

Parish News

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions. (Norms 15,7)

Replacing Carpet: The church will be closed after 1.00 pm Sunday 11 November until Friday 16 November 2018.

Anointing Mass 23rd Nov: We welcome all Parishioners to join in with the Year 5 students and their families at the Anointing Mass of November.

2018 RCIA PROGRAM is on every Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm in the Meeting Room. We welcome everybody who feel interested in learning more about Jesus's ways.

Learn to Love the Mass

Go To Mass on Time and Stay for the Whole Mass. It's an old joke, born of true observation, that Catholics seem to burst out of church as soon as Mass is over.

Jacob of Serugh in his homily on *the Reception of the Holy Mysteries* said: "Why are you impatient to go out about your business? Why do you think the hours you spend in church are wasted? Why do you not see the Mass as a banquet? Why do you work hard at your own work, but turn lazy here, cold and weak in your prayers?"

Are you impatient to be out the door while you're at Mass? Do you know what you're missing by doing so? Do you realize that you're a child of the household, not a stranger who ought to depart? [Learn to love the Mass!](#)

Weekly Diary : 12th - 17th November 2018

Saturday 17th : 5.30 pm. : 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 18th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of December will be on the 02nd at 5.30 pm. : 1st Sunday of Advent C

Mass Duty Roster : November 17th/18th 2018

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino Serra	Rachelle Broughton Pierrette Serra	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Rachelle Broughton Clive Broughton, June Molloy, Rino Serra	Mia
7.00am Michael Nicholson	Charmaine Battis Jackie Cameron	Antona Brown, Bernadette Swindley Rose Hessen, Jackie Cameron	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Ronnie Wilson Rose Lopez	John Lynch, Kathy Fuller, Rose Lopez Chona Lopez, Pam Nelson, Ronnie Wilson	John & Matthew

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 2 (12/11/2018)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1500.40	\$1797.95	\$32.00	\$113.30

**There is no greater way to express our thanks than to actually give something to God.
This gift is a tangible expression of our faith in him, and our thanksgiving for what he does for us.**



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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B 11th Nov 2018—Issue No. 301

Give All You Have to God

The story in today's first reading is about a generous poor widow. Prophet Elijah, instead of helping the widow at a time of scarcity, requested help from her. He asked first for a cup of water. And then he asked her for everything.

The poor widow generously offered the prophet the last bit of food that she had. That little cake of bread in a time of famine would probably take all she had left. She and her son were nearing starvation. But she trusted Elijah's word and the Lord God blessed her generosity abundantly: "*The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied.*" (1 Kings 1:16)

Christ did all these things for everyone he encountered personally. He promises to do these things for the saved forever. He asks us to do these things for those we personally encounter.

The widow of the Gospel Mark 12:38-44 is the poor of heart. She gave to God all she had to live on. While the amount given which is equivalent to Australian two five cents was almost nothing, the sacrifice necessary was immense. What would the widow who from her poverty, has contributed her whole livelihood, receive? The Gospel antiphon gives us the answer, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*"

The one single, most reliable, most accurate practical measure of our spiritual lives, how we stand with God, is our use of money. How we use it, or how it uses us, must therefore be the real litmus test of our spirituality. Therefore, Jesus enjoins his disciples to prefer him to everything and everyone. He bids them renounce all that they have for his sake and that of the Gospel. To enter the Kingdom of heaven it is necessary to be detached from riches, (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2544) because riches cannot make us give life or make us rich. Only God can. More precisely, if our affections are directed to worldly things, then they will not be directed toward charity (CCC 2545), which is willing the true good of the other, despite what it might cost us. The spirit of evangelical poverty does direct us in the right direction. (CCC 2545).

The story of the widow illustrates picturesquely the story of many people who abandon their false securities in the presence of God. Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, leaves his upper garment and comes to Jesus in a symbolic nakedness. (Mk 10:50)

Poverty of spirit, which our Lord pronounces as blessed and which he himself lived, is voluntary humility (CCC 2546). This quality contributes to our possession of "an order of happiness and grace, of beauty and peace. (CCC 2546). The rich try to find their consolation in the abundance of goods but abandonment to the providence of the Father in heaven frees us from anxiety about tomorrow and prepares us to "see God." (CCC 2547)

A question that we can all ask ourselves then is: what is it that I am still holding on to – that prevents me from totally surrendering myself to God?

Fr. John Khoái

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:10-16 *The widow made a little cake and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah, the prophet, set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: 'The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.'" She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 146:6-10 *R. Praise the Lord, my soul!*

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous and watches over the strangers. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28 *Christ appeared once for all to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that comes the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3 *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Mk 12:38-44 *The poor widow has put in more than all the rest.*

Jesus was teaching in the temple, and a large crowd was listening to him. He said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

COMMUNION ANTIphon Ps 22:1-2 *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eugene Doddy, Robert Roep, Betty McCann

ANNIVERSARIES: Ivan Ho Kew, Selina & Fred Betros, Morrie Betros, Bernadette & Tony Abood, Eulina & Mick Cook, Ian Andrew Birkbeck

SICK LIST: Val Mai McErlean, Delma Watson, Theresa Pinto, Marie Jeanette Martin, Bill Walker, Aaron Murphy, Courtney Blount, Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)



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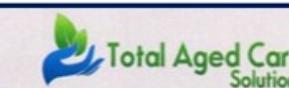
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