



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th November 2021

Real giving comes from a heart full of gratitude...

There was once a wise woman traveling in the mountains who found a precious stone in a stream. She took it and placed it in her little bag along with the other personal items. The next day she met another traveller who was hungry, and she opened her bag to share her food with him. This hungry traveller saw the precious stone in her bag and asked her if she might give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveller left, rejoicing in his good fortune for having secured an expensive precious stone. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But soon he discovered that he was unable to sleep for fear that someone might rob him of the stone. He did not know where to hide it and spent a few sleepless nights. Then he came back to the wise woman after a few days and returned the precious stone to her and said: 'I've been thinking and I know how valuable the stone is; but I'm giving it back in the hope that you can give me something much more precious. I want you to give me that strength and grace you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone without hesitation, to which she replied "The more you share... The more you grow..."'

In the Gospel Jesus says, in effect, "Give from the heart." The widow's offering to the Temple seemed small compared with the other donors, but it was priceless in value. Gifts from ordinary people support many projects and causes in the Catholic Church, just as they kept the Jerusalem temple going in Jesus' day. It is a strange, but at the same time common truth, that generosity is more widespread among those who have little to spare than among those who have lots of money and property. But let's recall today that all donations made for the glory of God share in Jesus warm praise of the woman who "gave all she had to live on"

This story invites us to examine the quality of giving in our lives — not just to Church collections, but to whatever worthy cause attracts our attention and our empathy. More than once, Jesus spoke about this subject. Not only should the gift be made with a generous heart, but as far as possible in an anonymous way, so that "the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing." Giving should be done because it is right, with the intention of pleasing God rather than winning credit or praise from others. And the more it costs us in personal terms — giving up some of our time, or our comfort, for something worthwhile — the more it is part of the one great sacrifice of Christ, who gave Himself totally for us.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: 1 Kg 17:10-16 – The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah.

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Bless the Lord, my soul, who heals the broken hearted.

Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28 – Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Mark 12:38-44– The poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

The basic difference between God and Human is God gives, gives, gives and FOR-GIVES. While human gets, gets, gets, but FOR-GETS



Next week's Readings

First: Dan 12:1-3

Second: Heb 10:11-14

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Roster	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Suzy P (2nd) Tom M (Welcome & POF) Don F	8:00am (1st) Loretta M (2nd) Jane W (Welcome & POF) Therese T	Counting Group 2
13 th & 14 th November	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Anne-Maree C	8:00am Anthony W	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Chris M

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

We are called to be apostles of unity, ourselves living in, and calling others to, communion with Christ in His Body, the Church. May we seek out opportunities to proclaim this message.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: John Jorna, Agatha Ravaneschi, Liana Lo Presti, Andrew Hodgson, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Gina Basso, Carmel Hickey.

Anniversaries & Remembrances November: Joan Brown, Michele Battel, Fiore Santarossa, Kathleen Wellington, Richard Wellington, Mona Irving, Anita Shellard, Paul Hayes, Catherine Moore, Michael Peterson, Brian Mullan, Damian Graves, Freda Graves, Ralph White, Anthony Lock, Greg Lawler, David Lopez, Clarence Wilcox, Doreen Heift, Frank Webb, Bill Maclean, Danuta Plantos, Georgina Fleming, Gordon Fleming, Geraldene Barry, Danuta Kupidura, Bill Conway, Emilia Battel, Marian Dodunski, Linda Pasqualini, Arthur Irving, Denise Irving, Raymond Vagg, Anthony Chivers, Steven Brigg, Phillip Phillips, Joseph Camilleri, Josephine Romero, Alex Parlato, Alice Harney, Vincenza Sciacca, Felix Aguiar, Irene Rynne, Veronica Brown, Franseco Santarossa, Peter McGleeson, Amanda Bell, Jane Swann, William Groeger, Edward Briggs, Margaret Duncan, Tom Gall, Bruce Molloy, Mary Boyd, Hugh Kearney, Kevin Gilhooley, Nono Antonio, Rosmer Cartagena, Celena McGovern, Tarcisio Ragagnin, Dave Smith, Rita Fantov, John Richardson, Ian Raumer, Marie Steele, Bill & Martha Kluck, Anastacia Weiland, departed family and friends of Tess Zwolak, Sr. Joe Maria. C.M.C (sister of Father Dantus). **Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk**

The following restrictions as at 8th October (still current):

You must wear a face mask at all times when you are indoors, including workplaces when you are unable to stay 1.5 metres away from people who are not from your household unless:

- you are seated
- you are at your residence
- you are eating or drinking
- you are a patron inside a hospitality venue such as a café or restaurant
- you are inside a sports stadium
- it is unsafe to wear a mask.

* **Livestream Mass: Cathedral Livestream** <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Support Your Parish: Thank you so much to all the Parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are as follows: **BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027 Account Name: Birkdale Parish**

Planned Giving (this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank). Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

Book of Remembrance The Book of Remembrance is located at the entrance to the Church. Each Parishioner is welcome to inscribe the names of loved ones who are deceased. These loved ones/special intentions are remembered in prayer each day during the Month of November.

Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place at Masses on the weekend of 20th and 21st of November.

EAST TIMOR RAFFLE We will be running a raffle for some much needed funds and would love your support if you are able to donate prizes. In particular, we are looking for some special prizes (perhaps supporting a local business). Some suggested prizes could include: Restaurant vouchers, tourist / leisure activities, beauty / pamper products, Gold Class Movie tickets, gourmet food items, a special bottle of something, air fryer, coffee maker etc. If you would like to discuss any prize or sponsorship, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. You can also drop in your prize donation to the Parish Office or place in the basket when arriving at Mass. Tickets will be on sale at Masses. Many Thanks for your support.

Advent Books *The Little Blue Books* are available to help us pray and reflect in preparation of Christmas. **Books are \$5.00 each.**

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First Reading: A reading from the first book of the Kings

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.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.'

Parish Diary:

Monday 8th November

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group
2:00pm Conversation Group

Tuesday 9th November

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 10th November

St Leo the Great

7:30am HEARTfit
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 11th November

St Martin of Tours

9:45am Mass at Dutch Village
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 12th November

St Josaphat

9:00am Rosary
9:30am Mass

Saturday 13th November

3:00pm Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 14th November

8:00am Mass
10:00am Golf at Howeston