St Ambrose
Parish
Woodend
2012

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B
15th July 2012

First Reading:
Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm:
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading:
Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation:
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

YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.
www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms:
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Marriages:
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
[Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]

Reconciliation:
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...

Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially Sr May Austin and Vincent Kelly and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, especially John Wilmott and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

CHURCH ROSTERS

Readers
- July 14th: Frank Donavan
- July 15th: Julian Fraser & Alan Hebb
- July 21st: Trish Cairns
- July 22nd: Ted Bartels

Special Ministers
- July 14th: Pat McHenry or Angela Grinton
- July 15th: Vicky Carrick, Bruna Bombig & Rhonda Loret
- July 21st: Pat McHenry or Angela Grinton
- July 22nd: Patty McKibbin, Eileen French, Mary Welch

Church Cleaning
- July 16th: Christine Van Order
- July 23rd: Michael & Karen O'Loughlin

Church Flowers
- July 20th: Bruna Bombig
- July 27th: Bernadette Petruccelli

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Amos was a very reluctant prophet, but the Lord called him, and he could not resist, despite himself. Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs to spread the Good News, and because they were effective in their preaching, Jesus works in and through us if we respond to his call. God has chosen each one of us to praise his glory.

COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
[This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.] $298

Church (envelopes) collection
[This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.] $600

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES

These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

Keep your mind in peace whatever happens.1890

The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

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 what you are doing and do His work instead.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

MONDAY AT THE MANOR

Call in at Judy and John Will’s house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday this Monday for a sandwich and a chat.

Everyone welcome. Anyone needing transport can call Judy and John on 5427827.
NEW BIBLE RESOURCE
A new website has been set up by Fr John McKinnon (Ballarat Diocese) to help all ‘who love and reflect on the Word of God’. The site contains commentaries on the Gospels of John, Mark and Luke, with Matthew a work in progress. Fr McKinnon, a great supporter of isolated Catholic communities, also plans to produce ten minute audio/video presentations on the upcoming Gospels which will be available on the website: http://johnmckinnon.org

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
From Sunday 22nd July there will be a Children’s Liturgy available in the Nun’s Chapel during the 10am Mass. We thank all those who have volunteered to run this liturgy.

ST MARY’S ANGLICAN CHURCH GUILD
Once again St Mary’s ladies Guild is holding a knitting day to make squares for blankets for the homeless. All welcome to help knit squares bringing 8 ply wool and 4mm needles. A warm soup and crusty bread lunch will be provided at St Andrews Uniting Church, Forest St Woodend.
Wednesday 18 July 2012, 11.30am—2.30pm. Cost $6.00
Please contact Maria 0434436430.

ST MARY’S ANGLICAN CHURCH GUILD

POSSITIONS VACANT
Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the position of:

- Policy and Projects Officer, Catholic Social Services Victoria
- Archdiocesan Office for Youth Special Projects Officer
- Family and Parish Faith Coordinator—Catholic Parish Kinglake, Mernda, Whittlesea
  - Youth Minister for St Christopher’s Parish
- Coordinator, Office of Professional Conduct, Ethics and Investigation
- Project Officer—RE Texts Agency (James Goold House Publications)
- Further details can be found at Archdiocese website: http://www.cam.org.au/jobs.aspx

ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE FOR YOUTH (AOY)
Music Workshop: The Grace of Music
Friday 17 August, 7.30 to 9.30pm
Join us for a FREE Music Ministry workshop with international youth minister and musician Steve Angrisano. Listen to Steve as he talks and demonstrates how, as church, we can celebrate our faith with passion. From very practical considerations of logistics and music selection to helping an assembly move beyond the “sit and stare” syndrome, explore a number of ways to make your parish prayer and worship more powerful!
Where: Cardinal Knox Centre Theatre, Cnr Landsdowne St and Albert St, East Melbourne
RSVP Required: 9412 3300 or aoy@cam.org.au

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PORT AND CHOCOLATE NIGHT FOR MARRIED COUPLES - LIVING MARRIAGE TO THE FULL—Saturday 28 July, 8pm
The Emmanuel Community invites you to enjoy a beautiful port and chocolate “Love and Truth” evening together in the company of other married couples. The talk on the night will focus on “Living Marriage to the full.”
Where: Benedict House, 301 Warrigal Road, Burwood. Park in the church car park.
Cost: $15 per couple
RSVP: Please contact Annie on 9833 4454 OR steveannielawrence@yahoo.com by the 25th July to book your place.

CAMPION CENTRE OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY—KEW
In this Year of Grace the Australian Bishops have invited us into a spiritual journey of encountering Christ afresh in our lives through prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, celebrating liturgies and listening to the voice of the Spirit. Retreats and programs available include:-

Oasis Day: Come, Rest, Pray Saturday 1 September 2012. Saturday 17 November 9.30-4.30pm
“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” (Mark 6:31) we offer you a day of silence, quiet prayer a listening ear and a gentle introduction to Ignatian Spirituality. ( donation $75 live out).

Seek and Find God’s will—Praying the Examen Silent Preached Retreat Friday—Sunday 9th September 2012. Arrive 7.15pm Friday for a 7.30 pm start.
Are you searching for a way to feel God’s presence in your everyday life? Struggling to find God in all things? Thirsting for a way to grow in your relationship with God? Come and discover the prayer Ignatius of Loyola prayed to “seek and find God’s will.” The Examen Prayer is a transforming and ever-growing practice in Christian spirituality. (Suggested donation: $230 live in, $190 live out).
Contact secretary@campion.asn.au or ph 03 98548110.
The Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

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 shall march before him and our earth shall yield its fruit. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth justice and peace have embraced. (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  See Eph 1:17-18

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Gospel Mk 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 they cast out the demons. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Saint Benedict was born at Nursia in c. 480, the brother of Saint Scholastica. Most of what is known of his life comes from St Gregory the Great’s writings. He left his studies in Rome to become a hermit in the mountains near Subiaco, and after a while many followers joined him. It is believed that some monks tried to poison him, possibly out of jealousy or due to his strict discipline. He moved to Monte Cassino, where he completed his Rule: a written guide for those living a monastic life, with a strong emphasis on obedience, moderation and community life. Although Benedict never became a priest or ever intended to found a religious order, his Rule became the fundamental monastic code in Europe into the early middle ages.

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!