



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 Jottings

Liturgical Movement II

This twentieth century movement was supported by various popes who since 1910 initiated renewal in the worship and sacraments of the church. The chief goals of the movement—the reform of all the rites to facilitate full, conscious, and active participation within the assembly, each one according to his or her role; the rediscovery of the whole community as co-offerers; the promotion of liturgical education, in the first instance in seminaries—were adopted in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican Council II. ... Yet future decades will continue to demand understanding and implementation of liturgical reforms, chiefly through catechesis of rites and their underlying theology. *New Dictionary of Catholic Spirituality* (1993) p 602.

Focus on the Readings

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 in the first reading, the Zarephath woman 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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Prayer for the Day

God, our provider, you are the orphan's hope and the widow's bread. Strengthen our faith, that with simplicity of heart we may come to trust in you alone and hold back nothing in serving you.

Words to Ponder

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. Was he angry with the lack of justice for the poor widow? Was he saddened by her plight? Does the emotion with which this passage change our understanding?

On the Lighter Side

Why did the scone break up with the muffin?
Because it found a butter half!
What did the scone say to the cup of tea?
'You're my perfect matcha!



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Kath Flanagan, Fr Les Ring, Carmel Casuscelli, Luke De Lai
	Our sick and their carers	Ellie Kleindienst, Sue McDonald

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Saturday 16 November 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
 Reader: Denice Bourke
 Gospel Procession: Mary Vraca
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
 Special Minister: Not required

Sunday 17 November 10:30am

All ministries organised by school for the Confirmation and First Eucharist Mass

Sunday 24 November 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Anne Marie Nihill
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller
 Gifts: De Lai Family
 Special Minister: Anna Ciavarella
Officiating Priest: Fr Michael Grace

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your parish.

Three Week Mass Timetable

Week Commencing 13th November

Weekday Masses

Wed 13 November 9:15am
 Fri 15 November 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sat 16 November 6:00pm
 Sun 17 November 10:30am Confirmation & First Eucharist (Bishop Shane & Fr Joe Taylor celebrating the Mass)

Weekday Masses

Wed 20 November 9:15am (Liturgy)
 Fri 22 November 9:15am (Liturgy)

Weekend Mass

Sun 24 November 10:30am (Fr Michael Grace)

Weekday Masses

Wed 27 November 9:15am (Liturgy)
 Fri 29 November 9:15am (Liturgy)

Weekend Mass

Sat 30 November 6:00pm
 Sun 1 December 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30pm
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$1279.00



Baptism

We congratulate Layla Mina Nilbett, daughter of Alison and Andrew on her Baptism this weekend and welcome her into our parish community.

May God bless you and keep you safe always.



Baptism Preparation meeting

The final Preparation meeting for 2024 will be on this Wednesday 13th November at 4:30pm in the Church.

Please contact Debbie Worm at Sacred Heart School to register 5824 1841.

NOVEMBER is traditionally the month in which we remember our loved ones who have passed away. *November Mass offerings envelopes are available in the Narthex.*

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS

Thank you to all those who attended the Annual Cemetery Mass yesterday.

Fr Uday will be away from November 17th to 29th November. The Bishop and Fr Joe Taylor will be officiating at the Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass on Sunday 17th November. There will be a Mass on Saturday 16th for those who are not part of the Sacramental Mass

Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.

Mark 12:43-44

Short Residential Retreats in Sandhurst

Take Time – to pray, to rest a while, to reconnect

The Sandhurst Retreat and Accompaniment Team (formed by Spiritual Directors, Mary Murphy, Mark Needham, Paul White, and Fran Smullen) offers Retreats in our Diocese at a minimal cost to groups or individuals. If interested contact: Sandhurst Retreat & Accompaniment Team.

E: retreatteaminfo@gmail.com

- **MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION:** Please return your envelopes in the collection plate.
- **Next Sunday is the Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass**, parishioners are asked to attend on Mass on Saturday evening if possible to have room for the 29 candidates and their families in the church. Thank you.

Please keep the students in the parish who are preparing for their Confirmation and First Eucharist on 17th November in your prayers.



*Ollie Chessells	*Gerard Farrow	*Mac Laidlaw
*Dante Matarese	*Grace Dickinson	*Michael Powles
*Alexa Mercuri	*Jackson Shearer	*Vivian Hippisley
*Alex Tartaglia	*Nikki Tartaglia	*Alfio Trazzera
*Eliza Murdoch	*Ari Ventura	*Olivia Collett
*Ash Tracey-Glover	*Emily Worm	*Stephanie Worm
*Marco Nigro	*Nate McConnaughie	*Mia Serhan-Baker
*Noah McConnaughie	*Elise Smith	*Alanah Mutimer
*Grace Spittles	*Olivia LoPiccolo	*Samuel Alampi
*Emerson Hudson	*Olivia Talarico	

The readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B challenge us to remember that all we have comes from God and to give generously.

The first reading depicts a widow who shares her meager resources with Elijah and is rewarded with abundance.

In the gospel, Jesus observes a poor widow who gives sacrificially from her poverty.

These readings invite reflection on themes such as counting our blessings, charity, service, generosity, trust in God, giving our whole heart, examining what we are holding back, and avoiding comparisons and looking down on others.

The readings emphasize faith, sacrifice, and trust in God. These themes help us reflect on our relationship with God and others.

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or contact Leslie Cooper E: Leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

PRAYER

Lord, help us to trust in You like the widow did. Guide us to give from our hearts without seeking honor or praise. May our faith be sincere and our sacrifices real. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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