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St Pius X Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

7 November 2021



Christ our Anchor

Manning Parish

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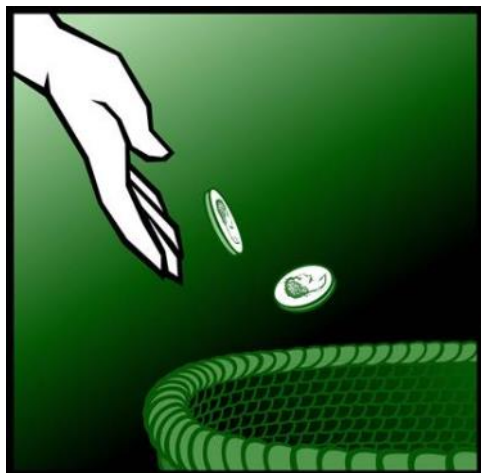
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New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



Frequently the Gospels present us with models of male disciples; a few Sundays ago we had blind Bartimaeus. This Sunday Jesus points to a woman, a widow, who gives all she has. The widow also serves as a Jesus figure for this chapter of Mark began with a parable about wicked tenants who kill the son of the land owner and this parable is a reflection of Jesus' own life. But Mark does not present Jesus as an unwilling victim of others, for Jesus has been speaking of 'giving his life as a ransom for many'. Jesus' death is the cost he is prepared to pay in order to witness to and teach about the gracious love of God for all people. In his death Jesus gives all he has. Just as Jesus taught the parable as a pointer to his approaching death, it is possible he saw in this widow's offering another sign of his own total self-giving.

She gives little – two small coins. But its value in Jesus' eyes is priceless. She offers all she has. During our day, it might appear that our lives are small, even our discipleship hardly noticeable, but this scene suggests that God sees things differently. God doesn't measure the amount, but the inner disposition of our hearts. During this month we remember the official Saints whose lives made the headlines. This widow was never canonised, in fact we don't even know her name, but this woman is the final model of discipleship whose actions are praised by Jesus and serve as an image of his own death.

The author of Hebrews is also interpreting Jesus' death as his means of entering into the heavenly sanctuary of God. On the Day of Atonement the high Priest enters into the inner sanctuary of the Temple, the Holy of Holies in order to make reparation for these sins of the people. He is the only one to enter the Holy of Holies, and only on this one day. The author likens this action to Jesus' passing through death into the presence of God. For his Jewish-Christian audience, such imagery would have helped to make sense of Jesus' death – why God allowed this to happen. Much of this sacrificial imagery is lost on us today, as we are unfamiliar with Jewish worship at the time of Jesus.

The context for this Gospel is most important for its interpretation. Jesus has now made the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. At the beginning of Mark 11 he arrives in Jerusalem and then teaches daily in the Temple. This journey will lead to his arrest and death and his teaching offers his disciples and listeners a preview, and interpretation of the meaning of his death

A theme of giving to God seems to open and close this section. The Tenants refuse to give the owner what belongs to him. The scribes go through a pretence of prayers but in not living out the great commandments they are not truly giving to God 'what belongs to God.' By contrast, a woman, a widow, one of the lowliest in society provides the model of truly giving to God.

In the Gospel last week we heard the great commandment: 'Hear O Israel, ... You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.' (5)

This poor widow demonstrates what loving with all your heart truly means when she surrenders all she has. Not only is she a model of discipleship, she also 'models' what Jesus will do in his Passion, when he will surrender all he has into the hands of God. This is why I suggest that this chapter interprets the meaning of the cross before the event happens.

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Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Ian Sydney-Smith	Jean Pavey
	Sun 7.30am	Caitlin Joseph	Br Basil Hickey
	Sun 9.00am	Ron Fris	Vincent Whyte
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		Terry & Meagan Scanlan	Sharon & Ryan Moore

Parish Calendar		
Nov Mon 8	8.00am	Communion Service (Week 32 in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Tue 9	8.00am	Mass (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica) Church
Wed 10	8.00am	Mass (St Leo the Great) Church
Thu 11	8.00am	Mass (St Martin of Tours) Church
Fri 12	8.00am	Mass (St Josaphat) Church
Sat 13	8.00am	Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Sun 14	7.30am	Sunday Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church



**Christmas Nativity Play
(for Christmas Eve mass)**

If you would like your child to be a part of the nativity play during the Children's Mass on Friday 24th Dec 7pm, please email Karen klmgonsalves@yahoo.com.au There will be rehearsals held on the three weekends in December



Father Patrick's birthday
There will be a morning tea on **Sunday, 14 November**

after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall to celebrate Fr Pat's birthday

Please bring a plate to share.



Carpark closed
Marking of parking bays and installation of wheel bumpers will take place on Monday, 8 November

Sorry for the inconvenience



Tai Chi Group
Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
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**Seniors Gathering
Christmas Lunch**
Thursday 16 December 2021
12 to 2pm

If you are interested please put your name and contact details on the list which will be provided soon

MORNING TEA
Morning tea **WILL NOT BE HELD** this Sunday 7th November after the 9.00am Mass.



See Fr Patrick's birthday notice
All are welcome



**The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink
Next weekend on 13/14 November 2021**

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First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

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

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

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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

Hebrews 9:24-28

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

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

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.'

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?

Next Sunday Readings

14 November 2021

33rd Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

CHILDREN'S CORNER



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?

