

The Living Word

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

7 November 2021

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 *Dianne Bergant CSA*

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
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

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Anniversaries 7- November to 13- November:

Mary Basevi, Des McInerney, Dalys Allison, Patrick Shine, Eris Hess, Ken Stout, Brian Toomey, Anthony Bissinella, Patrick Murray, Brian Hoare, Beverley Gozzo and Bren Anthony.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Evelyn Leahy, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Helen Pearce, Peter Rafter, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Santa Sutera, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

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

COUNTERS: Tuesday 9- November at 10:00am:
Judy Compton and Dan Donovan.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Weekend and weekday Masses are recommencing from this Saturday, 6th November, Sunday 7th November and onwards.

Some restrictions will apply for the time being.

Please note: proof of vaccination against the COVID-19 virus will be required in most instances.

Please see the accompanying letter for more details.

We look forward to welcoming our people back to our Churches.

For up to date current information, please visit our website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au.

As always, please stay safe and well, and be assured of our prayers.

*With warm regards, may God bless you,
Fr Darien*

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please call the parish office or visit the parish website.*

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Take the Way of the Gospel (5)

How will Missions help us to become more missionary?

Many parishes are already exploring new ways of becoming more missionary-focused. But it can also be said that the structure of parish life—our primary way to know the Lord through Word, Sacraments, and Service—is in need of a Spirit-filled renewal. Our people and our ways of “doing” things are tired and in need of reinvigoration.

Embarking on Missions is not about changing our core mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, but about the ways in which we do this that are relevant to our place and time, and with good planning for the future. We are not the parishes of 40 years ago – and we need to be courageous and creative in our thinking around how to embrace the challenges and opportunities that today’s landscape presents us with. How many of us, in the silence of our hearts, have looked at our parish volunteers and wondered who will step up and take over in the future? How many of us have looked around at Mass and wondered why there aren’t more of our local families present? Or how often have we wondered if our own children or grandchildren might experience that same joy and passion for the Catholic faith that we have?

Upcoming special collection: Catholic Deaf Appeal will be held next weekend (13-14 November). Please give generously, as you always do.

Invitation to “Care for our Common Home”: Tuesday November 16, 7.30 – 9.00pm. You are cordially invited to an online forum for parishes on Pope Francis’ encyclical letter Laudato Si on ‘Care for our Common Home’. The purpose of the forum is to help strengthen support for taking action to care for the Earth and for the Poor. For more information and to register: www.trybooking.com/BUWFP.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

(Due to density limits and guidelines, Mass attendance limits apply. Bookings are not required at this stage.)

Monday 8th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32

Tuesday 9th November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)

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

Wednesday 10th November – St Leo the Great (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 11th November – St Martin of Tours (Memorial)

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

*** Mass for Unknown Vaccination Status ***

Friday 12th November – St Josaphat (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 13th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 32

Sunday 14th November – 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared.

- Whitney M. Young.

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