



Canberra Inner North Catholic Community

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Are Jesus' words about the widow in today's Gospel uttered in admiration or in exasperation? Is he full of praise for what he has seen or is he deploring the situation?

In admiration, he may be pointing to the widow's action as a wonderful example of generosity and trust in God. In giving everything, she has to live on, she puts all her hope in God.

However, Jesus may also be deploring rather than condemning what is happening. In the first part of today's Gospel, Jesus denounces the scribes for taking the places of honour at banquets (where they will be well fed), while 'swallowing the property of widows', and Jesus may see this happening in the case of this widow. She may have felt that she had no choice but to put in everything she had, to meet the requirements of the law, as interpreted by the scribes.

I believe that both interpretations of this Gospel have merit. We can admire the widow's generosity and her faith and hope in God; while at the same time realising how easy religion can come to be about money and how much people can contribute. Members of the community should never be valued according to their bank balance. Let us remember that it is often the poor, the weak and the suffering who are the true treasures of any church community.

From Gods Word, Daily Reflections 2024

Parish Safeguarding Commitment

Our Parishes are committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all of our thinking and action. This approach is to follow Jesus' command in Matthew 18:1-3. Enquiries or concerns please contact: Fr Anthony Riosa SSS—anthony.riosa@cg.org.au - Maria Hicks (Manager) - Phone **02 6239 9806** - Institute of Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) ipss@cg.org.au

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, as Traditional Owners of the land where we gather today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 87: 3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading - 1 Kings 17:10-16

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 me 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.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145(146):7-10

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

R: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading - Hebrews 9:24-28

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.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel - Mark 12:38-44

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 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.'

Communion Antiphon - Cf Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

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Baptisms

Congratulations to Fergal and Finbar Clancy who will be baptized at St Brigid's, Dickson this weekend. May their lives be filled with God's peace and their hearts with God's love, on this Baptismal day and all days to come.



RCIA 2024-25 - next 14 November

The Canberra Inner North Community Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is underway. The second session will be held on **Thursday 14 November, 6.30pm at St Brigid's Parish Hall**, 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson. All are welcome including those interested in becoming Catholic, those that are curious about Catholicism and Catholics that would like to deepen and renew their knowledge of the faith. To register, please email the parish office with your name and contact number (e) innorth@cg.org.au.

Archdiocesan Assembly 2024 – Synthesis Report seeks responses

As part of the Year of the Holy Spirit, over 550 people across the Archdiocese gathered on 19 October 2024 to discern 'what seems good to the Holy Spirit and us' (Act 15:28). The Assembly was a step on a pilgrim journey of discernment, which you are invited to join as the journey continues.

A synthesis report of the Assembly is available at <https://www.cgevangalisation.org.au/response/>. The report invites responses to questions listed at page 20. Please read the report and consider responding. Copies of the questions will be left on the tables at the exits of Holy Rosary Church.

Mass Cancellations - All Inner North - 18 to 22 November

As our Parish Priests will be attending the Clergy Retreat **18th - 22nd November** there will be no Masses in our Inner North Parishes during this time.

Beware of scam emails

Scam emails purporting to be from our Archdiocesan Priests are circulating again. If you receive an email from a clergy member, please ensure that the email address ends with "@cg.org.au" If in doubt, please contact the parish office or confirm with the Priest by telephone or in person.

Priest rotation - 2nd weekend of every month

On the second weekend of every month, from this month onward, the Blessed Sacrament Fathers will celebrate the weekend Masses in one another's parishes. They are looking forward to getting to know more parishioners across the Inner North.

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

Recitation of the Rosary- Sunday 10th November

The Sorrowful mysteries will be recited on Sunday 17/11 at 9-30 am for the disabled and marginalised in our society. Please consider leading the rosary for this intention adding your name to the rostered sheet in the church porch. The microphone is to be used. Thank you. Carmel.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

St Thomas More Parish 60th Anniversary Celebration - 17 November

We invite you to celebrate 60 years with us! Celebrations commence at 10am with a family Mass, which will be followed by BBQ brunch and lawn games. 30 White Crescent, Campbell.

ST JOSEPH'S O'CONNOR

Unpacking the Creed - 13 November

As usual, we will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, that is, Wednesday 13 November at 7.30pm, at St Joseph's, in the parish hall. All welcome. For more information, contact Anna at Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord:

Margaret Collett, James Tran, Una Ford, Peter Tormey, Patrick O'Hagen, Cecilia Skene, Nola Gundry, Juana Mercado, Hubert Zochling.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Doris Mary Grech, Jan Joseph, Thomas Thomas, Carlos Navarro, Lena Wilson, Br Rod Parton, Hilda Gaudencio, Bruce Unger, Glen Scott.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Brian Brown, Margaret Cahill, Una Bell, Sue King, Robin Lees, Maggie McKeon, Noel Tanzer, Wendy Altamore, Steve Sedgwick.

Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You are welcome to email the parish office if you would like to renew your prayer request.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

Meeting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Devotees - 13 November

We are having a meeting for all those who come to St Brigid's for adoration on Wednesdays. Please come along Wednesday 13 November at 5.30pm in the hall. Anyone who is interested in Adoration in our parish is very welcome to attend to share ideas and have a cuppa. Contact 0450 323 712 for further information.

Healing Service - 17 November

Every third Sunday, 9.30am Mass is followed by a Healing Service at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. The next will be held on Sunday 17 November.

Parish Christmas Lunch - 14 December

SAVE THE DATE. Our Parish Christmas lunch will be held at Yowani Country Club, Lyneham and will cost around \$50 a head. Further details will be provided in next weekend's bulletin.

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Marymead CatholicCare Monster Christmas Garage & Plant Sale - 16 November

The Monster Christmas Garage & Plant Sale is our biggest sale of the year, with toys, books, clothes and much more! With unique vintage pieces, there is something for everyone.. Saturday 16 November from **9am to 1pm** at our location at **255 Goyder Street Narrabundah.**

Vocations to the Priesthood Dinner at Gungahlin Presbytery - 14 November

Thursday 14 November, 6pm Mass (in Church) and then dinner. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

Campion College 2025 Summer Program

Taking place in the January school holidays, school students in **Years 11 & 12 (ages 16 to 19)** can choose to attend the summer program from the 7th-10th or the 14th-17th Jan. This immersive four day program is designed for students who are eager to explore the world of the Liberal Arts. Local and interstate students are welcome. This program is free to attend. To learn more or to register, visit: <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/summer-program/>

Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLERGY & PARISH

Contribute to the First Collection:

Account Name: Central Presbytery Fund
BSB: 062-786 - Bank Account: 00029248
Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (e.g. Campbell Smith 1st collect)

Contribute to your parish:

Canberra Central : A/C Name Canberra Central Parish
BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013150 Ref: Name & Giving Number

Blackfriars: A/C Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson
BSB: 062786 A/C: 00013341 Ref: Name & Giving Number or via Qkr! mobile app.

St Joseph's: A/C Name: St Joseph's Parish
BSB: 062 786 A/C: 00012798 Ref: Name & Giving Number or via Qkr! mobile app

St Thomas More: A/C Name: St Thomas More Parish
BSB: 062786 A/C: 00014869 Ref: Name & Giving Number or via Qkr! mobile app.

MASS, SACRAMENT & DEVOTION TIMES - week ending 17 November

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
Mass					
Sunday	10.00am 5.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm Vietnamese Mass - 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month	8.30am With Children's Liturgy	8.00am	10.00am
Tuesday to Thursday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	
Friday	5.30pm	9.00am	9.15am	12.30pm	11.45am - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month
Saturday	5.00pm (vigil)	9.00am 6.00pm (vigil)	8.30am 6.00pm (vigil)		
Reconciliation					
Friday			8.15 - 9.00am - during Holy Hour	12.00 - 12.30pm	
Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Tuesday			8.15 - 9.10am		
Wednesday		8.00am - 8.00pm			
Thursday					
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm				11.30am - 12.30pm
Saturday		9.30 - 10.00am			
Anointing of the Sick					
Sunday		After 9.30am Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month			11.15am - 1st Sunday of the month
Saturday			Within 8.30am Mass - 1st Saturday of the month		
Rosary Prayers					
Tuesday to Friday		8.30am	After 9.15am Mass		
Saturday		8.30am	8.15am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		