



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

November 6th/7th 2021

Christian's Two-Cents' Worth

Friends, in today's Gospel we read about the poor widow who gave her all to the Lord. Her simple generosity, the offering her whole livelihood, was a response to God's unconditional love. God's love comes first. When we get this wrong, everything else in the spiritual life is thrown off kilter. Listen to how St John expresses this predilection: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as the expiation of our sins."

If we play the game of loving God in order to get God to love us, then we are lost. If we think that we can earn salvation or we can work our way into God's heart, then we are lost. Here's a good way to think about it: we wouldn't exist were it not for God's love. God needs nothing; therefore, whatever exists outside of God exists because God desires some good for it. Love precedes, therefore, our intelligence, our courage, our wills, our designs and purposes, indeed our very existence.

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see Galatians 5:6). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy. The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food - feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple. In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His Only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the cross.

It is the kind of commitment to which Christ continually calls and recalls us, commitment not just of time and talent and treasure, but commitment of ourselves, with a passion that becomes the power of God's kingdom breaking into our lives in this time and this place. Jesus holds up for all of us to see a poor widow who showed this kind of commitment.

I always appreciate your great support to our parish even in this difficult time. What we have, is all reflection of your generosity and love for this parish. The story proclaims that God will take what we have and what we are and will make of it and of us far more than we could ever imagine.

With God's blessings,

Fr Joson

Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Times

Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Mark 13:24-32

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

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.

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.

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.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

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.'

Parish Diary

Monday, November 8th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, November 10th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Thursday, November 11th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, November 12th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, November 13th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 13th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, November 14th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes'

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the Holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our Pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

PARISH NEWS

WE REJOICE

With the Vu and Pham families as they celebrate the baptism of Grace in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

ABUNDANCE YOUTH



Hi all, hope you are well this week, who can believe it is November already?! I think I'm still recovering from 2020, definitely not ready for it to be 2022! But with November there is an upcoming Youth Mass, being held at St Agnes on 14th November at 6:00pm. As usual there will be a light dinner and refreshments offered afterwards. Looking forward to seeing you there!

God Bless,

Nick Kelly

NOVEMBER MASSES

November Mass Envelopes are available from the table in the Church. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and either give to Fr Joson or place it in the collection plate.

You are welcome to write the names of your deceased ones in a Remembrance Book in the churches. The church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosened from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them. Masses can be offered for those we knew and loved, or for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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A MORNING'S PRAYER

Saturday, 4th December from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. The morning will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection and faith sharing, aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. It will be a great way to begin preparations for Christmas before things get too hectic. Cost: \$15. To book go to: tickets.org.au - Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations

POSITION VACANT – PARISH SECRETARY

Applications are open for a position at the Jubilee Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and time management skills required for a full-time position of Parish Secretary working 38 hours a week. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>. Applications close: 14 November 2021

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN PRISON MINISTRY

As this Sunday is Prison Sunday we are asked to remember those who volunteer in our prisons as chaplains. Please take a few minutes in prayer for this very important ministry.

God of all life,

Your son called us to be compassionate,

just as You are compassionate.

And so we pray:

For our generous Earth,

*Who, even when mistreated, continues to nourish
and sustain us.*

May we grow in mutual care.

For our suffering peoples,

*Who, even when facing injustices, teach us
resilience and hope.*

May we grow in mutual care.

For each one of us,

*Who, in times of vulnerability, draws on divine
love and strength.*

May we grow in mutual care.

For our prison ministries,

*Which, in times of change, find new ways of
reaching out and in.*

May we grow in mutual care.

And may we be blessed and inspired

*As we hear these words anew: "For you had
compassion for those who were in prison."*

*In the name of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,
Amen.*

The Catholic Leader November Issue

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- Blessing of all creatures great and small at ACU's on St Francis' feast day
- Ipswich teenagers stepping up to make faith in God part of their lives
- Reshaping the Church for mission – five pages of Plenary council coverage
- Brisbane-based online evangelisation platform tackles key questions of faith
- Brisbane couples share joys, blessings of long, loving marriages
- Eucharistic revival is the key to Church's future
- Shanelle Bennett knows the privilege of loving others to the hour of death
- Catholic women to "tune in to the voice of God" for "Something Beautiful".



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Thank you so much for your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal. Your gift helps to continue the work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters as they support vulnerable mothers and their babies, as well as many other mission programs around the world.



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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.