

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading** Amos 7:12-15  
Amos, a shepherd and a tender of sycamore trees, totally unqualified to be a prophet, is called by the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm** 84:9-14  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:3-14  
We are chosen in Christ “before the world was made”.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mark 6:7-13  
Jesus sends out his twelve disciples.

## Parish of Corpus Christi

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Sunday Year B

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sea Sunday

Weekday Cycle II

*“Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ.”*

## Service Times & Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>10 Jul</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>11 Jul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Vernon Hooper RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>11 Jul</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Brian McAllister RIP
Tuesday	13 Jul	12.00pm	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday (St Michael's)	14 Jul	12.00pm	Patricia Grant RIP
Thursday	15 Jul	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Friday	16 Jul	12.00pm	Holy Souls
Saturday	17 Jul	12.00pm	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>17 Jul</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> (St Michael's)	<b>18 Jul</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Julie Popple RIP
<b>Sunday</b> (St Helen's)	<b>18 Jul</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Andrew J Marren RIP

Please go to the link below so you can join in with Masses and Services, streamed live by Fr Declan, or catch up later at the following link:  
[www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live](https://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live)

Our three readings today are intrinsically connected and offer us a three-step spiritual path: from hesitation, to affirmation, to transformation. In our first reading we meet Amos, who, if he was alive today, as a shepherd producing meat and wool, might find himself elevated to the status of a “key worker”. However, in ancient Israel, Amos, as a shepherd, would have been among the lowest, and the least fragrant-smelling, of workers. His other job as the dresser of sycamore trees was work that was seasonal and unreliable. In this role he was responsible for piercing a small fig-like and bitter fruit (known as “the fig of the poor”) at exactly the right time so that it became sweet and provided food for poor people who would otherwise starve. It is quite obvious that neither of these professions would be on the CV of a prophet. Amos finds himself called by God to fulfil a role for which he is both ill-prepared and hesitant. Might some of us here today feel that God may be calling us to a role for which we are less than qualified?

For example, how many of you who are parents, in the months before the birth of your first child, wondered if you had the gifts and skills to provide the care, love and attention this precious child would need? You could be forgiven if your first response when faced with this new challenge was like that of Amos, one of hesitation.

Today's beautiful second reading offers us the affirmation that we have been blessed with “all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ”. It shows us the path from hesitation to affirmation, the path from uncertainty to freedom, and reassures us that we have been chosen in Christ to live “through love in his presence”. This free gift of love from God, which finds its fullness in Christ's total self-giving love on the cross, is what will enable each one of us to be transformed, to leave our doubts and fears behind, to worry less about our qualifications and to be able to say “yes” to what seems impossible.

We are to be partakers in the mystery of God's plan, to bear God's Good News to our world of today. As a song reminds us, “Love, love changes everything”. For new parents, their child's first loving gaze may fill their hearts with awe and wonder. Their love for this tiny individual enables and disarms, overcomes and enthuses, inspires

them and makes all things possible. And so the couple are affirmed in their love for one another and for this precious new life.

This love then becomes transformative, in that it changes the lives of those around them. It was a transformative love like this which enabled the disciples in today's Gospel to go out to preach, to anoint and to heal. The disciples themselves had experienced Jesus' love, a love so powerful that it had caused some of them to drop their nets and follow him, a love that saw their humanity and neediness, and loved them unconditionally just the same. This love is expressed in healing, compassion and goodness. Given authority by Jesus himself, the disciples could extend this transformative love to others, offer others the promise of new life and move beyond the familiar to the unknown in faith and hope. They had moved from Amos-like hesitation to finding affirmation in Christ's love and to such transformation within that they became apostles of healing, on mission for Christ.

So how might this sequence found in today's readings apply to our own lives? While it is understandable that we may hesitate in the face of some of today's challenges, we can try not to let fear paralyse us and prevent us from achieving what we are called to, and capable of. The transformative antidote to such hesitation without doubt is love: Christ's love for us, and our love and support for one another. Like parents encouraging a hesitant child to walk, or affirming their child's first word, let us offer little transformative "moments" of love and affirmation to one another and to our world. In this we then, like the disciples, become apostles of healing to all those we encounter. And really the only qualification needed is an abundance and a sharing of love.

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### **Prayers for the Sick**

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Chris Haigh, Janette Barber, Claire Selby, Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Anne Whittingham, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler

### **Sea Sunday**

This weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. For more information about its work, visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### **Mass Offerings**

Please be aware that there is a backlog of Mass requests for the weekend Masses and whilst every effort is made to accommodate your wishes it is not always possible for your Mass request to be on your chosen day. Your request will be honoured but it may be on a later date. Please consider weekday Masses as well as weekend Masses for your requests. Thank you for your patience.

### **Part Time Administration Assistant Vacancy**

The Diocese of Hallam is seeking for a part time Administrative Assistant, the closing date for applications is July 13th.

Please follow the link below for the application form and job description.

<https://hallam-diocese.com/job/administrative-assistant-caritas-hallam/>

Or email [stym@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:stym@hallam-diocese.com) .

### **Donations and Weekly Offerings**

Please continue to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at [corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/](http://corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/)

Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

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### **Apostles` Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

### **Prayer for Vocations**

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne

Pray for us

Blessed Robert Ludlam

Pray for us

Blessed Nicholas Garlick

Pray for us

Blessed William Richardson

Pray for us

O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help

Pray for us