

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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NOVEMBER 10TH 2024 – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.

RECENT DEATHS:

Brian Hare & George Foster

ANNIVERSARIES:

Truis Verlinden, Matthew George, Jack & Joan Hanlon, Ernie Harwood, Patrick Brennan, Margaret Briody, Leondis Dean, Thelma Downing, Graeme Young & Wayne Jerram.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dennis Davies (Genevieve's brother), Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan, Colleen Hains, Michelle Smith (Friend of Angela) and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Sue Mahony

November 17th: Angela Gerrard

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Bernadette Franc

November 17th: John Jess

Assembly Leaders

November 17th: Sue Mahony & Carita Clancy

Special Minister

Today: Clarrie Johnston

November 17th: Therese Jess

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

Nov 10th & Nov 17th: Bernadette Franc & Therese Jess

Church Grounds

Nov 10th & Nov 17th: Bill Franc

Newsletter

November – Carmel Milenkovic – 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES

November 17th: **LLA 10.00am**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

DIOCESAN NEWS

For the Diocesan E-News see the link below:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news>

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD MASS

Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat, Saturday 23rd November, 10.30am at St Patricks Cathedral. All Welcome. Lunch follows

CLERGY JUBILARIANS MASS 2024

Mass to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians 5.00pm Thursday, November 14th. All Welcome, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

The 2024 clergy Jubilarians are:

50 years – Frs Erc Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, 25 years – Fr Ed Moloney.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tomorrow we will stop for a minutes' silence to remember those who died defending Australia and our democratic ideals. It is not a celebration of war but a chance each year to remember those who selflessly gave their lives in battle.

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

~ John 15:13 ~

Lord, we thank you for those who gave everything to protect our freedom.

Bless their souls and comfort their loved ones.

May we honour them by living with kindness, courage and peace. Amen.

Reflection for 32nd Sunday

The Ten Virgins

The story serves as a metaphor for being spiritually prepared. This parable for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A encourages us to always be ready for unexpected events in life and, by extension, for our own spiritual journey. We can't rely on others to be prepared for us.

REFLECTIONS ON COMMUNION FROM CHALICE

Bishop Paul has prepared some reflections on the communion with Christ that we celebrate in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine.

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/reflections-on-communion-from-the-chalice/>

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.**

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

10 NOVEMBER 2024

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

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.

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