

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

GOSPEL

Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

GIVING ALL

The high cost of living is a constant lament today, but being poor seems a timeless condition. Despite efforts over thousands of years, poverty has never been eradicated. Yet our readings today speak of great generosity that emerges out of poverty. Our first reading tells of Elijah asking a widow for a little water and a scrap of bread. He asks this of one with so little: a handful of meal and a little oil. Her willingness to share brings about a miracle.

This widow is paired with another unnamed widow in today's Gospel. The term 'widow' could describe a woman without a husband, father, or male relative. As such, she had no means of financial support. These widows are among the poorest of the poor. At the treasury, this widow is observed as most generous. We are invited to see what Jesus sees as he sits opposite – rich people putting in large contributions and one widow putting in two small coins, translated in Greek as two *lepta*, but understood as two bronze mites of Judea that are the smallest denomination. In Australia there is no longer a one cent coin but that might be a fair comparison.

The point is that these two mites are all the widow has. She does not hold back; she gives all. She gives her whole life and is a model for the disciples. Jesus is moving toward his passion and death where he will give everything, and his disciples are being asked to do the same, trusting in God. What about us?

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

10 NOVEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings
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!

1. 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. **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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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.

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* Before every Mass
* By appointment

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

COMMUNION
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He give me repose. Near restful waters He leads me.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Hannah Press, Col Hassett, Rocco Cavallaro, John Petch, Maree Petch, Jack Smyth.

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Lillcrap (27/10), Alma Mulherin (29/10), Bill Teo (29/10), Margaret Mary Blake (1/11), Mary McInnes (6/11), Stuart Betts (13/11), Ian MacPherson (30/11), Perce McInnes (1/12), John Paul Vella 4/12), Rod Kelly (20/1), Lawrence Vella (23/1).

DECEASED: We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, Joy O'Shea, Deacon Peter Harrison, Sheila Tilse, George Hurn, Eva, Joe and Bill McLean, Mel and Harry Hutchens.

SICK: Marie Southwell, Cheryl Moloney, Daphne Sweeney (Sr Kathryn's mum), Judy Murphy, Elaine Murray, Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.

HUMILITY IS THE FEAR OF THE LORD; ITS WAGES ARE RICHES AND HONOR AND LIFE.

Fear of the Lord isn't referring to being scared of the Lord, but rather remembering that God alone is all-powerful. It's acknowledging that only God deserves all glory and honour. Fear of the Lord reminds us that we should not hold ourselves in the same light or position that God righteously deserves. Therefore, being

humble means that we acknowledge that we are wholly dependent on God and that without Him, we wouldn't be who we are, and we wouldn't have what we have or lead the life we live. Practicing humility shows that we put ourselves in a position that points all glory and all things back to God.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)

ADVENT PREPARATION: As the end of the year speeds to a conclusion there is always much to do and prepare for. If you will be away over the Christmas period and unable to fulfil your commitments such as reading, preparation, cleaning and counting etc could you please notify the parish of your dates of unavailability so rosters may be prepared accordingly.

COMING EVENTS:

26 Nov Advent Reflection with Fr Sabu and cuppa
18 Dec Anointing Mass

17 Dec Christmas Lunch - please register
19 Dec Reconciliation

Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time Year B WELCOME TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

"Another separation here, and the happy hope of an eternal meeting."



NOVEMBER MASSES: Please use envelopes to make requests for November Masses to be said for those deceased members of your family and/or friends with their *names written very clearly* as they will be printed and displayed in the Church. Thank you

NEW PA SYSTEM: We are thrilled to have the new sound system taking place and look forward to the enhanced celebration of the Mass going forward. A huge thank you and deep appreciation is expressed here for all those who have contributed to St Patricks to help with this project.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS 2025 have arrived. For those who have ordered them, these will be available at weekend masses this weekend. \$10 each.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION will be held on Tuesday 17 December for lunch at Calala Inn. If you would like to join with other parishioners please list your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the church before **1 December**.

CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR A DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Rome is an integral part of the Universal Church's Jubilee Year to be celebrated across 2025. The Diocese of Armidale is exploring the opportunity of organising a pilgrimage and seeks expressions of interest at this time. Pilgrims worldwide journey to Rome during the Jubilee Year. The pilgrimage is a profound spiritual experience, allowing participants to reflect on their lives, seek forgiveness, and strengthen their faith. More information on the Jubilee Year 2025 can be found at iubilaeum2025.va. To express an interest in joining the pilgrimage please email Fr Damien Locke at FrDLocke@armidale.catholic.org.au.

CLAIM THE DATES: Advent reflection 10 am Tuesday 26 November with Fr Sabu in the Parish Centre, with cuppa to follow. Anointing Mass to be held on Wednesday 18 December at 12 noon and Reconciliation Thursday 19 December at 5.30 pm. 44 days till Christmas this Sunday.

George Nulley from the ADIG will be visiting the parish and speaking at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses this weekend. Feel free to have a chat with George this weekend.

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Celebrating 50 years in 2024

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WEEK 5 ROSTER: 10/11/24

Vigil: R C Ledwos, D Bolitho
9am Sun: R J Ryan, G Clout
5.00pm Sun: R J Moloney C Lavell
Counting Team P Sheils A Bowden
Fri Cleaning S Brown V Griffiths
Altar Linen: H Reid

WEEK 6 ROSTER: 17/11/24

Vigil: R N Pullman, G Styman
9am Sun: R D Gowing, A Sartori
5.00pm Sun: R A O'Halloran T Mitchell
Counting Team G & M Thrift, A Bowden
Fri Cleaning M Brown K O'Brien
Altar Linen: J Hutt

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

