

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year B) 7 November 2021**

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.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145(146):7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel Mark 12:41-44

Jesus 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.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm
12pm-for not fully vaccinated
Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm
Next Healing Mass: 4 November
Current restrictions allow 70 fully vaccinated people at Mass.

Devotional Practices:
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9.10am Mass
Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)
Reconciliation: Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

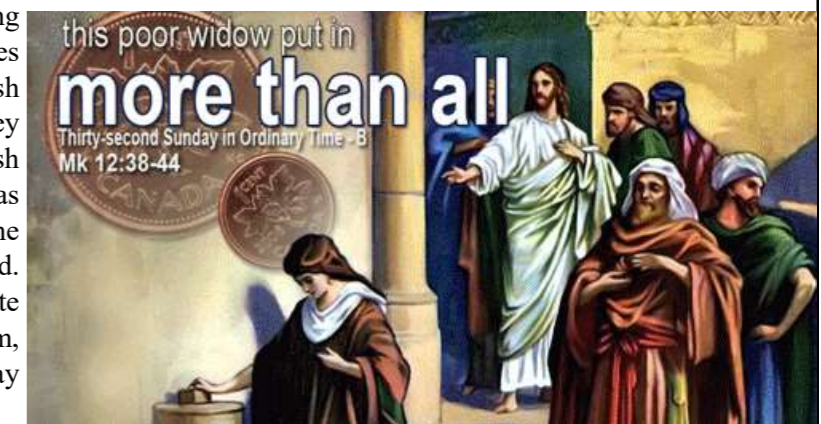
The Story of Two Poor Widows

The Scripture readings of this Sunday tell us the story of two widows. One is told by the First reading and another by the Gospel. In the first reading, which is taken from the First Book of Kings, a poor widow of Zarephath who has barely enough food for herself and her son welcomes the prophet Elijah as a man of God. She offers all her food to him at the risk of her own life and of her son's. Unexpectedly, she receives a miraculous reward from God in the form of a continuing daily supply of food. In the Gospel, the evangelist Mark tells us about another poor widow who puts only two small coins, equivalent to a penny, into a collection box at the temple. For the rich, two coins worth nothing; but, for the poor widow, it is her whole livelihood. Unexpectedly, Jesus, who rejects the external signs of honour sought by the scribes, declares her humble sacrificial offering as the most beautiful offering in God's eyes and that she has found a true honour.

The poor widows in both the first reading and the Gospel give away all that they possess for the glory of God and the service of others. What can we learn from them? Their sacrificial self-giving, I believe, teaches many important lessons. Firstly, it teaches us to reflect God's love in giving His only Son for us, and Christ's love in sacrificing himself on the cross. As the second reading, the Letter to Hebrews (Heb.9:24-28), tells us how Jesus, the High Priest of the New Testament, surrendered His life to God His Father totally and unconditionally as a sacrificial offering for our sins. His sacrifice is definitely far beyond the sacrifices made by the poor widows. All we can do to respond to His love is to thank him and offer our lives to Him as the poor widows did. In fact, today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 146) reminds us that everything that exists belongs to the Lord and that He sustains us all. Hence, we must thank Him to please Him.

Secondly, the sacrificial self-giving of the two poor widows teaches us to show generosity to others in need. During the Covid-19 pandemic many encounter hardships such financial problems, family problems, jobless, health problems, loneliness, and so on. Despite our own limitations and difficulties, like the poor widows, we are called to help those in need.

Last but not least, reflecting on the sacrificial self-giving of the two poor widows remind us of those who show generosity to our parish. Many of them are widows and widowers who live in their deep grief, often suffer from economic loss, from the burden of rearing a family alone, from a strange isolation from friends, suffer from health problems, etc. Their difficulties, however, do not deter them from the parish. Their hardship draws them closer to God and stewardship in the parish. They are often active participants in all the liturgical celebrations, offering prayers for their families and for their parish family. Frequently, they are active in the parish organizations, as well as in visiting and serving the sick and the housebound. Hence, let us appreciate them, support them, encourage them and pray for them.



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Feast Days of the week:

Tuesday 9 November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Readings proper to the Feast)
 Wednesday 10 November St Leo the Great
 Thursday 11 November St Martin of Tours
 Friday 12 November St Josephat

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, John Plum, Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

Mercedes Calleja

We Commemorate

Nicola D'Orazio

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



Meditation on Jesus

Greetings of Peace.

I offer Meditation on Jesus on zoom.

Meditation on the name Jesus has helped many to ease the distress caused by Pandemic.

Those who wish to join zoom meditation may contact Fr. Gilbert.

Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



Roster for weekend of 13 & 14 November 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Renato Tonini	Peter Bourke
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Judeline Wadhvani	Ivana Lo Bello
Sun 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 13 November 2021

Volunteers
Thank you for your hard work



New Guidelines - Bookings required for Mass attendance

As of 6:00pm Friday 29 October 2021, the following measures will be applied to Masses at Sacred Heart Parish:

All regular weekday and weekend Masses will have a cap of 70 parishioners (including clergy) who are fully vaccinated. To be eligible to attend Mass you must have your vaccination record loaded in your Service Victoria App, or those without a smartphone please bring your printed vaccination certificate with you to Mass. **Pre booking is required for all weekend Masses.**

An **additional Mass** on Sundays for 30 parishioners (including clergy) who are **not** fully vaccinated will be provided at 12:00pm (Midday). **Pre booking is also required for this Mass.**

PLEASE NOTE: at all Masses face masks are mandatory and you must check-in. Please do not attend Mass if you are feeling unwell, have tested positive or are waiting for a Covid test result.

We are now taking online bookings for all weekend Masses via the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVJPN>

If your circumstances change and you can no longer attend Mass, the booking system allows you to cancel your booking to allow others to attend.

THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



There is no time to wait. Unfortunately, there are too many people suffering from the environmental crisis. Urgent and courageous action is needed along with the responsible preparation of a future in which humanity will be capable of taking care of itself and nature. #COP26

Blessed—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2021

Blessed is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022). If you wish to purchase *Blessed* you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance. **Cost \$5 each.**

To Order please place your money with your name, address and phone number in an envelope and place it in the "Letters" slot near the front door of the presbytery before Monday 8 November. Please DO NOT use the letterbox along the fence as this is not secure. Thank you



2022 Columban Art Calendar

This year, if you wish to purchase a Columban calendar, you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance.

Calendars cost \$10 each.

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Last Week's Collection: 24/10/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,353
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$845
 Thank you for your kind generosity



LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Our Laudato Si' Circle Members

Introducing Stephen Costello, a member of the Sacred Heart Laudato Si' Circle (our church environment group) making a stand for Climate Action. Please feel free to chat with Stephen about our goals for continuing the ministry of the Laudato Si' Movement in our parish. All are welcome to join the LS Circle.

The UN conference on climate change, COP26 in Glasgow, is now deciding on our future. Sometimes all we can do is hope and pray, so let us pray for its success.



BREAKING NEWS!

Sacred Heart has signed up to Pope Francis' Laudato Si' Action Platform

Dear Sacred Heart Catholic Church Preston, Thank you for pledging your commitment to integral ecology with the Laudato Si' Action Platform! We're grateful that you've chosen to be part of this transformative journey to total sustainability in the spirit of Laudato Si', as we are "united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage" (LS 92) Pope Francis invites every parish in the world to become part of the Laudato Si' Action Platform.

Sacred Heart Christmas Appeal 2021

For many years, our Sacred Heart Community and school has collected Christmas food items, assembled and delivered hampers to families and individuals who members of our St Vincent de Paul team have visited throughout the year and who continue to struggle with basic living costs.

Last year, due to Covid restrictions, with the help of the Parish and Parishioners, we were able to support many families with food vouchers, so that they could purchase their own Christmas food.

Due to the current COVID conditions, we will need to continue this approach for this year. Rather than cash, we are asking for donations of gift Cards of \$10 or more (from Coles or Woolworths) -for individuals, couples or families to be able to purchase Christmas food items.

We would, of course, also welcome donations from parish or work groups to support us to reach more people who will be struggling not only towards Christmas but in the weeks that follow.

Please place your donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas Gift Appeal" with your contact details so we can acknowledge your kind donation with a receipt.

You may either deliver your gift to the presbytery or alternatively contact Moira Mc Mahon on 0439 619 623, Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 or Stephen Costello 0432 405 417 if you require us to collect your donation.

With thanks,
 Stephen Costello
 St Vincent de Paul Conference Preston

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

As we move closer to reopening our churches to celebrate as one, we will be looking to preparing new rosters for Liturgical ministers and also current and potential volunteers who clean and prepare our church each week. Please take time to advise the office if you are willing to continue in your current roles after lock down, with details of your availability and experience. New volunteers will also be welcome.

Please refer to the following information from the Archdiocese of Melbourne about who can serve as readers, altar servers or as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

- A person who is in full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Men, women, young and old who are committed to the practice of their faith and willing to participate in a parish initiated formation. (May soon be accessible online)

Persons aged over 18 must have a current Working With Children Check or be willing to apply for one.

Assistance to do so is available.

Working With Children Checks (WWCC):

It is a requirement of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working With Children Check throughout their involvement in parishes, Agencies and entities. This is to ensure that we all stand united in creating safe environments for children and young people. The application process can be commenced online and finalised at a participating Australian Post Office.

While most of our frequent volunteers already hold updated WWCC that are recorded in our parish register, we urge volunteers who have not yet applied for a Check or whose Check has expired or not linked to the parish do so via the WWCC website:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>
 Any questions- contact Rachel at the office, Pauline O'Day or other members of the Child Safe Standards Committee. Thank you

Deacon Hai's Priestly Ordination

This Mass will be livestreamed. Links will be provided in the coming weeks. Please keep Deacon Hai in your prayers.



"The Love of Christ urges us" - 2 Corinthians 5:14

Joke Corner

A punter who frequented Flemington in Spring was ill and couldn't go to the races. He sent a friend around to his doctor to ask him to come by for a home consultation. However, the punter was surprised when a different doctor arrived. Afterwards, he asked his friend what had happened and why his usual doctor didn't turn up.

The friend said, "Well, there were a lot of brass plates on the doors at the doctor's surgery and when I got to the number you gave me it said 'Consultations 11-12'. But the one next door was offering 'Consultations 10-1' and I knew you'd want the one with the best odds."