



Involving Them in His Work

Amos was a shepherd of a large flock. Right from his youth he had dreamed about becoming a shepherd. But in those far-off days he was very naïve. His idea of a shepherd was a very romantic one. To him a shepherd was someone who loved sheep, and who devoted himself to them. What could be simpler?

Amos became a prophet by divine call. Before becoming a prophet, he was also a sycamore fig farmer. Though a native of Judah, he was preaching in the northern kingdom of Israel. His message proved too much for his hearers who told him to get back to his own country. His reply was that this was what he was called by God to do and he was going to do it whether they liked it or not.

As Amos was sent to the people of Israel, Jesus sends out the twelve apostles. Amos was a poor and ordinary shepherd. Much the same could be said about the twelve apostles - up to a short time ago most of them were just fishermen. Having instructed them, the time had come for them to take an active part in his ministry. Their mission was an extension of his own mission.

In sending them out 'two by two' Jesus was following Jewish practice. They are to take nothing with them for the journey - no food, no sack, no money.

Why did Jesus involve the apostles and Amos in his work?

He did so firstly because he needed them. And secondly because it was good for them. It is good for people to be involved. It makes them responsible. By involving them in his work, Jesus gave them the opportunity to use their talents but more importantly he turned them from receivers to givers. It has been proved over and over again that, if given an opportunity, people are capable of great sacrifices.

No doubt they felt adequate in their mission. How could they possibly fulfil what Jesus did? They were no supermen, just ordinary men.

But the fact that Jesus believed in them, that he trusted them, was enough for them. That is the way God works - through ordinary people. But sometimes people do not want to be involved. They prefer to leave it to the professionals. Thus, all healing is left to doctors, all caring to nurses, all teaching to teachers and so on. Of course we need experts to do specialized work. But the non-specialist too has a lot to contribute - maybe more time to spare.

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PARISH NEWS

Minimarket Sausage Sizzle



We will be having a *Sausage Sizzle* **Sunday 28 July** for our minimarket. Cakes and other sweet treats will be available as usual. Come and support our minimarket.

DIOCESE NEWS

World Youth Day Auckland

Get ready for WYD Auckland 2024! Calling all young people (13-35 yrs old) and their youth leaders. Join us and over 1,000 young Catholics for an unforgettable day **Saturday 17 August 10am - 8.30pm** at Victory Convention Centre, 98 Beaumont St, Freemans Bay. Inspiring guest speakers, uplifting music, free food, mass with Bishop Steve, powerful prayer experiences and so much more. To register: www.eventbrite.com/e/world-youth-day-auckland-2024-tickets

Diocesan Training

A poster for Diocesan Training for 1st Sacraments. The top half features a blue and white background with a circular collage of photos showing children and adults in various settings. Below the photos, the text reads "Diocesan Training for 1ST SACRAMENTS". Underneath, it asks "Are you a catechist or volunteer?" and provides information about the training sessions for different deaneries. At the bottom, there is a "Please register here" link and the logo of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

SOUTH DEANERY | SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2024
St Joseph & St Joachim Parish
118 Church St, Otahuhu - 11:30am to 1:30pm

CITY AND CENTRAL DEANERY | SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2024
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish
19 Banff Ave - Epsom - 1pm to 3pm

WEST DEANERY | SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
7 Glendale Rd - Glen Eden - 1pm to 3pm

EAST DEANERY | SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2024
St Plus X Parish
101 Casselaine Rd - Glen Innes - 1pm to 3pm

NORTHSHORE DEANERY | SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024
St Josephs Parish
10 Dominion St - Takapuna - 1pm to 3pm

Are you a catechist or volunteer?
Are you involved in preparation for baptism, or sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation or Eucharist, then this training is for you. We will be refreshing theology and practice of these sacraments for children and reviewing the Diocesan program and aspects of safeguarding.

Please register here

Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Te Tiamata o te Hahi Katoika

The Diocesan Faith Formation Team is offering refresher education sessions at our parish for the ministries of **1st Sacraments for Children and Baptism Preparation ~ Sunday 18 August 1pm-3pm**. This is open to all educators and volunteers in your parish. To register, please email Dcn Steve Fraser: stephenf@cda.org.nz or call [021 439 407](tel:021439407)

St Francis Retreat Centre

Women's Prayer Retreat ~ A reflective prayer retreat in the Catholic tradition for women - 3 nights, 4 days starting **Thurs 01 Aug 7pm - Sun 04 Aug 3pm** \$400. For more info please visit www.stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz or call [09 625 6651](tel:096256651)

Church Job Vacancies

There are numerous church job vacancies around Auckland. Please check the noticeboards (we also have one inside the church at the back).

Mass Times

Monday: 9am
Tues/Wed/Thurs 6.30pm
Wed: Novena 6pm
Friday: 9am
First Friday: 6.30pm
Saturday: 5pm Vigil
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 5pm

**Reconciliation by appointment.
Please contact the parish office**

Legion of Mary

Senior Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium) ~ Wednesdays
7.10pm (classroom)

Senior Legion of Mary (Mary Mother of Grace Praesidium) ~ Fridays 7.00pm

Junior Legion of Mary ~ (Our Lady Queen of Angels) (under 18)

Saturdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Junior Legion of Mary (Mary Mother of Good Counsel Praesidium) ~ (under 18)

Sundays 11.45am - 1.00pm

Blessed Virgin Mary

Would you like the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit your home?

Members of The Legion of Mary can leave her statue at your place for 2 weeks.

Receive a special protection and greatest blessings through her intercession.

If you are interested, please contact

[Marilyn 021 299 4357](tel:0212994357)

If you wish to place a notice in our parish newsletter, please email the parish office by Wednesday.

Please pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Yvonne Sommers,
Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae,
Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn,
Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta,
Joan Unkovich, Pauline Caffell,
Louisa Baptist, Robert Shearman,
Siufaga Maileoi Lili, Lee Dunn,
Alex Soniega, Aaron Ablan,
Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea,
Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover, Margaret Sampson

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$1,215.40

Parish - \$1,910.80

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings For The Upcoming Week

Mon 15 Jul: Is 1:10-17
Mt 10:34-11:1 Ps 49:8-9, 16-17, 21

Tue 16 Jul: Is 7:1-9
Mt 11:20-24 Ps 47:2-8

Wed 17 Jul: Is 10:5-7, 13-16
Mt 11:25-27 Ps 93:5-10, 14-15

Thu 18 Jul: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
Mt 11:28-30 Ps 101:13-21

Fri 19 Jul: Is 38:1-8, 21-22
Mt 12:1-8 Is 38:10-12, 16

Sat 20 Jul: Micah 2:1-5
Mt 12:14-21 Ps 9B:1-4, 7-8, 14

Sun 21 Jul: Jer 23:1-6
Eph 2:13-18 Ps 22
Mk 6:30-34

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The sick need companionship, not just medicine. The old need someone to visit them. This is work any of us could do. It does not call for expertise - only a generous heart. It is a great challenge to us all to be active, not passive followers; to be givers, not just receivers; to be living branches of the vine, not mere dead wood.

Story

One winter's day a man came upon a small boy sitting begging on a wind-swept city bridge. The boy was shivering from the cold and obviously in need of a good meal. On seeing him the man got very angry and said to God: 'Lord, why don't you do something about this boy?'

And God replied, 'I have already done something about him.'

This surprised the man, so he said, 'I hope you don't mind me saying this: but whatever you did, it does not seem to be working.'

'I agree with you.' God replied.

'By the way, what did you do?' the man asked.

'I made you,' came the reply.

Flor McCarthy SDB

Hearts Aflame Summer School 2025



HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School will be back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over Aotearoa New Zealand.

Join us at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 3rd-12th 2025!

Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

Registrations open 14 July at 2pm

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