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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B

**6TH & 7TH NOVEMBER
2021**

In Memory of Deacon Owen Rogers

"A great voice is silent in the Corpus Christi Community whose kind we shall not hear again".

Yes, a humble, respectful, patient, gentle, kind, committed, noble, loving, caring, selfless and an industrious member of the Corpus Christi family and a friend



DEACON OWEN ROGERS has passed over from the land of the living. This has brought in some clouds of mourning and sorrow over his family, loved ones and our community.

As a much loved and committed Deacon of our community, the news of his death hit us with appalling suddenness as his deteriorating health condition was unknown to us due to the Covid-19 lockdown with its restrictions.

We are deeply saddened by his demise as we reflect on the love he shared with us.

The Corpus Christi Community has lost a great and an inspirational leader.

Deacon Owen was passionate about his ministry, and he faithfully and diligently carried out his ministry in the parish with the greatest humility, respect, compassion, commitment, selfless love, patience, gentleness and prayerfulness.

He was a "Gentle Giant", who was very charitable, considerate and was always willing to put others first. This earned him the love and respect of the community.

He was loved and cherished; he shared our lives and he brought joy to our hearts.

The parish community of Corpus Christi will forever miss him.

We thank his children and their families for letting us share the life of their father and family member. We extend to them our love and heartfelt sympathy and promise them our prayers in the coming days.

We pray for eternal rest and peace for the soul of his dear wife Jeanette who supported him greatly in his ministry as a deacon until her demise on 04/10/2020.

It is our prayer that after faithfully and selflessly serving God in his people, the Lord will be merciful to him and that he will rest in the bosom of Abraham and know the joys of paradise forever.

May you rest in the peace of God, Deacon Owen.

Fr. Chris Antwi-Boasiako, PP

On behalf of Corpus Christi Parish Community

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TRIBUTE TO DEACON OWEN ROGERS

As most of you will by now have heard, Deacon Owen passed away on Tuesday November 2, 2021. Deacon Owen lived a full and complete life in all of the many roles that he took on throughout his life. Of course, for Deacon Owen, this meant living a life of service and sharing his gifts and faith with others – and he did this with an abundance of humility. He loved a laugh but was also content to sit quietly with you. His faith was boundless, and his prayerfulness was a joy to all of us. His passing is a sad loss for Corpus Christi and he will be very much missed by all of us.

Let us support his family with our prayers at this difficult time as we continue to pray for the eternal repose of both Deacon Owen and Jeanette, his dear wife.

Eternal rest grant unto Deacon Owen, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Michael Blair

On behalf of Corpus Christi Parish Pastoral Council



DEDICATION TO DEACON OWEN ROGERS

Deacon Owen has been an active part of our parish for a long time. He gave graciously of his time and knowledge as a member of the Finance Committee over the past three years.

It was during this tenure that each of the current members formed and strengthened friendships with him and came to understand what a compassionate and generous person he was. He approached his work with a warmhearted sense of humanity.

Deacon Owen was also a strong leader and strategic thinker, but it was clear he was always driven by faith and dedication to service. He had a deep caring and tenderness for the people of our parish which was evident in his actions and approach to his work.

We are humbled to have worked alongside him in service to our Parish and are enriched for the opportunity.

We offer our sincere and deepest condolences to the Rogers family; we are truly sorry for your loss.

Ciara Buzzi

On behalf of the Corpus Christi Finance Committee



FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEACON OWEN ROGERS @ CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, CRANEBROOK

Viewing:

THURSDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2021 @ 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Office for the Dead (morning prayer):

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2021 @ 9:15AM

Mass of Christian Burial:

FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2021 @ 10:00AM

Burial @ PENRITH GENERAL CEMETERY (Cox Avenue, Kingswood)

The Mass will be livestreamed.

You are warmly welcomed to join the family in our Parish Church to celebrate the life of our Deacon, OWEN ROGERS, as outlined above.

Love from Deacon Owen's Children

Dad is this guiding strength, wisdom and compassion by my side, enabling leaps of faith and drive to be the person I have become. My wish to all: we all have a person in our life like my Dad. Hoping I have and us all, live by his example. He was a father, leader, friend, listener, and attendee to many in need with little return to him.

OWEN

Dad's compassion for others, and unyielding faith resonates to me most of all. He taught me many, many things - mostly without words, but by selfless deeds. He was a perfect role model. I will miss him dearly.

SEAN

Dad lived the meaning of love and respect. This is what he taught me, and now, I try to live my life the same way. Thank you for being my Dad, until we meet again, Love you.

SHAREN

Dad, thank you for carrying me through my darkest days. The daily visits and the strong hand on my shoulder confirmed I was not alone, that I was resilient and very much loved. You taught me so much about being a "Good" person. I will miss you every single day but mostly your sense of humour, laugh and the way you always made everyone feel comfortable and acknowledged and accepted everyone for who they were. Love you Dad.

Your loving daughter.

KATHLEEN

Dad, You have always been a great support and strength throughout my life and were a constant inspiration to many. You have forever left your footprints on my heart. God blessed us with the best.

Love Always



MARYANN

To my dad who taught me how to love, be strong and resilient. You will always be alive in my children and I. Love you, till we meet again xx

BERNI

Dad was so special! An inspirational leader. A hard worker. Well educated & wise. We always felt loved & supported. He was a rock and wonderful sounding board.

LYN

Dad was my rock, my world, my best friend. He was the most loving and caring soul and I am so blessed to have been chosen to call him my dad.

CAROLYN



One of Dad's mottos was, whenever anyone is in trouble, be the first to arrive and last to leave.

MARTIN



Parish News

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Plans have been made to continue with the
2021 Sacrament Program
under Covid-19 government restrictions.

Letters regarding Confirmation have been emailed to all families whose children completed the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2020.



**Parents are required to pick up
Confirmation Information Packs on
Wednesday 17th November
between 6.30pm & 7.30pm in the church foyer.**

THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS AT ALL CHURCH SERVICES IS MANDATORY.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING
BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
PARISHIONERS PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

100

NOVEMBER MASSES & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance.

Please print the names of people clearly on an envelope.
Envelopes can be placed in the letterbox at the Presbytery or in the collection baskets at the church entrance and exit.

The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week. Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.

WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE NOW RESUMED

**Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm
Thursday & Friday at 9.10am**

Parish Office Hours

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN FROM
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY FROM 9AM – 3.30PM.**

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Deacon Owen Rogers, Rosemary Hall, Judy Baytch

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey (30/08)

And for those who are sick:

Peter Sinnett, Eleanor Albertyn,
Esther Rodgers, Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



Planned Giving...

Could you please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you are:

- ◇ contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

The Living Word

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7th November 2021

First Reading

1 Kgs 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) 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. *(R.)*

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.)*

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.

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 more in 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 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.'

Living the Gospel – Hypocrisy

Throughout the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites. In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers'. We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Widow's Mite

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November

Universal intention -



People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why is the tiny contribution of the widow so much more significant than the large sums paid by the rich?
- * Why would widows be marked for special care and protection by Jewish Law and tradition?
- * How does it change the meaning of Jesus' words to read them with different emotions?
- * What is the message of this passage for a modern audience?

Questions for Adults

- * Has this week's reflection changed your ideas about this passage?
- * Why does Jesus promise such a severe sentence for the scribes?
- * What group in our society is the equivalent of the 'widows' of Jesus' time?
- * How do you think the disciples reacted to Jesus' comment about the widow?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * How much did the wealthy give and how much did the widow give in the Gospel story today?
- * Why did Jesus say that the widow gave more?
- * Jesus asks us not to make a show of doing good for others. How can we do good things without making a fuss?
- * What things are more difficult to do for others.
- * How can we be like the widow who gave her last two coins?





Be generous and selfless like the poor widow

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Jesus praised the widow for her generosity because she gave everything she had even though she was poor. What are some ways we can be generous like the poor widow?



Jesus could see past the outward appearance of people and into their hearts. He could see the good inside people who were shunned and despised in his society. Draw a picture of another occasion when Jesus helped or acknowledged someone who was considered a lesser person.

Spot the difference

Can you spot the seven differences between these two pictures?



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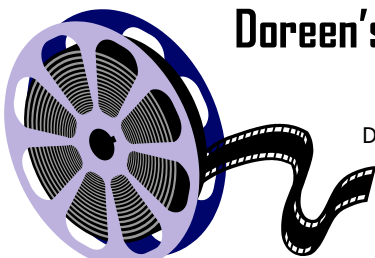
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