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7 November 2021 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Kevin Doolan; Colin Constable; Lorraine Reilly.

Deceased: All those who have died in the last 12 months
Anniversary: Beryl Elsie; Ronald O'Neill; Rita Nolan; Ron Porter; Emily Press; Coral Ryan; Angela Perry; Liam Rosewar; Gordon Baker; Adriano T. Llave; John Wellard; Joyce Wellard; Raymond Barr; Ellenor Bonnell; Matthew Dennis; James Barr; Ern Webster; Christopher Iwin; Kate Barr; Rev. Fr. Stan Campbell; Michael Burraston; Noel Nelmes; Vera Forsyth; Judith Forsyth; Mary Conroy; Marjorie Fitzgibbon; Brian Conlan; Vera Graham; Patricia McCarthy; Patricia Fitzsummons; Norman Constable; Eugenia T. Llave; Pam Boulton; Elizabeth Murphy; Colleen Green; Mick McCarthy; Monsignor Clary Fisher; Molly Garrthy
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill: Mavis Burraston; Bishop Bill Wright; Peter Piggot; Mary Smith; Pat Reidy; Paul Murphy; Craig Lawrence; Ivy Taylor; Di Dillon; Michael Hausfeld; Sister Pat Barley; Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Seiler; Rita Looney; Fr. John Willis; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigli; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Joan Greentree; Rosalynn Chari; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Roster

13/11/2021R: B Press
14/11/2021R: S Meade
C: D Ryan & T Vereyken

Coming Events

Thurs 11 Deaney Meeting - No mass at Werris Creek
Mon 15 Memorial Service for Kevin Doolan RIP at 10.30am
Tues 16 Catechists Meeting with Deacon Paul Manvell after 9.30am Mass

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi
Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi
Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek
Thursday No Mass today
Friday 9.30am - Quirindi

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
5.00pm - Quirindi
6.30pm - Werris Creek
Sunday: 8.00am - Willow Tree
9.30am - Quirindi

Carroona: Last Sunday of the Month

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.

Thank you again for your generosity towards Catholic Mission's appeal this World Mission Month. Whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, your faith-filled support is invaluable in reaching out to those in need. Your gift is already making a lasting impact giving disadvantaged children the opportunity to access vital early childhood education that they would otherwise miss out on, as well as supporting many other Church-run mission programs around the world. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our newsletter. Envelopes are at the back of the Church.

November Mass Offerings - please remember to have masses offered for your deceased Relatives and Friends during the month of November, envelopes are at the back of the Church.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Contact Details If you wish the bulletin to be emailed or delivered to you each week, or if you have a mobile phone and wish to be contacted when changes are made to COVID-19 Rules and Regulations, or Mass time changes, please contact Bern at the Presbytery 6746 1133 or email sibrigid3@bigpond.com. Thank you.

Josephite Calendars Order your 2022 Josephite Calendar containing inspirational quotes from Mary MacKillop and Fr Tenison Woods. A great gift to family and friends. Cost is \$9.00. Please write your name on the sheet attached and leave your money in the box. Many thanks.

Saints to Remember
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast - 9th
St Leo the Great - Memorial - 10th
St Martin of Tours - Memorial - 11th
St Josephat - Memorial - 12th

Coronavirus Update

80% Reopening Roadmap Monday 18th October 2021
Now that the 80% fully vaccinated rate being has been reached, the requirements under the NSW Government roadmap have again changed.

- Church Entry Requirements.**
- Entry to Churches is open for both fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated.
 - QR Code check in is still required and an alternative written sign in option
 - Social distancing is required at 4m2
 - Masks are required inside the Church but not outside

Singing During Mass

- Singing is not permitted by congregants but there may be a sole singer if they are fully vaccinated or a choir of up to 10 people who are fully vaccinated and socially distanced from each other and are separated from the parishioners

Weddings & Funerals

- Attendance is unlimited but subject to density limits for the church based on the 4m2 rule HOWEVER, there is still a 5 guest limit for weddings and a 10 mourner limit for funerals if there are not fully vaccinated person present

- Staff and volunteers who are not fully vaccinated are to wear a mask at work
- Employees may continue to work from home, if reasonably practicable
- Mass Livestreaming
- Livestreaming the 10.00am Cathedral Parish Sunday Mass will not continue

Planned Giving \$675.00 + \$0.00 = \$675.00

First Collection \$243.00

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

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

SELF-GIVING AND GENEROSITY

In many cultures, philanthropy and generosity can lead to a person being honoured and esteemed. The biblical world was no exception. As Sirach 31:23 observes: 'People bless the one who is liberal with food, and their testimony to his generosity is trustworthy.' Groups that were identified as being especially in need of such generosity were widows and orphans. God was identified as having special concern for them (Psalm 68:5). This was not all that the scriptures had to say on the matter. Deuteronomy 24:21 enjoined farmers to leave some of their crops for widows and orphans to harvest and so ensure their survival. Given this tradition, it is remarkable that two of our readings today highlight the extraordinary generosity of two widows. In foreign territory, Elijah meets a widow and her son and asks to share in what they expect to be their last meal before they die. The widow's extraordinary generosity meets a most unexpected reward. As Jesus watches people contributing to the completion of the Temple, a widow's generosity catches his eye. Like Jeremiah before him, Jesus wanted the Temple to be a place of true worship. This woman's desire to honour God touched his heart – this is what true worship looks like.

Decades later the letter to the Hebrews reflected on Jesus' own self-giving as the perfect sacrifice that embodied and perfected all others. Not only did Jesus give what he had, he gave to the point of death itself. This act of love was the culmination of all Israel's sacrifices becoming the timeless model for ministry and priesthood.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

07 NOVEMBER 2021

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 judgment, 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.