



# 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 July 2018 Year B

*"We are a child safe Parish"*



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS	RESPONSE	ACCLAMATION
<p><b>1st Reading:</b> Amos 7:12-15  <b>2nd Reading:</b> Ephesians 1:3-14  <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:7-13</p>	<p><i>Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.</i></p>	<p><i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i>  <i>The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.</i>  <i>Alleluia!</i></p>

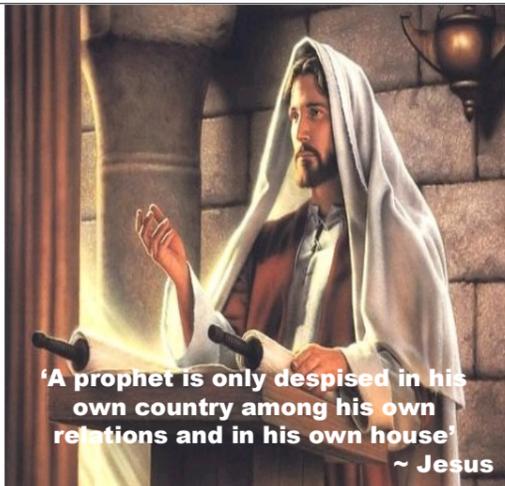
## FACE REJECTION WITH PROPHETIC COURAGE AND OPTIMISM

Today's readings introduce Jesus as a prophet and explain how prophets and other messengers from God inevitably suffer rejection. Today's Scriptures challenge us to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism.

Very often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us and refuse to accept the words of grace, love and encouragement that we offer to them because they are too familiar with us. Hence, they are unable to see us as God's appointed instruments, the agents of God's healing and saving grace. But we have to face such rejection with prophetic courage because by our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing his prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to speak the truth and oppose the evils in our society without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior even in our dear ones.

Let us also acknowledge, appreciate and encourage the prophets of our time who stand for truth and justice in our society with the wisdom of God in their heads, the power of the Holy Spirit in their words and the courage and love of Jesus in their actions.

*Excerpted from the homily of Fr Tony Kadavil available at <http://frtonyshomilies.com>. Image from <https://achristianpilgrim.wordpress.com>*



## GETTING TO KNOW BISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI, THE NINTH ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Archbishop-designate Comensoli (b.1964) grew up in the Illawarra region of New South Wales and was educated by the Good Samaritan Sisters and Marist Fathers. He studied commerce at the University of Wollongong and worked for a time in the banking sector. He entered the seminary in 1986 and was ordained in 1992. Following his ordination, Archbishop-designate Comensoli undertook postgraduate studies in moral theology in Rome and at the University of St Andrews in Scotland. After serving in a number of parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong, he was Diocesan Chancellor for six years prior to his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop to the Archdiocese of Sydney in 2011 and as Apostolic Administrator to the Archdiocese of Sydney in 2014. He has served as Bishop of Broken Bay for the past three-and-a-half years.

Archbishop-designate Comensoli said he was deeply moved by the Holy Father's trust in making this appointment. 'The life of Christian discipleship is a precious gift, developed through hearing and responding to God's call. In accepting this call to be a new missionary among God's people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, I readily acknowledge the great responsibility entrusted to me, along with the frailties I carry,' he said.

**THE MASS OF THANKSGIVING**  
*Archbishop Hart will celebrate Thanksgiving Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 21 July at 11am*

**THE MASS OF RECEPTION**  
*The Mass of reception for Archbishop-designate Comensoli will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 1 August at 7pm*

**All Parishioners are invited to attend.**

Full article is available at [www.melbournecatholic.org.au](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Guiseppa Coppola, Clara Simo, Jade Quilligan, Tom Osvorn, Alice Bowen, Thaddeus Gostkowski, John Dyck, Laurie Jamieson, Michael Goodwin, John Ryland

**SICK:** Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Margaret Ratcliffe, Margaret McLean, Matthew MacDonald, Nigel Goggin, Wendy Maryby



## POPE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION: 'FOR PRIESTS AND THEIR PASTORAL MINISTRY'

The tiredness of priests... Do you know how often I think about it? Priests, with their virtues and defects, work in many different areas.

Working on so many active fronts, they cannot remain inactive after a disappointment.

At such times, it's good for them to remember that the people love their priests, need them, and trust in them.

*Let us pray together that priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.*

## ACBC RESPONDS TO SENTENCING OF ADELAIDE ARCHBISHOP WILSON

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has responded to the sentencing of Adelaide Archbishop Philip Wilson to 12 months' detention for concealing the sexual abuse of children between 2004 and 2006 by paedophile priest Jim Fletcher in the 1970s. 'We acknowledge that the effects of sexual abuse can last a lifetime, but we hope that the custodial sentence brings some sense of peace and healing to those abused by deceased priest James Fletcher,' said the Bishops.

'It takes great courage for survivors to come forward to tell their stories. Survivors have been vital in helping us learn the lesson of our shameful history of abuse and concealment, which was laid bare in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and state inquiries, including the Cunneen Inquiry.

'The Church has made substantial changes to ensure that abuse and cover-up are not part of Catholic life and that children are safe in our communities. We will continue to work with all those in the Church and beyond who are seeking to put in place strong and consistent standards of safeguarding throughout Australia, including how we respond to allegations of sexual abuse,' they said.

Full report at [www.melbournecatholic.org.au](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au)

## PROCLAIMER OF GOD'S WORD WORKSHOP AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH ON SUNDAY 22 JULY AT 11AM

New and Current Proclaimers who have not attended the workshop in Rowville are advised to attend.

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

*You can now pick-up your Thanksgiving envelope and Quarterly statement in the Narthex. We would like to thank all our parishioners for your continued support to the Parish.*



## REPAIR OF STORM PIT AT THE CHURCH PARKING

**The storm pit is under repair. Please accept our apologies for the delay and any trouble it has caused anyone.**

## THE DOOR TO OUR WINTER HEART

PLEASE JOIN JAN WEBSTER FOR A HEART FILLED REFLECTION TO BE HELD IN THE NARTHEX ON WEDNESDAY EVENING **11th JULY AT 7.30PM**  
*Light refreshments with coffee and tea*  
 PLEASE BOOK WITH JAN ON 0448 489 729



## HUMBLE COMPANIONS: CATHOLIC-ANGLICAN DOCUMENT SEES HEALING IN DIFFERENCE

A new document driven by a fresh approach taken by the official Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue commission reflects a major development in ecumenism where difference is not cause for suspicion or reproach, but is used as an enriching opportunity for mutual listening, learning and conversion.

This notable change is seen in the first agreed statement from the newest and third phase of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, known as ARCIC III. The statement, 'Walking Together on the Way: Learning to Be the Church -- Local, Regional, Universal,' was released to the public 2 July after seven years of joint meetings and consultations.

In their introduction, the Catholic co-chairman, Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham, England, and the Anglican co-chairman, Anglican Archbishop David Moxon, the archbishop of Canterbury's representative in Rome, wrote that the document sought to develop the issues of authority and ecclesial communion 'in a new way.'

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## CARE AND SUPPORT GROUP MEETING on Friday 13th at 9.45 am All are welcome!

**ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
 For couple celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 July at 11am.  
 Register at: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or contact [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) or 9287 5587.  
**Registrations close Friday 13 July.**

## DOUBLE SCOOP

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

— 1 TIMOTHY 5:17 NIV