

**"I have heard their cry....I know their sufferings....Come, now!  
I will send you.....I will be with you"** Ex 3:1-12



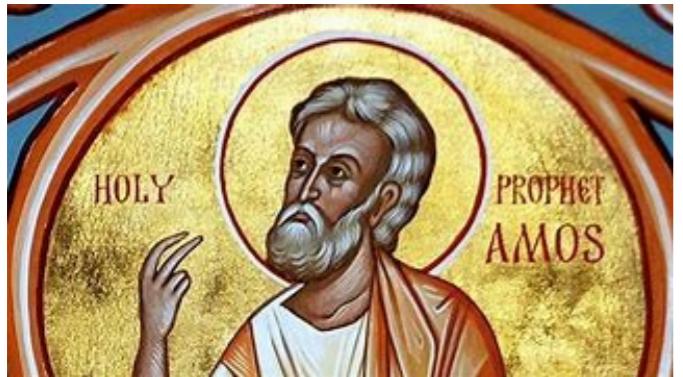
This reflects to the first reading this weekend Amos 8:4-7

Amos is one of the first of the prophets whose sayings were gathered together and written down. He was peacefully pasturing sheep in the southern hill-country near Bethlehem, when the Lord summoned him to trudge northwards and denounce the racketeering of rich against poor in Samaria.

Archaeologists have shown us the traces of it. The capital was moved westwards to link with Mediterranean trade: marriage-alliances with merchant princes, grand palaces displacing slum dwellings, expensive (and idolatrous) ivory inlays on the furniture.

The fat-cats would not listen to Amos, told him he was not welcome in their country, sent him packing and continued to fleece the helpless poor, for they controlled the money supply and the means of exchange – till the mighty power of Assyria swept down and destroyed them all.

For us today perhaps the equivalent is rich nations profiteering from poor, unequal business deals, unfair trade, ‘international aid’ packages to dispose of excess production, the rich growing richer, the poor growing poorer in a thousand ways.



**Thank you to everyone who has donated baskets of flowers, the outside of our church is looking alive, bright and vibrant.**



# St Gregory's Parish Faith Community

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St Raphael's (main church), St Gregory's (no weekend services),  
and St Patrick's Michelago.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

17th & 18th September 2022



## SEASON OF CREATION



Listen to the  
Voice of Creation  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

## Communing with creation: Listen, Linger, Love

Here is a prayer to invite you to contemplate creation. It can be done inside or outside.

**Linger:** Walk or look around you slowly. Notice if some member of creation attracts your attention, a cloud, a tree, a plant indoors. Allow yourself to linger, to pause at whatever attracts your attention and be present to what is there. Use your senses to take in the wonder of this creature: the colors, shapes, smells, textures.

**Listen:** What might this being be trying to tell you? What might God be saying to you through this element of creation? Consider entering into dialogue with this member of creation, calling to mind St. Francis talking to the birds and calling Brother Sun and Sister Moon. You might ask a question. Then listen. Just be open to what might arise.

**Love:** When you are ready to leave, find a way to offer love, by saying thanks, offering a prayer to God for this encounter, wishing your new friend well. Find a way to acknowledge the gift you have received and your desire to give something in return.

If there is time, you might try this process of Linger, Listen, and Love with another element in creation.

*“To contemplate creation is to hear a message, to listen to a paradoxical and silent voice”. (LS 84)*



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Saturday**  
5.30pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday**  
9.00am Mass  
Sunday 5.30pm Mass  
now at Googong

**Monday**  
No Mass

**Tuesday**  
5.30pm Mass

**Wednesday**  
12noon Mass

**Thursday 22 Sept**  
9am Mass

**Friday**  
12noon Mass  
11.00am-11.55am Exposition and Adoration

**Baptisms**  
St Raphael's Church  
Sundays 10.30am

**Marriages**  
by appointment  
**Reconciliation**  
by appointment

**Michelago** 2nd Saturday of the month 5.30pm or 6pm during Daylight Savings time

**VISION:** Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.

**MISSION:** To go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need. We are guided by the LIFE of Jesus; sustained by the LOVE of God; and inspired by the LIGHT of the Holy Spirit.

**Please pray for our sick:**

Phillip Roy Anderson  
 Carmelo Bautista  
 Florence Bowell  
 John Church  
 Elaine Clift  
 Emmanuel Corpuz  
 Fr Mark Croker  
 Juliet and Rommel Estabillo  
 Helen Fraser  
 Cora Fulcher  
 David Goldsmith  
 Corazon Guemo  
 Antonietta Laria  
 Anthony McGlynn  
 Gywen McIntyre  
 Patricia McMahon  
 Loretta & Geoff Percival  
 Regina Paredes  
 Trishy Mary Rankin  
 Nathan Reynolds  
 Elisabeth Smyth  
 Miyako Sturgess (Tokyo)  
 Rosario B Surmielda  
 Ljubica Vricic

**May they rest in peace:**

Stephen Millard  
 Gilberto Serafin  
 Daphne Brown  
 Karen Yap (Annetta's daughter)  
 Amalito Cura  
 Bev Marks  
 Luz Consuegra  
 Hilary Harrison  
 Stephanie Simpson  
 Jane Spiteri  
 Aldo D'Antonio (Italy)  
 Marija (Maria) Visic  
 Mijo Spudic

**Anniversary of Death:**

Franco and Michele Tarzia  
 Rosa Carnovale (1yr)  
 Carlo Zardo  
 Fr Mietek Markowicz  
 Giuseppina Messina



We welcome into our parish through Baptism.

Myles Osborne  
 Sophia Rusan  
 Summer Dean

**Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading Am 8: 47**

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.  
 C. Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
 praise the name of the Lord!  
 May the name of the Lord be blessed  
 both now and for evermore! (R.)  
 L. High above all nations is the Lord,  
 above the heavens his glory.  
 Who is like the Lord, our God,  
 who has risen on high to his throne  
 yet stoops from the heights to look  
 down, to look down upon heaven and  
 earth? (R.)  
 All. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
 from the dungheap he raises the poor  
 to set him in the company of princes,  
 yes, with the princes of his people.

**Second Reading 1 Tim 2:1-8**

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher

**Here are next weekend's Mass readings: 26th Sun Ord time**  
**Am 6:1-4-7 1 Tim 6: 11-16**  
**Luke 16:19-31**  
**Let's prepare before we come to Mass.**

of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 16:10-13**

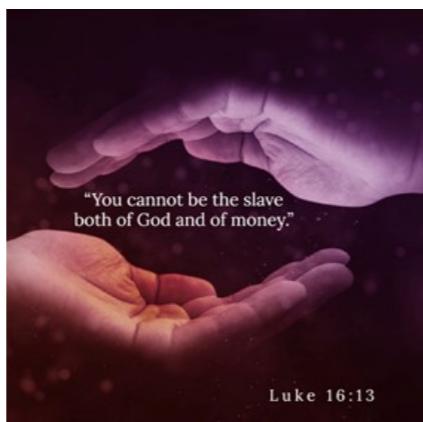
Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**Communion Antiphon**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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**REMAINING CAUTIOUS:** Please remain cautious as flu and Covid continue.

Face masks encouraged during mass. Thank you for your continued efforts.

**ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - For the month of September we will be collecting for St Benedicts Community Centre in Queanbeyan**

So far collected this month \$75 Total running balance for the year is



**Many thanks for your continuing generosity!**



- ♦ **National Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth 11 is on Thursday 22 September.**  
**As this is a public holiday, morning Mass will be at 9am not 7am. (The parish office will be closed)**

- ♦ **PILGRIMAGE TO INNER PEACE** – This gathering is to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus through Christian Meditation. The next gathering will be on 27th September (7.30pm in the Church) **Please remember that this is a fortnightly gathering.**  
 Contact Tony Carey on 0455 231 057 [tony@tcconsulting.com.au](mailto:tony@tcconsulting.com.au)

- ♦ **St Gregory's Parish Faith Community is supporting Vinnies Queanbeyan.** Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the grocery collection. The most needed items are now **school snacks, pasta, microwave rice, noodles, cordial & deodorant. Thank you for your support.**

- ♦ **Women's Breakfast** - Saturday 24th September at 8.30am at Suppetto's Jerrabomberra. Please place your name on the list in the events hub area. Bring a friend.



- ♦ **Pre-Christmas Scratchie Raffle** - We are having a Pre-Christmas raffle to raise funds for our parish. The prize is \$100 worth of Scratches ranging in value from \$1 to \$10. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. They will be available for sale after Mass.

- ♦ **2023 Daily Mass Book** - If you would like to purchase one, an order will be going in by the 30th September. The cost is \$22 and a list is available in the events hub to place your name.



- ♦ **Confirmation** - We congratulate the children who have received the sacrament of confirmation this week, please keep them in your prayers.

- ♦ **Advent preparation-** Heart of the Disciple a 28 day reflection resource book. Will be available for \$5. We will only be ordering 50 copies so please place your name on the list if you would like a copy.

- ♦ **Fr Bernie Hennessy** celebrated his 50yr anniversary of his ordination last week, he would like to thank everyone who sent him messages of congratulations. Fr Bernie feels very welcomed in our parish.

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