

# The Living Word

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**10 November 2024**

## **First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16**

*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.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

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

*(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

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. (R.)

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. (R.)

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.)

## **Second Reading Heb 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.

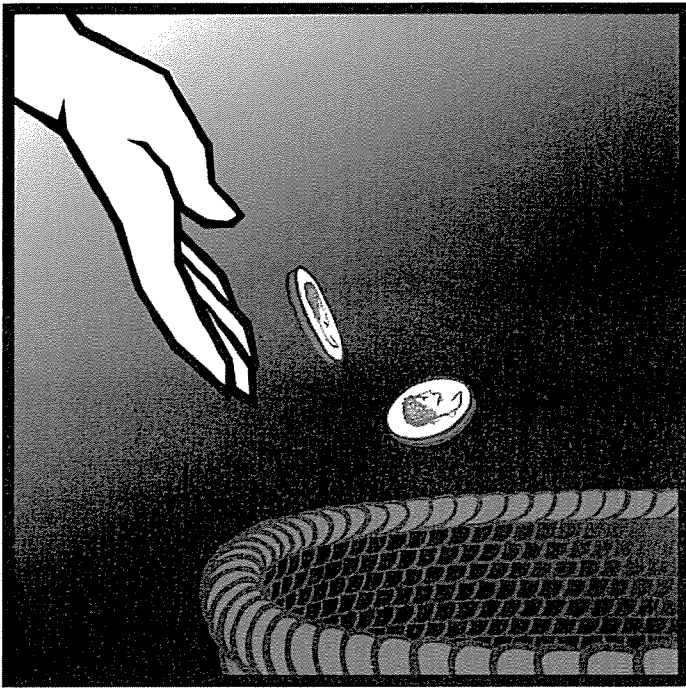
## **Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy the poor in spirit;*

*the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

*Alleluia!*



## **Gospel Mk 12:38-44**

### **or (shorter form Mk 12:41-44)**

*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.'

## **Reflection by Greg Sunter**

We would normally hear or read the second half of this week's gospel as a stand alone example of generosity and faith – often without the section that immediately precedes it. Whilst the actions of the widow are certainly worthy of comment, when we read it in the context of the condemnation that immediately precedes it, the widow's offering is placed in a different light. Jesus condemns the scribes who parade their wealth and seek trappings of earthly power and glory: being recognised and greeted as they walk the streets; taking the front seats in synagogue; and expecting to be seated in the place of honour at banquets. Whilst parading their wealth and feasting at banquets, they are also swallowing up the property of widows – taking advantage of those in need. We often hear widows and orphans named in the scriptures as those in need. Widows and orphans (and strangers in the land) are marked out for special attention in the Torah. They are named as deserving of special care – the lost and broken of society. So despite holding a special place in Jewish Law and tradition, the widows are being taken advantage of by the scribes, who are taking over their property for their own gain. One of the duties of the scribes was to administer the proper payment of Temple taxes. The treasury referred to in the passage is the Temple treasury. Rather than a great act of generosity, we can now see the widow's payment of Temple tax as a burdensome, heart-wrenching obligation to pay the very last coins she had to a corrupt, uncaring system. We usually read praise into Jesus' comments about the widow's offering, but it can also be read as moral outrage at the system that demands this woman pay all that she possesses to the Temple.

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For all parish ministries, including Holy Communion to the Sick, RCIA, Baptism & Sacramental Program, Men Alive, Faith Development & Spirituality Group, St Vincent de Paul local Conference, Trinity Aid for Refugees, etc., please visit:

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
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### PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St. Aloysius, Queenscliff  
Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
Principal: Ms. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am  
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office  
[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/)

### COLUMBARIUM

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### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Please visit our website for all information:  
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### Please send in bulletin notices by 1:00pm on Thursdays

If you would like a deceased loved one(s) prayed for on their anniversary, please contact the parish office on 5258 1673 or [queenscliff@cam.org.au](mailto:queenscliff@cam.org.au) by 1:00pm on Thursdays.

**PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS**

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**Anniversaries 10<sup>th</sup> November to 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Anthony Bissinella and Annie Cassar.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Naomi Bianco, Jacqueline Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Tom Connellan, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, John Drury, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koertjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams and Peter Williams.

### ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),  
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

### OCEAN GROVE: 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am:

(C) Luci Quinn (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Carmel Rice, Dan O'Meara  
(W) Jo Ballard, Marg Lucas.

### QUEENSCLIFF: 17<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00am:

(C) Roger Furphy (L) Ann Marie Furphy (SM) Ann Marie Furphy (W) Trish Frizza.

### COUNTERS: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and Fay Neville.

### \*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\*

*If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office.*

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/)

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**Hospitality Weekend – THIS WEEKEND:** parishioners are invited to attend hospitality following weekend Masses to welcome Fr Linh Pham as Parish Priest and farewell Fr Geoff Baron.

**St Vincent de Paul Society meeting** will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November following 9:15am Mass at Ocean Grove.

**Ocean Grove Ministry Roster:** a new roster is scheduled to issue soon. It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica by ([meaghermonica@gmail.com](mailto:meaghermonica@gmail.com)) as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle December to February inclusive. Thank you.

**CatholicCare Pastoral 2024 Appeal 2024 (postponed to 16/17 November):** each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Envelopes will be available at each church next weekend.

**St Aloysius Primary School – Christmas Tree Sale:** order by Wednesday 4 December via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1304461>.

Cost: Tree \$75, delivery \$10 (to Queenscliff or Point Lonsdale only). Trees between 5.5ft-6.5ft. Pick up from St Aloysius School, Bethune St entrance, on Saturday 7 December between 1pm-2:30pm, deliveries between these times also.

**Each Church in our Parish has a TAP & GO terminal.** These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use – please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.

**Advent Reflection featuring Maria Forde:** St Michael's Parish invites you to an evening of Advent reflection with Maria Forde on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 7:00pm at Holy Family Church, Bell Park. Free admission!



**Peter Kearney Concert – Reflection:** ‘Signs of Hope – People of Faith’ on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 3:00pm at St Therese Catholic Church, Torquay. \$10 per person / \$20 per family. **For full details and list of concerts (17-24 Nov):** <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/news-events/events/>.

**Geelong Catholic Diners Club:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** Great Western Hotel, “Western Room” (crn Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP** via phone or text to Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by 8<sup>th</sup> November.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – St Martin of Tours (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – St Josaphat (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32**

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

11:00am Mass with anointing at Arcare, Point Lonsdale

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
with Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 2 students attending

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November – 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

World Day of the Poor

12:30pm Baptism Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

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**Thought for the Week:**

A problem is a chance for you  
to do your best.

~ Duke Ellington.

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### FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP – ADVENT NEWS!

This Advent, the Faith Development Group (FDG) Advent reflection group meetings will be using ‘Hope Reigns’ from the Diocese of Brisbane.

FDG’s two weekly small reflection group meetings commence on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of November** and run for 4 weeks.

- **The morning reflection group in Barwon Heads** commences at 10.30am at the home of Kerin Fox.
- **The evening reflection group in Ocean Grove** commences at 7.30pm at the home of Sandra Gould.

Thank you to all those who have already ordered ‘Hope Reigns’. Our supply has all been sold. If you are still looking to purchase a book, you can do this by purchasing directly from the Archdiocese of Brisbane: [www.adventplus.com.au](http://www.adventplus.com.au). FDG contacts:

- Sandra Gould via [sandra@salmandra.com](mailto:sandra@salmandra.com) or 0418 537 941,
- Kerin Fox via [foxeskb@gmail.com](mailto:foxeskb@gmail.com) or via 0407 519 585.

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2. If it is necessary to evacuate the building, the Chief Emergency Warden or other nominated Safety Wardens will take control. The Chief Emergency Warden will be identified by the wearing of a yellow Hi Vis vest. Please remain calm and in your seats etc until you are directed by the Chief Emergency Warden as to what to do next. You will be advised as to which exit/s to use and the location of the Assembly Point. Please remain at the Assembly Point until you receive further advice.
3. In an emergency, our first priority is your safety, so please remain calm & follow all directions of the Emergency Wardens.

Thank you, OH&S Committee.

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