



## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 November 2021

### readings

#### Next Week—33rd Sunday

Dan 12: 1-3  
Heb 10: 11-14, 18  
Mk 13: 24-32

#### in a nutshell

*She has put in everything she had.* Jesus had little time for the unholy trinity of conspicuous wealth, self-righteousness and ostentatious piety. He suggests that, when we give alms, we 'do not sound a trumpet before [us]' (Mt 6:2). According to St Ambrose, 'God does not consider what one gives but what he keeps.' could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

#### we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, Maureen O'Kane, Kaye Law, Fay Grant, Bernie Reed.

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

#### of special note

November Masses for deceased loved ones.

*More information inside*

### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

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

#### Psalms Response

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

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.)

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.)

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.)

#### Gospel acclamation

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

#### 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.

### The Parish of St Mary's

Parish Priest  
REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary  
Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours  
Thursday  
9:00am-4:00pm

#### Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass  
Saturday—5:00pm  
Sunday—10:30am & 5:00pm

#### Weekday Mass & Rosary

Tuesday—9:00am  
Thursday—9:00am  
Friday—9:00am

*Rosary prayed before morning Mass*

#### Reconciliation

Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm  
Friday—8:00am-8:45am

#### Exposition

Friday at 8:00am

#### Weddings

*Please contact the office*

#### Baptisms

*Please see Father after Mass*

#### Parish Primary School

Principal: Angela Glennie

Website:  
[smmoutevelyn.catholic.edu.au](http://smmoutevelyn.catholic.edu.au)

### **Do you need a Helping Hand?**

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330  
Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm, St Mary's Conference 0427 874 374 or John Bird 0407 848 192

**Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday please**  
[muntevelyn@cam.org.au](mailto:muntevelyn@cam.org.au)

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:  
<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

### **Something to make you smile!**

A punter who frequented Flemington in Spring was ill and couldn't go to the races. He sent a friend around to his doctor to ask him to come by for a home consultation. However, the punter was surprised when a different doctor arrived. Afterwards, he asked his friend what had happened and why his usual doctor didn't turn up.

The friend said, "Well, there were a lot of brass plates on the doors at the doctor's surgery and when I got to the number you gave me it said 'Consultations 11-12'. But the one next door was offering 'Consultations 10-1' and I knew you'd want the one with the best odds."

## **Parish Notices**

### **November Masses**

Names of deceased loved ones can be written in the Prayer Book which will be placed on the Sanctuary for the month of November. Names can be added throughout the month. Masses throughout November will be offered for the repose of their souls. Envelopes are available if you wish to make an offering.

### **Leaving Collection next weekend - Catholic Deaf Appeal**

Your donation will:

- Provide support to Deaf families through counselling and social gatherings.
- Assist in maintaining a community centre for all deaf people and their families.
- Assist in offering liturgies, visitation of the sick and sacramental preparation in Auslan.
- Support deaf people whose needs do not conform to Government funding guidelines or disability criteria.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **Re-Imagining our Local Church as Mission Communities**

The Way of the Gospel—the path of missionary discipleship—has always been adapted by every generation to fit the local circumstances. How this is arranged has varied according to time and place. How might our local communities of faith continue to address the missionary call of the Gospel into the future? How might we invite people into the fullness of the Gospel of life, and do so with a sense of vibrancy and vitality? For more information on Take The Way of the Gospel, visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/about/take-the-way-of-the-gospel>

### **Time to Plant Tomatoes!**

St Vincent de Paul are again selling Tomato plants at \$3 each there are 8 varieties they are Grosse Lisse, Beef Steak, Bucci, Tiny Tom, Sweet Bite, Black Russian, San Marzano Roma and Ox Heart. To order please contact Alan on 9735 5436 or e-mail [asom9346@bigpond.net.au](mailto:asom9346@bigpond.net.au) and we will advise you when we have your order

### **The Eucharist**

Worship, glory, praise and honour

To our God, high-throned above:

We, with many generations

Join to praise thy name of love.

In the scriptures, by the Spirit,  
May we see the Saviour's face,  
Hear his word and heed his calling,  
Know his will and grow in grace.

*(A Breviary Hymn from the Liturgy of the Hours. "The Prayer of the Church, with Christ and to Christ")*

Adoration, Friday mornings 8:00am. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

## Stewardship Corner

I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

St Marys Church Account: BSB 083 347 account number 648531736. Ref THK and Surname

## Synod of Bishops - For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission Consultation Sessions

In dioceses around the world, a period of local consultation has begun as part of a two-year process culminating in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. The Church in Melbourne join the rest of the world in embarking on an intentional process of mutual listening that will span two years and engage people in a journey of communion, participation and mission. Please join in the diocesan consultation sessions being held in the coming week:

### DISCERNMENT FOCUS: COMMUNION

Tuesday 9 November, 7.30-9pm OR Wednesday 10

November, 11am-12.30pm (repeated sessions)

Sessions will be hosted online (via zoom) and registration is essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVEVZ>

Visit the [Melbourne Catholic Website](#) to learn more or provide an individual submission.

## Covid Safe Environment

It is expected that Covid regulations are followed by each person therefore make sure you are signed in (preferably using QR code), sanitize, maintain socially distancing, and follow Covid guidelines as directed by the CHO. Obligation to attend Mass continues to be waived by the Archbishop so if you are concerned about your health continue to watch the Mass live from the [Archdiocese YouTube Channel](#) or live on Channel 31(digital 44) at 11:00am on Sundays.

## Special Collections

Due to the extended Lockdown the special collections scheduled for August/September could not take place (for the second year in a row); Catholic Care, Priests' Retirement Fund, Melbourne Overseas Mission

These organisations rely on the generosity of parishioners across the Archdiocese. Envelopes are available in the foyer for each of these appeals please feel free to take one home and either return directly to the Charity or to the parish.

# Readings Reflection

## [The Widows' Faith](#)

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see Galatians 5:6). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the Cross.

Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the Cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see Isaiah 53:12).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see 2 Corinthians 9:6–7)?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

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# We Must Know Our End

The life story of any individual or community gets its meaning, point, and purpose from its end. So to know what kind of story we are in, to know what is the “meaning of life”, we must know our end.

The Church tells us our end. It is one with our origin. In the words of the old Baltimore Catechism, “God made me to know him, love him, and serve him in this world and to be happy with him forever in the next.”

What does the Church tell us about life after death? Her teaching is summarized in the “Four Last Things”: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. But even humanity outside the Church instinctively knows something about these four things. Life’s one certainty is death. Everyone knows this, though not everyone knows what comes next.

Nearly all religions, cultures, and individuals in history have believed in some form of life after death. For man’s innate sense of justice tells him that there must be an ultimate reckoning, that in the final analysis no one can cheat the moral law and get away with it or suffer undeserved injustices throughout life and not be justly compensated. And since this ultimate justice does not seem to be accomplished in this life, there must be “the rest of the story”. This instinctive conviction that there must be a higher, more-than-human justice is nearly universal. Thus the second of the Four Last Things, judgment, is also widely known. As Scripture says, “Whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (Heb 11:6). And most men do “draw near to God”; most men have a religion; most men believe that God justly “rewards those who seek him”.

Most men also know that justice distinguishes the good from the evil and, therefore, that after death there must be separate destinies for us, rewards for good and punishments for evil. Thus mankind also usually believes in some form of heaven and hell.

What the Church adds to this universal human wisdom—what man could not discover without divine revelation—centers in Christ. The Church gives a radically sharper focus to mankind’s instinctive but vague sense of justice by telling us about God, and then gives an even sharper focus to our knowledge of God by showing us Christ.

This applies to the final judgment too. It is an encounter with Christ. For a. “ ‘At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love’ ”. b. And our love is a response to God’s love, which was given to us in Christ. c. Therefore the standard at the final judgment is Christ. Like life, judgment is Christocentric. “In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself”, “the truth of each man’s relationship with God will be laid bare”.

“Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ”.

In this judgment, “[e]ach man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—whether through a purification” [purgatory] “or immediately—or immediate and everlasting damnation”, hell.

There are only two eternal destinies: heaven or hell, union or disunion with God, the one and only ultimate source of all goodness and joy. Each one of us will be either with God or without him forever.

There is no reincarnation, no “second chance” after time is over. There is no annihilation, no end of the soul’s existence. There is no change of species from human being to angel or to anything else.

The particular judgment occurs immediately after each individual’s death. The general judgment takes place at the end of all time and history.

So the scenario of final events is: (a) first, death; (b) then, immediately, the particular judgment; (c) then, either hell, or purgatory as preparation for heaven, or heaven; (d) and, at the end of time, the general judgment; (e) and the “new heavens and new earth” for those who are saved.

God created the earth, loved it into existence, and declared it good. He made us its custodians, and we failed. But despite our sin, God will restore the earth in the end. “The universe itself will be renewed ... ‘in the glory of heaven... [T]ogether with the human race, the universe itself, which is so closely related to man and which attains its destiny through him, will be perfectly re-established in Christ’ ”. “Sacred Scripture calls this mysterious renewal, which will transform humanity and the world, ‘new heavens and a new earth’ [2 Pet 3:13; cf. Rev 21:1]”.