando</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**

July — J Trethowan

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 3** - Thursday 18th July at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

Alan Dobson

Danilo Bordin

**The Sick & Seriously Ill**

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.

**Names for the Bulletin** • If you would like your loved one who has died recently or whose anniversary is occurring to be remembered at Mass and in the Bulletin, please make sure you have their names into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 3.00pm.

**Masses this Week**

Tue 16th Jul 9.15am @ Moonee Ponds  
Wed 17th Jul 10.00am @ Strathmore  
Thu 18th Jul 9.15am @ Moonee Ponds  
Fri 19th Jul 10.00am @ Strathmore  
Sat 20th Jul 8.00am @ Moonee Ponds

**Free to a Good Home!** • The Parish has a number of couches (pictured below) which are now surplus to requirements. We are offering them free to a good home—you only have to organize to collect them...and no, you do not need to take all of them! please contact the Parish Office to organize a time for collection.



**PARISH FIRST**  
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**OUR 2024 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM**

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all parishioners for your participation in our recent Parish Renewal Program. This was our first Renewal Program in a number of years – and gave us all the opportunity to ‘review and renew’ our role in parish life. The Program was a timely reminder that we all have a role to play in ensuring we have vibrant, sustainable parishes that embrace the challenge of Pope Francis to be “...places of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel”.

I am pleased to report a positive response! Our parish Ministries have been revitalized with nearly 100 individuals across the two parishes offering their commitment. Stewardship Income across both parishes has also received a significant boost with nearly 350 families, including 50 new families pledging their ongoing financial support. **Thank you again!**

Financial pledges have now taken effect and the Parish team will be following up with all who have volunteered for ministry. As you will appreciate, it will take a little time to work through the responses. If you have any queries with either your pledge or ministry response, please do not hesitate to contact Sonia at the Parish Office.

Thank you again for your wonderful support of our parishes.

**Fr Tony**

**Child Safety Update** • There is an old African proverb which states it takes a village to raise a child. In much the same way, it takes a whole parish to care for and be responsible for the safety of our children and vulnerable adults.

**Working with Children Checks**—A reminder that **all parish volunteers** need to have a valid WWCC with the Parish listed as one of the places where you undertake child related work. That means all

- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick
- Musicians & Choir Members
- Church Cleaners

need to have a WWCC—if you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the priests. Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC if they engage in child-related work other than their teaching—Click here to notify WWCC [Teacher notification](#)

**Child Safeguarding Training**—All volunteers need to undertake safeguarding training. You may undertake this training online [Online Safeguarding Training](#) The parish will also be running some inperson sessions in the near future—please keep an eye on this Bulletin for details.

**Code of Conduct Declaration**—Thanks to all those who have completed their Code of Conduct Declaration. Again, this is a requirement of all volunteers. We will be following up with those yet to complete their declaration.



**A communion that radiates**

*How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?*

**Participation, governance and authority**

*What processes, structures and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?*

**Co-responsibility in mission**

*How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?*



**Stewardship Corner**

**He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts.**

Mark 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God’s providential care. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world. We make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don’t become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

Special Collections 2024	
Lent	Project Compassion
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday – Holy Places
5 <sup>th</sup> May	CatholicCare
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	SVdP Winter Appeal
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Propagation of the Faith
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
18 <sup>th</sup> August	The Archbishop’s Campaign
20 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mission Sunday
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Pastoral Care Appeal—Prison Ministry

## Readings at Mass

### The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B — 14th July 2024

#### **First Reading: Amos 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."' "

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14**

**R.** Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

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.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

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: Ephesians 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,  
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 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,  
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.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: cf Ephesians 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: Mark 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.

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