



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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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!

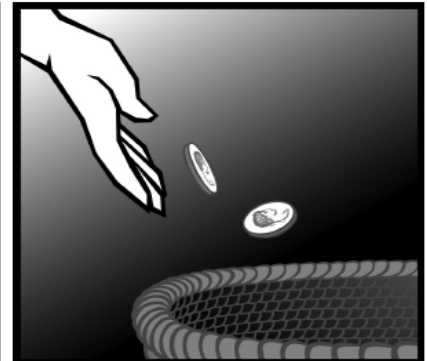
Gospel Mk 12:38-44

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 Fr Michael Tate

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love"

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10.30am to 11.00am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 8/11	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 9/11	Exposition	5.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Wed 10/11	Mass	6.00pm
Thur 11/11	Mass	6.00pm
Frid 12/11	Mass	10.00am

PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 6th Nov Liz Donnelly
Sun 7th Nov AM Carroll

Sat 13th Nov Sarah Richards
Sun 14th Nov Valoia family

Children in Church

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.

The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say... Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait. "

Kevin turned to his youngest brother and said "Ryan, could you be Jesus !"



Updated Covid Protocols for Mass at St. Mary's, Mooroopna

Weekend Masses

From November 5th, we can have 50 FULLY VACCINATED people at our Weekend Masses, and unfortunately are unable to cater for the unvaccinated at this time. **NO BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED, PROOF OF VACCINATION STATUS** for all those over 16 years old will be required to attend weekend masses.

Weekday Masses

From November 8th, and due to the change of numbers for weekday masses (going from 20 to 30) all weekday masses are open to everyone, **UNVACCINATED, VACCINATED** and those **NOT WISHING TO DISCLOSE THEIR STATUS.**

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED.

A reminder that QR Coe or Manual check-in is required at all masses and masks **MUST** be worn inside the church



An online Thanksgiving Mass will be held on

Tuesday, 9th November.

If you wish to view this mass, please email rohans@svdp-vic.org.au and a link will be sent to you.

"I will always welcome joyfully any opportunity that comes my way to be of service to you."

St. Vincent de Paul



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- The formation of lay volunteers and missionary group leaders for parishes in Thailand

Our second collection this weekend will be dedicated to this cause.

Envelopes are available at the door if you wish to make a regular donation.

YOUNG ADULTS REFLECTION GROUP

St. Brendan's Parish invites young men and women aged between 18 to 40 to join their weekly gathering

Every Friday night, 6.00pm

Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

as they reflect on the Sunday Gospel.

We gather in faith, friendship, fun and fellowship.

All welcome ...Come as you are....Dom Pena

Reflection

As world leaders met this week in Scotland to discuss the urgent need to combat climate change, we pray they find the right path—one that leads to justice for all. Pope Francis has asked the Church to travel to same path, and not to divide into "Us" and "Them" factions.

With praise and thanksgiving to God,
The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst
and the Saunders family
joyfully invite you to join

JACKSON SAUNDERS

When he is ordained to the diaconate
at
**SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL,
Bendigo**

By Most Rev Shane Mackinlay,
Friday, November 19, 6.00pm

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Phone Chancery on 03 5441 2544
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PARISH PROFILE—Repeat

Name Tom Diamond—no relation to Neil Diamond !!

Born Shepparton in 1997

Family Eldest of 4 children and lives with his parents & family at Congupna.

Occupation Teachers Aid at St. Marys School and forms the film crew who is responsible for our weekly video masses. Tom also doubles as a Quiz Master and prepares and hosts a weekly quiz for students at all levels each week.

How long have you been employed at St. Mary's 2 years

What do you like most about St. Mary's School It is a very chilled school where kids are allowed to be kids and the teachers make it fun. There is a great sense of community.

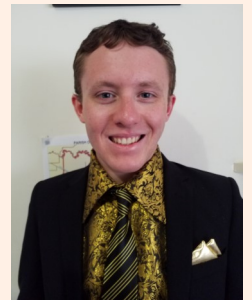
Special Interests & Achievements Cats (he is actually a crazy cat guy !) enjoys history, playing video games and pin ball machines, cinema and collecting cinema memorabilia.

Favourite Holiday Trip to Hawaii in 2019.

Favourite Food Cheeseburgers. Hawaii serves up the best he has ever had and HE WILL BE BACK !

Favourite Drink Milk shake

Editors note Tom is a technical wizard and is a saviour for Mons and Brenda on the many occasions when we are frustrated and fighting with our computers





Readings for
this week:

Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44



Readings for
next week:

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

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Sick List: Graeme Weir, Noreen & Pauline Griffith, Fr Owen Doyle, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Dominic & Theresa DeMaio, Gerard Murphy, Pat Treacy, Bernadette Dickason, Pat Keane, (Mons Peter's nephew)

Recently Deceased : Julie Riley

Anniversaries : Allan Townsend, Kevin Stein, Rocco Varapodio

ALTAR HELPERS 5th November Not required 12th November Liz Donnelly

BINGO 13th November Narissa Russell, Vicki Emanuelli, Irene Valoia, Faye & Christine Flower, Celeste Prygoda

6th & 7th November	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Angelo Conti	Cathie McMaster	Angelo Conti	Annette Rau
10.00 am	Brenda Pye	Anthony Butts	Cecily Dumaresq	Leo & Brenda Pye
13th & 14th November				
6:30 pm	Chris Hogarty	Ester Janke	Rob OMeara	Angelo & Nesta Conti
10.00 am	Ann Margaret Carroll	TBA	Marg Lee	Carrafa family