

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

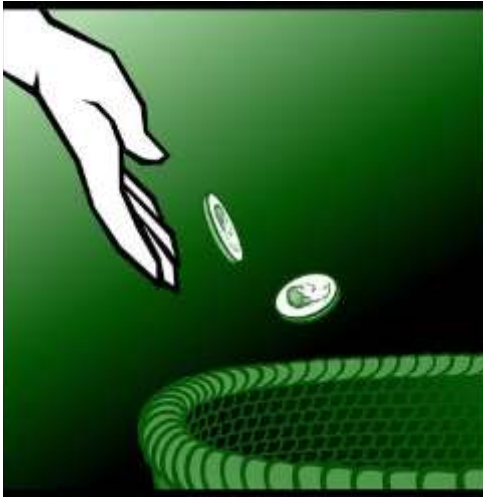
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### Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



verses of the psalm testify to the glory of this God who reigns forever from the very hill that is at the centre of the lives of the people. Such a God surely deserves praise.

The argument in the second reading plays on the difference between the true sanctuary and the one patterned after it. It claims that while high priests performed their sacrificial duties in the earthly temple, the exalted Jesus entered the true sanctuary. It insists that the cultic system, established to enable people to participate in cosmic events by re-enacting them, was only able to actualise those events for a short time. This explains why the ritual of the Day of Atonement was re-enacted year after year. In contrast to this, Jesus offered himself once for all. His sacrifice, like all cosmic acts, was unrepeatable. Earthly ritual may re-enact his sacrifice, but there is no need for Jesus himself to repeat it.

In the gospel, Jesus condemns ostentation. Some men wore religious robes in public, hoping that people would consider them prayerful. Others sought the most important seats in the synagogue or at banquets. Still others made sure that their temple offerings were acknowledged. In contrast to this, Jesus pointed out the offering of a poor widow. She offered the smallest coins in circulation at that time, but she gave out of the generosity of her heart. Jesus spoke of the source of the offering. The wealthy donated from their surplus, what they did not need. The woman gave what she herself needed. Her total giving implied absolute trust in God. The passage that opened with a condemnation of the false piety of the unscrupulous, closes with praise of the genuine piety of the simple.

The woman in the first reading has very few resources to call upon. Despite the fact that she is a widow, she is still required by custom to provide hospitality to whoever approaches her, regardless of the cost this might exact of her. She followed the word of the prophet, and God's word came to pass. Her miraculous supply of flour and oil lasted for a year. In her oath, she had declared that Elijah's God lives. She made this proclamation in the face of what appeared to be inevitable death. The miracle showed the woman that this God who lives can and will grant life even in the face of death.

The psalm is a hymn of praise of the Lord – Hallelujah in Hebrew. The word is used as a refrain, a response to a series of statements that offer examples of God's indescribable graciousness. 'God of Jacob' (v.7) refers to the special protection that was given to the ancestor after whom the nation was named. God's graciousness to the vulnerable is next extolled (vv.8-9). The final verse praises God as sovereign and eternal ruler in Jerusalem. All of the

### Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Lifelink

9/10 November 2024

You will find Special Appeal Collection Envelopes on pews this weekend. Please lend your support and enthusiasm to the launch of this Christmas Appeal.

### SPX Safeguarding Officers

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11am Chinese Mass

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### Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

## 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

Ps 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

Matthew 5:3

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary time - 17 Nov 2024

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32


## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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



| ROSTER            |            | Weekend of 9/10 November | Weekend of 16/17 November |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Special Ministers | Sat 6.00pm | Maria Edith Handojo      | Maria Edith Handojo       |
|                   | Sun 7.30am | John Miles               | John Miles                |
|                   | Sun 9.00am | Mary Webster             | Mary Webster              |
| Readers           | Sat 6.00pm | Ian Sydney-Smith         | Pam Vincent               |
|                   | Sun 7.30am | David Jenaway            | Jeevan Joseph             |
|                   | Sun 9.00am | Rosa Denobrega           | Corrie Barnes             |
| Counters          |            | H & F Tay                | Terry & Meagan Scanlan    |

| St Pius X Church Masses |         |   |
|-------------------------|---------|---|
| Nov Mon 11              | 8.00am  | Communion Service                           |
| Tue 12                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time)             |
| Wed 13                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time)             |
| Thu 14                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time)             |
| Fri 15                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time)             |
| Sat 16                  | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 32 in Ordinary Time)             |
|                         | 6.00pm  | Vigil Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time)   |
| Sun 10                  | 7.30am  | Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time)         |
|                         | 9.00am  | Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time)         |
|                         | 11.00am | Chinese Mass (33rd Sunday in Ordinary time) |




**Line Dancing Classes**

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**Tai Chi Group**

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm  
All parishioners are most welcome  
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838



**Catholic Youth Ministry**  
**Sunday**  
**24.11.2024**

Catholic Youth Ministry Perth invites you to join us for the Christ the King Youth Festival at St Mary's Cathedral. This special day not only commemorates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe but is also an annual diocesan celebration, instigated by Pope Francis for World Youth Day around the world. This is a free event that will include Mass to celebrate youth in our Archdiocese with a special blessing, along with a range of festival activities held on the Cathedral grounds, including live music, expo stands, food trucks and various other activities. St Mary's Cathedral Victoria Square, Perth

Sunday 24th November 2024  
5pm to 9pm  
(Mass at 5pm Youth Festival 6pm to 9pm)  
<https://christtheking.cym.com.au>  
**FREE ENTRY**

**Little Sisters of the Poor**

Little Sisters of the Poor, together with their Residents at Glendalough would like to thank all parishioners for their generous support at all Masses last weekend

The week-end collection amounted to a total of \$4,445.74

**Volunteers required**  
**We are in the throes of preparing rosters for 2025**

Those on existing rosters will remain however new volunteers are required for all ministries

If you would like to volunteer please put your name and contact number on the relevant form provided in the foyer

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3.00 pm


Please join us NEXT Sunday at 3.00pm



**2025 Sacraments Schedules**

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - [manningparish.org.au/sacraments](http://manningparish.org.au/sacraments) - so that we can organise the preparation for them

**For any enquiries, please see Fr Anthony Vu**



**Catholic Mission & the Centre for Liturgy** invites us all to the 2024 Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery. Titled

**'A Season for Hope'**  
St Mary's Cathedral  
Monday 25 November  
6.30pm for a 7pm start

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