

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B

First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16
 A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah. Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading *Hebrews 9:24-28*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was

heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 12:38-44*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Widow's Mite

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier. This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life. On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows. The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians. We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop Tuesday
12th November
10-11am CMR

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 12th November
10am BB Library

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am Mass

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigan's Cove

Sister Pauline sgs – Street Angel of Sydney

We all know someone in our life who freely gives of their time, love and service to others. We often say 'they give their all!' Sr. Pauline Fitz-Walter, a Good Samaritan Sister, was such a woman. In the latter years of her life Sr. Pauline set up St Francis Houses in Sydney, living with and supporting people with mental illness and drug/alcohol addiction. **It was frequently said of her when you were in her presence 'she devoted 100% of her attention to you.'** Bishop David Cremin stated 'She had a deep love of God ...and a deep, deep love of people who were suffering. She was a woman of deep prayer. And, that, I do believe, helped her to cope with the madness of living with all kinds of people.' Sr. Pat Snudden rsj said of her: 'she had an incredible capacity to give ...**she had an incredible trust in Divine Providence** ... she had a great fighting spirit. She would stick up for the down and out. She was fearless.' **Sr. Pauline's Service came from her relationship with Jesus and living out of Gospel values.** If, like Sr. Pauline we want to grow in holiness and honour God with our life, then we must be single minded in the practice of mercy. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta says: 'God depends on us to love the world and to show how much he loves it.'



The Widow who gave of her all.

In today's short Gospel: Mark 12:38- 44, Jesus judgement of the Scribes is based, at least in part, on their inner motivation – as they wander around in their ostentatious robes, thinking themselves more important than anyone else, saying long prayers, while insisting on being first. They seem to have lost their way to God and his kingdom. Already in Mark's Gospel Jesus has already told the people **'whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all'** [Mark 10:35], and is the basis on which the judgement of Jesus rests in today's Gospel. Jesus observes how a poor widow who puts a tiny amount into the treasury, gives everything she has. Behind this tiny amount of money Jesus sees the huge generosity of heart. In a real way it is a summary of the whole Gospel – for God looks at the heart and its readiness to give generously. **This Scripture text of Mark is about perspective and re-evaluation. Those things that are valued in the Kingdom of God differ from that in wider society.** Our work for the Lord may be simple and unknown to all but a very few. It is known to God and in God's sight. This is enough reward. Today as we reflect on this Gospel may we pray **St Ignatius Prayer:** 'Take O Lord and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess you have given me: I surrender it all to you to be disposed of according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more.'

Marie Weatherall



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 11th—17th November

- Monday 11th:** No Mass
- Tuesday 12th:** Adoration 4pm
Mass 5pm
- Wednesday 13th:** Mass with Anointing of the Sick 9am
- Thursday 14th:** Mass 9am
- Friday 15th:** Mass 9am
- Saturday 16th:** Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
- Sunday 17th:** Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge
- **NO MASSES WILL BE HELD WHILE FR LOIS AWAY**

ROSTERS

9/10 NOVEMBER
Cleaning
11-15 M deSmet/J Maher

5.00PM MASS
Welcomer K Conway
Commentator: P O'Kelly
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Minister M O'Neill
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer L May
Commentator M Lowe
Reader: C Lowe
Eucharistic Ministers D Herring, K Corbin
Computer Screen D May.

MORNING TEA:
N Beatty/M deSmet

COUNTERS:
G Norris/J O'Sullivan

16/17 NOVEMBER
Cleaning
18-22 B Coffey/M Paine

5.00PM MASS
Welcomer: B Oerder
Commentator: M Bridges
Reader: J Quigley
Eucharistic Minister L Rodwell
Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer M Britt
Commentator . A Skinner
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers A Scicluna A Skinner
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:
N Beatty & M deSmet

COUNTERS:
B Basevi/ C Meade

CLAIM THE DATE

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop Tues Nov 12, 10am- 11 am in Church Meeting Room. Shared morning tea. All Welcome

Parish Memorial Service at St Bernard's Nov 19, 10am – 11-30am for those who have died this year and any loved one you may wish to remember. Twenty eight families have been invited so we need help with shared morning tea.

Let us know if you can assist:

Marie W: 0405 028 057 or Carolyn E: 0400 021 119.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will take place at the weekend of Masses Nov 23/24 and Nov 30/Dec1. \$ donation or take a Gift tag for a child.

Pastoral Care Team Thank you Liturgy Tuesday Nov 26 in CMR, 10am – 11-30am. Shared morning Tea. RSVP by Nov 19: Marie W: 0405 028 057

Advent Group Program: Will take place over 4 weeks on Wednesdays after 9 am Mass on Wed Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18. Why not join us and prepare spiritually for Christmas? Enquiries: Marie W: 0405 028 057

The Archdiocese has advised that there is another round of scam emails circulating at the moment purporting to be one of our clergy requesting assistance/money/contact. This is a reminder to disregard these emails and if possible block the sender for your safety.



This Advent, we are inviting people around the world to Join us for a weekend **Advent Mission Event** online Retreat on 7-9th December and accessible online for all of Advent.

To find out more, the website link is: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

Healing Prayer with Saint Charbel on 22nd November at 5 PM
On the 22nd of each month, we remember Saint Charbel from Lebanon. All are invited to come and learn about the life and miracles of Saint Charbel and pray together through His intercession. There will also be an opportunity to be anointed with the holy oil of Saint Charbel. The prayer will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Moruya on Friday, 22 November at 5pm.

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care.

Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, **but they desperately need your help.**

Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities.

Donate today: www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

Thank you for your support.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians *Pray for us*

St Joseph *Pray for us*

St John Vianney *Pray for us*

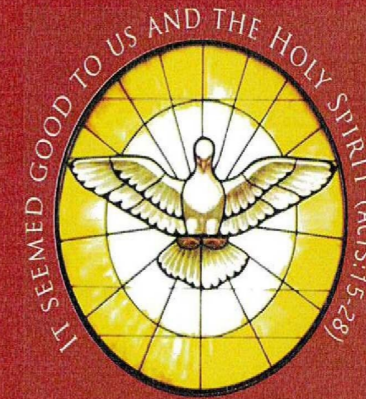
St Mary of the Cross *Pray for us*

Remembering the Sick:

Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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