

Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 7 November 2021



Readings for
this Sunday

1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44



Readings for
next week:

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32



Liturgy and Christian Life I - Background

In Christianity, Judaism and other faiths our liturgy and morality (way of life) have been distinctive but not separated. From the time of Moses and the ten commandments true worship and right morality were closely connected. The readings of last week bear this out. Christ deepened the relation between love of God and love of neighbour. Prayer without Care is worthless. The Prophets of the Old Testament, Sts Peter and Paul of the New and the Early Church Fathers have constantly recalled God's people to faith and justice. The Father's love for his Son and his Son's love for us are manifest at the last supper and in his death and resurrection. We celebrate these in our liturgy and sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Penance.

Focus on the Readings

The obvious link with the first reading and the Gospel is the plights of the poor widows. The Sidonian widow showed obedience to the prophet and generosity to him. In turn he provided for her and her son's needs. In the Gospel the widow in Jerusalem showed obedience to the law and generosity to the Temple. We may praise them for their faith and practice. They give great examples that preachers and planned giving counsellors have utilised over the years.

The readings also remind me of a poster bearing the image of Bishop Helder Camara and his well known quote: "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist." For we may ask a similar question, "Why are these widows starving and down to their last jar of meal and last penny?" Has society neglected them? Have the laws of the land created unjust burdens? Thankfully social security has been established and constantly improving. Also people's awareness and practical assistance have increased, become more structured but also allow for private initiatives to help others.

Christ's observation and instruction begins with "I tell you solemnly" and ends fairly abruptly. He wants us to consider his words carefully but leaves us to draw the conclusions and decide on our responses.

Prayer for the Day

Blessed are you. God the Father!

You reveal to the humble the mysteries of the kingdom.

Blessed are you. God the Father!

You choose those who have nothing, here they are rich in faith.

Blessed are you. God the Father! You lower proud looks, you save the lowly.

Words of Pope Francis

We have forgotten and are still forgetting that over and above business, logic and the parameters of the market is the human being. Men and women are human beings by virtue of their profound dignity: to offer them the possibility of living a dignified life and of actively participating in the common good. All human activity, including economic activity, must be ethically structured and governed. We must return to the centrality of the human being, to a more ethical vision of activities and of human relationship without the fear of losing something." *Address to the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation, 25/5/13*

On the Lighter Side

Titling is not a common word in the Catholic Church. We normally speak of planned giving, pledges and collections. Nonetheless a bumper sticker had: "Tithe if you love Jesus! Any fool can honk!" Or "What is syntax: A tithe"



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Kath Flanagan, Carmela Lagozzino, Fr Less Ring, Luke John De Lai
	Our sick and their carers	

Invitation from Jackson Saunders

Dear parishioners,

A brief note to thank you for your support with my seminary studies and to ask for your prayers as I prepare for my ordination as a deacon by Bishop Shane Mackinlay. The ordination will take place on Friday, November 19, at 6.00pm at the Cathedral in High Street, Bendigo. If you would like to attend, you are very welcome, but it is **ESSENTIAL TO BOOK** by Tuesday, November 16. This is so that we can plan logistics for the event and ensure that Government restrictions on numbers permitted are met.

As per Government regulations, you will need to show proof of double vaccination or an official certificate of exemption when you arrive. On your arrival you will be required to show your vaccination status via the Victoria Services App; a digital or printed certificate; or an eligible medical exemption certificate.

Please book online via this link

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVBYO>

or ring Marie Flynn on 0419 554 642 or Pauline Rooke on 5447 8325 to RSVP.

God bless, Jackson

November Mass Timetable Week commencing 8 November

Please carefully read the details for our November Mass services. Vax Unknown services are limited to 30 people, Fully Vax services are limited to 98 people.

Weekday Mass

Mon 8 th Nov	No Mass
Tue 9 th Nov	No Mass
Wed 10 th Nov	9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown
Thur 11 th Nov	No Mass
Fri 12 th Nov	9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown

Weekend Mass

Sat 13 th Nov	No Mass
Sun 14 th Nov	10:00 am Mass – Fully Vax

Weekday Mass

Mon 15 th Nov	No Mass
Tue 16 th Nov	No Mass
Wed 17 th Nov	9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown
Thur 18 th Nov	No Mass
Fri 19 th Nov	9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown

Weekend Mass

Sat 20 th Nov	6:00 pm Mass – Fully Vax
Sun 21 st Nov	Confirmation Mass (Candidate Families only)

Weekday Mass

Mon 22 nd Nov	No Mass
Tue 23 rd Nov	No Mass
Wed 24 th Nov	9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown
Thur 25 th Nov	No Mass
Fri 26 th Nov	9:15 am Mass – Vax Unknown

Weekend Mass

Sat 27 th Nov	No Mass
Sun 28 th Nov	10:00 am Mass – Fully Vax

Reconciliation (1st Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 4th December 11:30 am – Vax Unknown

BOOKINGS FOR MASS SERVICES

Mass numbers are limited to 98 fully vaccinated people (1 person per 4 sqm), plus those necessary to conduct the service. We do not envisage going over that number so you will not need to book for Mass on those Sundays where we have indicated Fully Vax.

However, on the Saturday Mass where it is stated **Vax Unknown** we will be limited to 30 people, plus those needed to run the service and **you will need to book with Mary on 0484 332 397**. You will not need to book for weekday Mass services.

COVID Requirements

Everyone needs to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- Show your vaccination certificate – if attending a Fully Vaccinated Mass service.
- Wear a face mask
- Use hand sanitiser
- Maintain a social distancing (1.5m)

After each Mass service, cleaning has to take place, if you are able to assist that would be greatly appreciated.

Holy Souls Mass Envelopes

Envelopes for Masses for the Holy Souls for November are available please ask Trish or Mary for an envelope or collect them from the Narthex.

"It is holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46

Sandhurst Youth Music Ministry Workshop, Bendigo

Gen Bryant will be coming to Bendigo for Sandhurst Youth Ministry's first Music Ministry Workshop specifically for those aged 15-30 who would like to be more involved in, or even just learn a bit more about, Music Ministry!

The Workshop will cover two areas:

1. Music for Praise and Worship
2. Music for Liturgy

There'll also be lunch provided!

And if you attend you can also become part of our Sandhurst World Youth Day band and put the workshop into practice! This is an optional extra, but we hope you are even a little bit as excited as we are about the opportunity!

You will need to register to attend as we have limited spaces due to Covid-restrictions.

Email youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au to save yourself a space and get more information.

'Advent with Mary MacKillop'

The Education Team at MMHC will be delivering an online Advent reflection program consisting of 4 one-hour sessions that will be held on Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm on 24th November and the 1st, 8th and 15th December.

The sessions will be based on the Advent readings and will be combined with reflections on St Mary of the Cross.

Each session will incorporate aspects of the program Blessed. To register visit

<https://www.mmhc.org.au/advent-with-mary-mackillop/>

Access to sessions will be via a Teams link provided by MMHC after registering, where participants would be able to join using a computer, tablet or smart phone. It would be much appreciated if you would consider donating \$7.50 per session or \$25 for the 4 sessions

SANDHURST WORLD YOUTH DAY '21 - REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!!!

Are you planning on coming along in-person to Sandhurst World Youth Day on 20th November at St Kilian's, Bendigo (Ages 15-30)? Now is your chance to secure yourself and your friends a place! Have questions?

Keep an eye out for announcements on the Sandhurst Youth Ministry Instagram and Facebook pages over the next month as well let you know who will be there and what to expect. We have some fantastic guests lined up who we know you will be excited to see!

What to expect in a nutshell? Music, Workshops, a chance to BE WITH OTHER PEOPLE!!! and evening Mass to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The gate will open at 12:30 for a 1:30 start and we will keep on going until 8pm.

Can't make it to Bendigo? Make sure you subscribe to our YouTube Channel (Sandhurst Youth) and plan on watching the live-stream and follow along with Social Media on the day!

Register here: trybooking.com/BUXWA

"Letting God be in control of our life is scary"

FR SLAWEK PLONKA OMI

This week on the Journey (Ep 431)

On the Journey this week: Fr Slawek Plonka's gospel reflection and the widow's challenge to let go and let God. Mother Hilda on finding Christ right in front of us sometimes to our embarrassment. Fr Mike Delaney's Navy chaplain story. Plus, Darren McDowell in conversation with St Declan's parish (Penshurst, NSW) parishioners, Trish McCarthy on receiving a gift to share with others, and Pete Gilmore on getting rid of the keys to doors we no longer need. Plus, more great music! Visit www.jcr.org.au

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be confirmation Mass on Sunday 21st November. Due to limits on numbers only families of the candidates can attend on Sunday. We encourage all other parishioners to attend Mass on Saturday 20th November at 6pm, this will be a fully vaccinated Mass service.