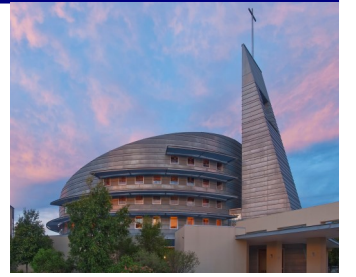




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



10th November 2024

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sundays - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am followed by the Mass at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Service

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month
10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month
10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Fridays—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturdays - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sundays - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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In the book, *Woman Wisdom: Women of the Hebrew Scriptures*, Merriam T. Winter described the situation of widows in ancient Israelite society during biblical times. "Widowhood was an extremely vulnerable state in ancient Israelite society. No provision was made for women whose husbands died before them. Considered inferior to other women, frequently poor, sometimes reduced to servitude, often harshly treated, they had no recourse under the law and were solely dependent on the providence of God and the charity of others.

This is exactly the case presented to us in today's gospel. Jesus does not mix words in teaching us the meaning of true giving. He first warns those in positions of authority, whether secular or ecclesiastic, that we are called to serve, not to be served. The scribes during the time of Jesus were guilty of using their positions of authority to set themselves apart. They liked the idea of 'putting themselves on a pedestal.' Unfortunately, church history has shown that we too are guilty of such behaviour. Even today, we have situations when this becomes a great temptation for all of us.

More importantly, Jesus in today's gospel praises the poor widow who drops her remaining two small coins in the collection basket of the temple. This is different from the others who put in their extra money. In other words, the poor woman gave away everything that she had rather than giving away what she did not need. The simple story or small action of this widow invites us to think about ourselves and our neighbours.

My mom is also a widow who took care of five children after my father died when I was two. I still remember as a child, before going to the church every Sunday, she gave me a small amount of money with a very clear instruction: "Do not spend this money on ice-cream or candy but put this into the church collection baskets." This simple act of giving has always stuck in my mind, and the more time I spend away from family, the more I can see the wisdom of these simple acts and how alms-giving is so important in our life. It brings beautiful meaning to our lives, even more than what we give.

What can we do with this Gospel this weekend? What are our actions? Sometimes, we do believe that we can only give away money. Actually, there are many more things that we can give away rather than money. We are encouraged to share our time, our care, our thoughtfulness and our talents with one another. We experience this so clearly in our lives with these current circumstances where people need our physical presence more than money. Even more, our talents can be shared and will be appreciated within our communities where we live our faith. Let us reflect on the image of the widow who gave away everything she had, inspiring us so that whatever we can do for one another or give away for one another, we do not hesitate to share with those in need.

Fr Trac Nguyen

<https://www.cbdparish.org.au/blog/homily-32nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b>

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Parish News:

Fr Alex Peter: We wish Fr Alex every blessing for his birthday which falls on 15th November.

Save the Date: To celebrate the 17th anniversary of the Dedication of St John the Baptist Church, which falls on 18th November, there will be a barbeque after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 17th November. All welcome.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal: There will be a Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal this weekend. Our quota for the year is set at \$32,416.



Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance: The second Diocesan Count of Mass Attendance for 2024 continues this weekend.

November Envelopes: November envelopes are available in the Church and gathering area.

Reconciliation Programme 2024: Please continue to keep the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Friday, 15th November at 4.00pm at St John the Baptist Church.

Mary Macs Place Hamper Wishlist: During the month of November we will be collecting hamper items in the Church on behalf of Mary Mac's Place. The wishlist contains (but is not limited to) long life milk, coffee, juice poppers, biscuits, pasta, meal base sauce, lollies, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, noodles, chip packets (small bags), shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, school snacks, small personal gifts, festive food, snack food. All donations will be gratefully received. There are containers located in the gathering area for donations. Thanks for your support.

Safeguarding: If young children need to use the bathroom during Mass or events in the Church, please ensure that a parent or guardian accompanies the child. Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal: There will be a Vinnies Christmas Appeal on the weekend of 16th/17th November. Envelopes will be available. Please give generously.

Cleaners for 15th November: Maria Wickens, Andrew Hopkins, Pam Hickey, Mabel Torres.

Readers for 16th & 17th November:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Somerville, Jane Rutherford, Paul Rutherford

Sunday 7.30am—Phoebe Glacken, Joel Bajo, Dorothy Fulton

Sunday 9.15am—Ingrid Stevens, Maryrose Barlow, Therese Carroll

Sunday 5.00pm—Peter Smith, Lorena Lalor, Kris Aitken

Servers for 16th & 17th November:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Paul Nolan, Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib, Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Darrin Patterson

RED Wednesday - 20th November 2024: Red Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need. It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom and gather to pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. This year on **RED Wednesday**, Bishop Anthony will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood at 7pm.

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Fr John O'Connor, MSC. Sept 23 – Oct 4 with an extension to Padua & Venice. Contact Collette - a Catholic Travel company on 1300 161 647 – booking 1288811. Meet at Randwick parish on Wednesday Nov 13th at 6.00pm for full details. Fr John O'Connor, MSC. Tel 96627188 ext 201 or 0435246729.

Funeral announcements:

1. The life of John Hayter will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Tuesday, 12th November at 11.00am. We offer our sincere condolences to John's family and friends.



2. The life of Mary Kelly will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Wednesday, 13th November at 10.00am. We offer our sincere condolences to Mary's family and friends.

3. The life of Patricia Fraser will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Thursday, 14th November at 10.00am. We offer our sincere condolences to Patricia's family and friends.



4. The life of Margaret Donnellan (Peg) will be celebrated at St John the Baptist Church on Friday, 15th November at 11.00am. We offer our sincere condolences to Peg's family and friends.

 **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Reading 1: 1 Kg 17:10-16

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm:**R. Praise the Lord, my soul; O praise his holy name.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever; who is just to those who are oppressed. It is God who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul; O praise his holy name.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises those who are bowed down. The Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul; O praise his holy name.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the way of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God from age to age.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul; O praise his holy name.**Reading 2: Heb 9:24-28**

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

Alleluia:**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

R. Alleluia!**Gospel: Mk 12:38-44**

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honour in synagogues, and places of honour at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Readings for the Week:**Monday, 11th November: St Martin of Tours** - Titus 1:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Lk 17:1-6**Tuesday, 12th November: St Josaphat** - Titus 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 36:3-4, 8, 23, 27, 29/Lk 17:7-10**Wednesday, 13th November: St Frances Xavier Cabrini** - Titus 3:1-7/Ps 22/Lk 17:11-19**Thursday, 14th November:** Philemon 7-20/Ps 145:7-10/Lk 17:20-25**Friday, 15th November: St Albert the Great** - 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 118:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/Lk 17:26-37**Saturday, 16th November:** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 18:1-8**Sunday, 17th November:** Dan 12:1-3/Ps 15:5, 8-11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Margaret (Peg) Donnellan, Patricia Fraser, John Hayter, Mary Kelly, Joseph King, David Lucas

Anniversary: Peter John Grima, Pat Hennessy

Remembrance: John Connolly

Sick: John Aarts, Margaret Ayres, Robert Baker, Alan Ball, Lorraine Blandford, Rae Busby, Marie Carr, Anne-Marie Dixon, Ken Dixon, Marie Dixon, Hanaa El-Khatib, Aline Fauvette, Dymna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Janice Hayward, Bill Hunt, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Oscar James Moretti, Robert Morrisset, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Kenneth John Reddacliff, Jacqui Scholte, Charlotte Stenson, Donna Vella, Pauline White, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: Goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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