



## **ST PASCHAL'S PARISH**

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**FOURTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Ezekiel 2:2–5

Psalm 123

2Corinthians 12:7–10

Gospel Mark 6:1–6

**'A prophet is despised only in his own country.'**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Moya Lynch

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: A Douglas

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Crooymans

COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Kay Brydon & Laurel Blakey

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**FIFTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Amos 7:12–15

Psalm 85

Ephesians 1:3–14

Gospel Mark 6:7–13

**'He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.'**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Eileen Leonard

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Robert Hicks

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

### Faith and Trust in God

The trap of familiarity and pride is one which we can all fall into very easily. We often do not mind any advice and guidance given by the people who are close to us. We do not even understand their worth. The same happened with Jesus' own people as they did not accept Him and His teachings. They lacked faith and trust in Him. As it's said, "Familiarity breeds contempt".

The people of Jesus' home town acted as if they knew everything but actually knew nothing. They also failed to know Jesus in person. They knew him just as the son of a carpenter. Jesus, as John the Baptist proclaimed, is 'the Lamb of God' who was sent by the Father 'to be the Saviour of the whole of humanity. The people were blinded by a superficial familiarity with Jesus which caused them to fail to recognise Jesus beyond the guise of a carpenter. The rejection of Jesus by His own people deprived them of the chance to experience healing that Jesus had done in other towns and cities. Yet, Jesus is kind and understanding towards the people, because He loves all. God works wonders among them even when they refuse to accept Him and His only Son. He came down to us so that whoever has trust and faith in Him may not be lost. God acts through each and every one of us. Even though the weakest, he can do great things only when we have faith and trust in Him.

Loving Father, help us to have faith and trust in you. Let us not be faithless even in times of difficulties, pain, and struggles of everyday life.

Prophets and prophecy have always been part of the heritage of the people of Israel. The prophets of the Hebrew scriptures were charged with the difficult task of speaking God's words to a people who did not always want to hear such a difficult message, often about their own failings. Prophets were not people who foretold the future but those who had a clear understanding of what God wanted and called the people back to fidelity to God's plan and covenant when they had strayed. Even today, there are people who speak out against the status quo, who refuse to accept that the way things are is the way things should be. Sometimes, the way things are is not the way God intended!

### **SOLOMON ISLANDS APPEAL**

**Today, Sunday 7th July  
& next Sunday 14th July**

**In remembrance of Bishop Gerry Loft who was our Parish Priest a number of years ago and who spent many years in the Solomon Islands, we take an annual special collection on the first two Sunday's in July.**

**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
NEXT—4TH AUGUST  
DUTY—STEPHEN CROOYMANS**

Up until this point in Mark's gospel, the disciples have been travelling with Jesus, listening to his teaching and witnessing his actions. Now they are called to take a more active role. They have watched him drive out demons and cure the sick. Now they are called on to repeat in their own lives and mission exactly what he does himself. This is a great test of their response to what they have learned thus far. They are to take nothing with them but a staff and sandals, the symbols of the wandering missionary. Nothing else is necessary; they rely on God as they follow Jesus. When they are accepted by people, they are to remain with them, a sign that the kingdom of God is near at hand. For those who reject them, simply shake off the dust and continue the journey. As we saw in last week's gospel, nothing can be achieved where there is no faith.



#### **PARKING**

It is lovely to see so many people join us for Mass but this also creates a problem with our parking. In the winter months we encourage people NOT to park on the grass verge by the road as it gets very wet and you may get stuck.

Please angle park as close to the next car as reasonably possible to get as many cars parked as possible.

**Please save the grass between the Church and Hall for Father!**

#### **POT LUCK LUNCH**

#### **WITH FILIPINO FOOD**

**SUNDAY 28TH JULY after MASS**

**Have a go at making some Filipino food—some suggested recipes will be on the noticeboard, so either take a copy or take a photo of one or a few of them.**

**They will also be emailed with this newsletter or just google to find some other ideas!**



**Sea Sunday 14th July**

**Day of Prayer for Seafarers**

Every year, we join with churches worldwide to celebrate Sea Sunday. This is a time to remember the world's 1.9 million seafarers in prayer, to give thanks for their crucial work and to support them by donating to our ongoing global work providing practical, emotional and spiritual welfare support to crew and their families.

Our 2024 Sea Sunday theme is '**Calming the storm**', vitally important in a year where the Red Sea crisis is putting seafarers directly in the path of missiles and piracy attacks.

**MINISTERS – 21ST JULY 2024**

GREETER: Colleen Jordan  
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: John Reynolds  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas  
COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Stephen Crooymans & Frances Chaplow  
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**MINISTERS – 28TH JULY 2024**

GREETER: Ross Brydon  
COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon  
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Fel Aralar & Simon Main  
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**READINGS – 21ST JULY 2024**

**SIXTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2:13-18  
Gospel Mark 6:30-34



**READINGS – 28TH JULY 2024**

**SEVENTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

2Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145  
Ephesians 4:1-6  
Gospel John 6:1-15



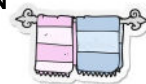
**FLOWERS**

W/E 13/7 June Clark  
W/E 21/7 Laurel Blakey  
W/E 28/7 F Crooymans



**CHURCH LINEN**

JULY Kay Brydon  
AUG Lorraine Hayward



July	4	Kay Brydon
	5	Colleen Jordan
	7	Ross Brydon
	10	Matthew Crooymans
	12	Simon Main

**Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday 11th July at 5.00pm**

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Trevor Finan, Ray Karl.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of July: Nancy Pye, Ted Ryan, Claude Mangan, Truus Roskam, Bill Hoogeveen, Marie Laurich, Joe Lighthart, Peter Roskam Senior, Michael Hopkins.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.