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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR

**9TH & 10TH NOVEMBER,
2024**

With Thanks to Marie Cottee

After 25 years of magnificent service to Corpus Christi, Marie Cottee, our Parish Secretary, is retiring. Marie has served our community with integrity, love and joy. She has been an outstanding support to a number of Parish Priests as well as visiting Priests. Marie has always been there to guide and support.

Marie made her position at Corpus Christi a vocation rather than a job. She coordinated a multitude of Parish activities including hosting guests; managing administrative and financial responsibilities, even setting up and cleaning our Church. Whatever the need was Marie was there contributing beyond expectations.

Let's not forget all the preparation required for Sacraments, Christmas and Easter festivities. Marie was at the centre of every celebration this Parish has enjoyed over those 25 years and the Parish has come to love and respect Marie for her commitment and contribution.

Perhaps Marie's greatest contribution to our parish has been her kind and compassionate heart. She was always on hand to provide support to many Parishioners in time of need at any time of the day or night. Many of us have sought her compassionate and thoughtful counsel and have appreciated her gentleness and understanding.

We wish Marie every happiness and our collective blessings in her retirement. We wish her good health and that her every dream becomes a reality.

Thank you Marie for your generosity and support of Corpus Christi Parish.

By Adel Ghali, Greg Brown & Sue Weekes

There will be an opportunity to celebrate Marie's retirement in the near future and to acknowledge her outstanding contribution to our Parish.

With Thanks to Joanne Hocking

For the past 19 years Joanne Hocking has supported the parish in her role as sacramental support, where she assisted Marie in the preparation and running of our sacramental program. Joanne has recently decided to step back from her role and we wish to sincerely thank Joanne for her years of service. She has been an asset to our parish and her commitment and service is greatly appreciated. We wish her well.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.15pm -
5.45pm in the Meeting Room

ADORATION AND DEVOTION

First Friday of each month after
9.10am Mass.

This is also an anointing Mass.

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Parish News

FATHER JESSIE WILL BE AWAY ON RETREAT FROM
SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER (AFTERNOON) –
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER.

Communion services will take place on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings at 6.00pm and Thursday morning at 9.10am.

PARISH TAP 'N GIVE TERMINAL UPDATE

MULTICULTURAL DOOR

JULY - AUGUST
\$1,166.23

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER
\$815.00

SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER
\$1,091.44

Q1 TOTAL
\$3,072.67

MALTESE DOOR

JULY - AUGUST
\$685.00

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER
\$785.25

SEPTEMBER- OCTOBER
\$755.00

Q1 TOTAL
\$2,225.25

We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a Christ-centred mission,
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,
justice and community in today's world.

A very warm welcome to anyone who
is new to the parish.

So that we can get to know who you are,
please introduce yourself to the priest or acolyte after Mass
and fill out a Census Card, which is available in the foyer.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR CHILDREN - 2025

Children in Year 4 and above at school are invited to participate in the Parish Sacramental Program, commencing with the Sacrament of Penance. Parents wanting their child to participate in the program are required to attend a Penance Information Meeting and register their child on

WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 2025
AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.

PARISH GIVING

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

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

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

BSB: 067 950
Acct No: 100000698
Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish



Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Please contact 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;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

Congratulations to all our children who received First Holy Communion during the month of September. The photos taken are now ready and available for collection from the parish office.

Special thanks to David and Nony who kindly took the time to edit, print and sort the photos ready for collection.

COMMUNAL SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Second Rite with visiting priests)

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 7PM



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December
6pm, 8.30pm & Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25th December
7.30am & 9.30am

Christmas Mass & Reconciliation times across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains can be found by visiting: www.parracatholic.org

PARISH MORNING TEA

Our next parish morning tea is happening this Sunday 10th of November after the 9.30am Mass.

Everyone is welcome. We warmly encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us both for Mass and morning tea

To support our parish with catering, you are most welcome to bring a plate to share alternatively an optional gold coin donation can be made. *We kindly ask that a list of ingredients is provided for any home prepared food to support anyone with food allergies*

Our final parish morning tea for 2024 will take place on **Sunday 8th December.**



Parish News

CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH MASS

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER AT 5.00PM

Mass followed by refreshments.

Please note that parents are welcome to attend the Mass and registration is not necessary.

For more information about our parish Youth Masses please contact Fr Jessie or Kieran Faccin.

The next Corpus Christi Youth Mass is planned for Sunday 15th of December at 5pm



PARISH WORKING BEE & BBQ

The parish will be having a working bee on

Saturday 30th November from 9am – 12pm

to prepare the grounds for Christmas.

BBQ will be provided after the working bee in appreciation of your support.

Please bring your gardening tools and any other equipment.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Misa de Gallo or Misa de Aguinaldo at Corpus Christi

Misa de Gallo (Dawn Mass 6am) and Misa de Aguinaldo (Night Mass at 7.30pm) are long standing Catholic traditions where we celebrate Mass for 9 days, beginning on December 16th until December 24th.

We are hoping to start either of these traditions in the parish but only if we are able to gather enough interested parishioners to participate. Hope you will be one of them! Please register your interest by filling out your details on the form in the foyer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catechist News... Are you able to help?

If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a teacher or a helper, you can call the Parish Office or our Catechist Co Ordinator, Lorrene Gorman on 0414 471 329.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Children's Liturgy is on during the school terms at 6pm and 9.30am Masses. We try to keep your rostered times to a maximum of 3 each term. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Adopt a Garden

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to adopt a section of the parish gardens. If you are experiencing any problems with the work you are doing in your section, if you have any queries or would like to join this group, please contact the Parish Office, who will put you in touch with Greg Hall, the coordinator.

LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Werner Rauker, Max Ducasse, Dianne Mannion.

For those who are sick:

Barbara Kemp, Rose Zahra, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti, Marlene Rodger, Lorna Christie

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 COLLECTION BASKETS OR DROP IT INTO THE PARISH OFFICE.

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.



'YOUNG IN SPIRIT' SENIORS GROUP

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office.

Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are always welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The modules are available to complete online at <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/>
Cycle 1 (New staff/volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)

Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for staff/volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago)

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 9 November at St Margaret Mary's Parish, Merrylands for Modules 4-5. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



The Living Word

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10th November 2024

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

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.'

GOSPEL 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?



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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –
by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Centuries ago a widow was a very helpless person. In those days men controlled the family wealth and property, and women received any status they had from the men who were their husbands. Bad luck was a sign of sinfulness, so when a woman was widowed, she had no one to take care of her, and society looked down on her. Yet in both the first reading and the Gospel, we are asked to imitate the faithful actions of a widow.

Jesus often asks us to look at the outcasts of society in order to imitate their ways. What are some characteristics of today's social outcasts that we need to imitate? How would imitating them make the world a better place?

Jesus often asks us to see through the hypocrisy of the wealthy. They appear proud and important, but many of their personal habits are not what we want to imitate. What are some characteristics of today's rich and famous that we wouldn't want to imitate? What kind of lifestyles do some well known athletes, rock stars and actors lead? What would Jesus say about these people?

On most teenagers' bedroom walls and locker doors, you will find posters of whom? What characteristics of these people are admired by teenagers? Why? What would Jesus say about the choices made by most teenagers? What do you say about them? How are you prepared to respond to this situation?

Do you ever contribute money or time to a cause you believe in? If not, why not? If so, what do you do? How has it affected your life? How has it made the world a better place for anyone?

Some people think, 'I'm only one person so I can't really help.' What response could you give to that excuse? What would Jesus say about that?

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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.

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REFLECTIONS by Greg Sunter

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!

Have you thought?

What's in a word?

It's interesting that we have traditionally read Jesus' comments about the widow's offering as praise and perhaps even some pride in her actions. Nothing in the words themselves give away Jesus' emotion. Try reading Jesus' words with a variety of different emotions: anger; sadness; joy; triumph; dismay. How does the emotion with which we read these words change our understanding of them? Can you think of other passages that could be read in a whole new light if we changed our preconceived ideas about the emotion with which Jesus spoke?

Historical Context

The Widow

In ancient Jewish culture, until a woman was married she was literally the property of her father. Upon marrying, the woman left her family and became part of her husband's family and became specifically the property of her husband. If the woman's husband were to die, leaving her a widow, she no longer had anywhere to belong. Because a woman's identity was based on which man she belonged to, she effectively ceased to belong anywhere. It is for this reason that the Torah names widows as deserving of special care and protection from the whole community.



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.



Children's Worksheet



Be generous and selfless like the poor widow



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



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.

Three rectangular boxes, each containing a drawing of two gold coins in the top left corner, intended for writing answers to the question about ways to be generous.

A large empty rectangular box with a green border, intended for drawing a picture of another occasion when Jesus helped someone.

Spot the difference

Can you spot the seven differences between these two pictures?



Solutions

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Spot the difference Can you spot the seven differences between these two pictures?



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