



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

10 NOVEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, /
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

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.

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REFLECTION: Helping the Ungrateful. Imagine for a moment that you as a good Christian person are trying to care for a sick person in your neighbourhood. Every day you take a bowl of soup or other healthy sustenance to them, and they speak great praise of you every time you come. They thank you; they tell you how appreciative they are of you. You are naturally going to feel valued, and you will want to come back the next day and give them more nourishing soup and food. Yet imagine one day you turn up; they take the soup out of your hands and pick up a shoe and throw it at you, then start swearing, cursing you; telling you to keep coming back the next day with more food, but make it very clear that you shall never receive any thanks for what you are doing. How long will this have to happen before you give up in helping them, before you realise that there are other people who are in more need and who will show more appreciation. It is a natural thing of how we operate as human beings. One of the great writers of the Church Catherine of Sienna describes this as 'mercenary love'. Just as mercenary is a paid soldier who fights for only what they are going to gain she says, 'This way

of love is not true love at all.' I am only loving because what I am going to get back whether it be a smile, a thank you or a praise. As soon as that thanksgiving dries up, my love dries up as well. St Catherine suggests to us that 'true love' is when we keep going back, no matter how many times this person throws their shoe at us, no matter how many times they curse us, because that is what Christ did. But even when we are killing Him upon the cross, even when the whole of humanity rejected Him, he continued to love. He loved when there was no benefit, when there was nothing in return. That is the call of Christ, that is what it means to follow the invitation of Jesus.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK IS BEING HELD THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE THIS WEEKEND: If you did not collect the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass last weekend, please collect one as you leave the Church today or use one of the special giving envelopes which have been provided on the pews today. We urge you to give generously to help the work of our Archdiocesan agencies which reach out to care for our brothers and sisters struggling in the community. Please mail your gift

in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation to the parish at any time over the coming weeks.

JOINT INITIATIVE BETWEEN CATHOLIC EDUCATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA (CEWA) and ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SBD: We are excited to announce that our parish will be sharing a short video filmed by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe highlighting the essential role Catholic schools have played in West Australian communities for over 150 years. This video emphasises the accessibility and affordability of Catholic education, reassuring prospective parents that there is a Catholic school to meet every child's needs. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to this important cause. Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to providing affordable, Christ-centred, and child focused education for all families.

2025 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS: Are on sale for **\$10 each** from the Parish Office. The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar.

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<p>RECONCILIATION - Saturday's: 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.</p>
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HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9 November to Friday 15 November 2024

Saturday 9 November

9am: Holy Souls

6pm Mass: Holy Souls

Sunday 10 November

7.30am Mass: For the People

9am Mass: Holy Souls

Tuesday 12 November

9am Mass: Holy Souls

Wednesday 13 November

9am Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 14 November

9am Mass: Holy Souls

Friday 15 November

9am Mass: Holy Souls

LOST PROPERTY: Dear Parishioners, please do not leave personal affects unattended during Mass and ensure that you collect all your items before leaving the church building.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you

to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Veronica-Marie, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Martin-Joseph, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Damien-Ivan, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Zoe-Anne, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Kiara-Eve, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Fr Greg Carroll, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot, Fr John Piumatti, Fr Don Kettle, Mila Hogan, Mara Ravlich, Fr Vittorio Ricciardi, Lloyd Smith, Tegan Colgan.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

This poor widow has put in more 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 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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



GIVING ALL

The high cost of living is a constant lament today, but being poor seems a timeless condition. Despite efforts over thousands of years, poverty has never been eradicated. Yet our readings today speak of great generosity that emerges out of poverty. Our first reading tells of Elijah asking a widow for a little water and a scrap of bread. He asks this of one with so little: a handful of meal and a little oil. Her willingness to share brings about a miracle.

This widow is paired with another unnamed widow in today's Gospel. The term 'widow' could describe a woman without a husband, father, or male relative. As such, she had no means of financial support. These widows are among the poorest of the poor. At the treasury, this widow is observed as most generous. We are invited to see what Jesus sees as he sits opposite – rich people putting in large contributions and one widow putting in two small coins, translated in Greek as two *lepta*, but understood as two bronze mites of Judea that are the smallest denomination. In Australia there is no longer a one cent coin but that might be a fair comparison.

The point is that these two mites are all the widow has. She does not hold back; she gives all. She gives her whole life and is a model for the disciples. Jesus is moving toward his passion and death where he will give everything, and his disciples are being asked to do the same, trusting in God. What about us?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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