

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10th - 11th November 2018

First Reading: 1 King 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour 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

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

R/ Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

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

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put in more 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 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

In their self-sacrifice, the widows in the readings today, embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the cross.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love?



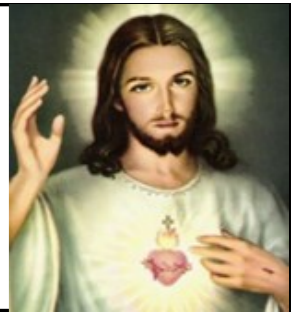
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“She from the little she had put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.”

When the books of the Hebrew Testament refer to the poor, they focused on three categories of people: the stranger, the orphan and the widow. Scripture constantly invited people to be sensitive to the needs of these three types of most vulnerable people. In the first reading today it is a humble widow who becomes the true giver rather than the receiver. At a time of scarcity, the Prophet Elijah instead of helping the widow, requests help from her and she generously offers to share what little food she had: and God blessed her for it.

In Mark's Gospel today, attention is again focused on a poor but trusting widow who risks all she has for love of God and in this sense echoes the giving of Jesus Himself. Ultimately he will sacrifice all he has to his very life as an offering to God for the sake of his people.

Mark reports that Jesus is teaching in the Temple area. He observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. Those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury, those with less, made smaller contributions. Then a poor widow makes the smallest contribution; two coins of little value. Jesus points out to his disciples that her small offering was, in fact, an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus. Contrast her with the rich young man of some weeks ago to whom Jesus said, "Go and sell what you own and give to the poor and come follow me!" But he was blocked by the security of possessions.

Jesus condemns the behaviours of some types of religious leaders and praises the widow. They provide a foil for each other: on one hand demonstrating religion gone wrong - people who make a selfish show of their piety and authority; on the other, one secretly giving of all she has and placing her trust in her heavenly Father. Jesus criticises the flowing robes, fawning titles, front row seating and longwinded displays of prayer and devotion as mere show. They cover up in some cases exclusion of the vulnerable and helpless – the ones who are meant to be embraced and protected.

The message is that God looks not at external show but into the heart. Ultimately, Jesus calls us to: 'Be merciful just as your Father is merciful' (Luke 6:36) – even if that involves risk.

Most people see mother Teresa of Calcutta as having done "great" works which continues through her sisters. She did not see her mission quite like that. She saw her work made up of many small actions directed to the hearts of the most vulnerable of God's children.

“We can do no great things: only small things with great love.”



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (*Italian*),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday

(English) & Friday (Italian) after
9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only



Parish Stewardship Program

Our Future Weekend

Welcome to the final week of our Parish Stewardship Program.

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended our Parish Forums and heard about our recent achievements and our future plans. Much has been accomplished in our parishes and we are thankful for all the parishioners past and present that have been a part of our parish family. In recent weeks we have reflected our parish as a *community* of faith – gathering for Mass and how we can make our own contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries.

This week brings it all together. We look to the future – imagining what sort of parish we want to be. Ours is one filled with optimism – but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual if we are to achieve our dreams.

This week we ask you to finalise your commitments by:

- Signing up for a Parish Group or Ministry;
- Making your meaningful pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Program;
- We kindly ask parishioners to complete a pledge card and a Groups & Ministries form this weekend to help keep our follow-up to a minimum.

We welcome Fr Michael Morgan who will be with us over the weekend encouraging us with our commitments. We also welcome the Program Co-ordinator, Lorella Di Paolo from the Parish Development team of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, who will be available after Mass for any questions you may have.

We thank you in advance for your generous support.

AS WE HEAR FROM ST PETER

“The Church of God that will last into eternity is the Church of living stones, built upon the cornerstone of Christ that must constantly be built up.” (1 Peter 2:5)

Dates to Remember

17th/18th November:

Parish Stewardship Program - Follow up weekend

Sunday 2nd December:

Parish Social Celebration after 10.30am Mass

This weekend there is a special collection for:

CATHOLIC DEAF

Last Week's Collection: 04/11/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$1038.20
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$724.30
World Mission Sunday: \$370.00
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Stewardship Program Prayer

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser.

Volunteers Needed!!!

The Parish Social Group
Is organising another
Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser.



When: Saturday, 17th November, from 9 am to 5 pm

Where: Woolworths Preston

We ask for volunteers to help raise funds towards our church building renovation. For more information please see Ophelia or Fr. Jan after masses.



Where Your Money Goes

The St Vincent de Paul Conference Preston thanks all parishioners and visitors for your continued support through personal donations and contributions to the poor boxes. All funds received are used to assist persons and families Preston who are genuinely struggling to meet daily living costs. These may include food purchases, rental, utility, travel essential furniture or education expenses. Your ongoing support is helping to make a difference in many family's lives. No gift is too small!



Assist a Student

The *Assist a Student* is a national program of St Vincent de Paul aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty by provided education funds for students in partner countries in Asia and the Pacific. Next weekend, more information about the program will be available, should you be interested in sponsoring a child.



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Jason Jiranon VILAR & Ryan Kanin VILAR** into our Parish family

Widening the Door of Hope

A Response to the Victorian Assisted Dying Legislation

Date: Tuesday 20th November 2018

Time: 7.30pm start, 7.00pm light refreshments

Venue: Mercy Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy, (enter via Young Street)

Orators: Assoc. Prof. Natasha Michael, Director, Palliative Medicine, Cabrini Health University of Notre Dame, Sydney School of Medicine
Dr Stephen Parnis, Former Vice-President AMA, Emergency Physician, St. Vincent's Hospital

RSVP/Inquiries: by Monday 12th November 2018

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Bible Study: Gospel of Mark, The Person of Jesus

**When: 13th Nov - 11th Dec
(Tuesdays for 6 weeks)**

Where: Sacred Heart Church, Preston

Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

By: Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD

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Organ Recital by Calvin Bowman: Works by J S Bach 1685-1750

Wednesday 14th November, 7.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Enjoy an evening of works by Johann Sebastian Bach performed by Calvin Bowman. As a performer he has presented the complete Bach organ works twice in public, once in 1995 and again in 2009 for the Melbourne International Festival, where he performed them in a single, 17-hour sitting.

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZESS> or at the door

Enquiries: music@cam.org.au or 9926 5753 (Wed-Sun)
Download flyer: <https://bit.ly/2SPp2CB>

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Margaret Doyle, Joan McNamara, Irene Navascues, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter & Yvonne Tierney



Those recommended to our prayers

Raffaele Ciancio, Bruno Cristini, Carlo Cristini, Antonio De Cata, Pina De Cata, Carmela Macari, Carmine Macari, Rosangela Maiolo, Caterina Pennella, Domenico Pennella, Rocco Pennella, Caterina Tesoriero & Giovanni Tesoriero

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Yarra Theological Union Information Night

Tuesday 13th November, 7.30-8.30pm
YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill
Study Theology as an undergraduate or postgraduate student for credit or choose to enrol for your own interest, without completing essays for credit. All are welcome to come along and find out more. Feel free to bring a friend. No booking required.
FEE HELP available.



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: WHAT IS GOD ASKING

OF US IN
AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?

Have your say by Wednesday 6th March, 2019

Details: <http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 17th November 2018



Shantha/Cory

Thank you for your help!

Roster for weekend of 17th - 18th November

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou Mary Harb	Peter Bourke Terry Murphy
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Capobianco A. Iardi L.	Roda G. Santini G.
Sun 10.30am	Anne Stuart Sonya Bading	Alan Castles Teresa Bernardini
Sun 6.00pm	Anna Liggeri Ylenia Useli	Sharon Kotz