



Our very familiarity with the great figures of the Bible - Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Peter, Paul - causes us to regard these figures with a certain reverence. Larger than life, each seems to fill his hallowed niche naturally and deservedly. But when we read the biblical text carefully, we could well ask, 'Why did God call him?' None of them was great or noteworthy when called. In fact, each was rather ordinary.

Take the case of Amos in this Sunday's first reading. Here he is - a relative nobody - standing in one of the royal sanctuaries of the King of Israel, confronting the chief priest there. According to his own description, Amos is a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The latter job is clearly a seasonal occupation: does this make him a migrant looking for seasonal work? Earlier in the book (1:1) the word used to describe his job as a 'shepherd' is found in only one other text where it describes Mesha, King of Moab (2 Kings 3:4).

Clearly, the King of Moab is no poor, rootless shepherd. Which leaves us puzzled about Amos: was he a migrant worker? an average shepherd? a wealthy sheep owner? We don't know, nor is it important. Amos tells us what he thinks is important: he was not a professional prophet. He did not earn his bread hawking God's word, as it were; he earned his livelihood by working a regular job. What authorised him to come to the King's shrine to speak seditious words was the call of God. And this is the point: Amos is not called because he was great; he is great because he was called. Or more precisely, he is great because he responded to the call and did as God commanded. God called him for a purpose: 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Those whom God calls, God also sends on a mission. In just this way those whom Jesus called - none of them great, famous, or powerful when they were called - are also sent. Their eventual greatness lies in their fidelity to the mission of Jesus.

In Mark's gospel today, Jesus sends disciples out knowing full well from his own experience how they will be received and what they will achieve. He counsels them to stay focused - take nothing extra and do not stay where they are not welcomed - but keep moving forward with the mission. As the modern-day disciples, are we ready to face rejection for the sake of the kingdom of God?

Peace be with you! **Fr Lucius** 

## THOSE HE CALLED, HE GLORIFIED

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 2024

**Session Times** 

#### Session 1

Session and Parent Information Meeting Saturday 10th August, 5pm at the church. (Please note that we have only one Mass this weekend Sunday 11th August 10am - Parish Feast Day)

Session 2: 17th August 5pm – Church

Session 3: 24th August 5pm - Church

Session 4: 31st August 5pm - Church

Session 5 **Practice session** 7th September 5pm - Church

**Celebration of the Sacrament** Sunday 8th September at the 8am Mass. Candidates are requested to arrive by 7:45am).



## WHERE IS GOD CALLING ME?

Please follow the link below for more details on *Discernment Journey*. https://www.vocationbrisbane.com/how-do-i-knowwhich-vocation-god-is-calling-me-to

## **Upcoming Events**

https://www.vocationbrisbane.com/upcomingevents

#### VOCATION BRISBANE

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#### God's Word 2025 Pre-Orders Are Now Open: Please fill in your names and

quantity needed before the end of projected pricing based on the the Parish Hall. pre-orders and bulk order we did last year is \$17. Payment/s only when you collect the book.

### Volunteers



We are Blessed and Thankful for all the existing volunteers in our Parish. Thank you for your continuing commitment everything you do.

The Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Requirements matrix is on the noticeboard. Please contact the Safeguarding Officer or the Parish Office if you need any clarification on your Blue Card, Police Check or other requirements as mentioned in the document.

- Those who are willing to volunteer are requested to contact Fr. Lucius or the Parish Office.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with: Mass Setup, Readings and Communion Distribution.
- To join the Sacramental Team and help in the Sacramental Programs.
- To join the team for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
- To join the team for Children's Liturgy.
- To join the team for general tidy up of Church grounds/Garden, every Tuesday afternoon from 2.30 - 4.00.

Otherwise, please do come forward with all your talents and willingness to serve and make a difference and there will be a place to serve, may it be decoration, gardening, groundskeeping, duties connected with Mass, administration, hospitality, prayers groups, new initiatives etc.



Three Years: Fr. Lucius completed three years as our Parish priest. Let us continue to support and pray for the faithful and fruitful service to our parish and the Church.

# Parísh Feast Day Sunday 11 August 10am

The Mass will be followed by morning August. The list is available at the tea by combined morning tea groups and Piety Stall inside the Church. The entertainment by students and young adults at

> There will be no Mass on Saturday 10th August 6pm at St. Mary's and no Mass on Sunday 11th August 10am at Tiaro.

ENTRANCE: FATHER WELCOMES	
Refrain:	'
Father welcomes all His children	
To His family through His Son.	
Father giving His salvation,	
Life for ever has been won.	
Little children come to Me,	
For My Kingdom is of these.	
Life and love I have to give:	
Mercy for your sin. R/	
In the water, in the Word,	
In the promise be assured:	
Those who are baptised and believe	
Shall be born again. R/	
Let us daily die to sin.	
Let us daily rise with Him.	
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,	
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<b>PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)</b> Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CELTIC ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Blessed apostles sing praise,	
Prophets and martyrs give glory,	
'For your majesty praise the Spirit, praise the Son!'. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!	•
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#### *Refrain*:

Summoned by you, summoned by love we come. We are gathering to celebrate your Word, O Lord. Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.

Our lives we give in offering to you.

Be not afraid of the night. Darkness shall not prevail. My light will guide and make clear your way. Tender and strong your heart will stay.

#### o now in faith and in peace. our life will be my sign. now deep within I am with you now, ow and until the end of time.

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### **THANKSGIVING: A TRUSTING PSALM**

# efrain:

Lord, let your mercy be on us As we place our trust in you.

ne word of the Lord is faithfulness and love. is love can never be measured. is beauty is like nothing we have ever seen, let us place our trust in him. R/.

ne word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God. is love can never grow weary. is mercy is as though our sins have never been, we can place our trust in him. R/. Text: Kevin Bates © 1989 Willow Connection All rights reserved. Reprinted under One License #A-641948

## **RECESSIONAL: BLEST BE THE LORD**

ntiphon: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, The God of mercy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of night, Nor the arrow that flies by day.

e will release me from the nets of all my foes. e will protect me from their wicked hands. eneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice find a dwelling place secure.

need not shrink before the terrors of the night, or stand alone before the light of day. o harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down, o evil settle in my soul.

though a thousand strong have fallen at my side, not be shaken with the Lord at hand. His faithful love is all the armour that I need To wage my battle with the foe.

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#### Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Andrew Devins, Bohdan Pastuch, Janet Jackson, Joan Lucas, Ailsa Wickbold, Betty Hove, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Glory Joseph and Brenda Dreger.

Anniversary of Death: Frank Bajada, Maria Tran Thi Ruyen, Bill Bartels, John Clancy, Eileen Hodda, Jean ("Bonnie") Andersen, Denise Elmer, Kath Hogan, Isma McGuckin, Michael Paul Bryant, Marjorie Byrne, Valda Russel, Marjon & Arthur Bartels and Ellen Bradshaw.