

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

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put more in 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

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice.

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honor and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.



Parish Bulletin

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B **9/10 Nov 2024**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal 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 me 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
Psalm 145:7-10

SECOND READING
Hebrews 9:24-28

Response:

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**

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.

The word of the Lord

This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

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 one keeps.' Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability. Please help provide families with food, water, and medical care.

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Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal
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Parish Children's Liturgy
If you know of any children between the ages of 3-10 who would benefit from attending our Children's Liturgy, please speak to their parents and encourage them to attend. For more information, please contact Anne Dudzinski, 0418 847 804.



Workshop Opportunity: Walk for Life - founding director Mrs Jodie Pickard will be speaking to us about "What it means to love life"

What does it mean to love life? – Please come to the Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide on Wednesday November 27 at 6pm -7.30pm to hear founding director of Love Australia, Mrs Jodie Pickard, talk about the upcoming WALK FOR LIFE event to be held on the second Saturday in February 2025. (For more information, please contact the office of Justice Healing and Inclusion at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School
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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—16/17 Nov 2024
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Michelle Page
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Woitd Antonetta Bartley
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	2/3 NOV 2024
Open Plate	\$605.55
Planned Giving	\$550.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,155.55

ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING
October 2024: \$2,333.00



November Mass for Deceased

The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the prayers for the deceased. Please collect the November envelopes and write the names of your loved ones you wish to pray for. A daily mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025

If You have children who would want to enrol in the Sacramental Program in 2025, please contact the Parish Office on 8431 6932 or email info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au. on or before Thursday 14th Nov 2024.



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:
Maria Bien

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.



Pope Francis @pontifex

The Saints are precious pearls and are always living and relevant because they provide a fascinating commentary on the Gospel. Their lives are an illustration of the Good News that Jesus brought to humanity: God is our Father, who loves everyone with boundless love.

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$824.70

Morning Tea

This Sunday
10th Nov after 9:30am
holy mass
All are welcome!



PARISH NOTICES

**Finance Officer—
Part Time Position—6 hours per week—Mon & Tue**

Tranmere Catholic Parish is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Finance Officer who will ensure the financial operations of the Parish are managed and reported in an efficient, accurate and timely manner. The successful applicant will report to the Parish Priest and the Parish Finance Council.

Advanced practical skills in the use of the Microsoft Office suite and relevant financial packages, including MYOB are required.

The Finance Officer will possess excellent communication skills, and have the ability to achieve strict deadlines with meticulous attention to detail and accuracy.

The successful applicant will be strongly committed to the Catholic ethos.

Applications should be emailed to Fr Roy John Elavumkal, Parish Priest, Tranmere Parish, at parishpriest@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au by Friday, November 22, 2024.

Employment with the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is conditional upon a successful Working with Children Clearance and successful reference checks.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Child Safe Organisation.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

A Celebration of Christmas - Christmas Concert

The Metropolitan Male Choir of South Australia presents a Celebration of Christmas Concert at the Eleder Hall, University of Adelaide, North Terrace 5000, on the evening of Saturday December 14 at 7.30pm.

Justice for Refugees SA AGM 2024

All are welcome to the J4RSA AGM 2024. Guest speaker, **Mayor of the City of Onkaparinga Moira Were AM**, will discuss the role local government can play in creating a more welcoming and inclusive community for refugees and asylum seekers in Australia. The evening will conclude with a facilitated group discussion on the present work and priorities of J4RSA and our future focus in the lead up to next year's federal election.

Wednesday November 13 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Effective Living Centre 26 King William Rd, Wayville SA 5034. To book and more information RSVP: <https://events.humanitix.com/j4rsa-agm-2024>

World Community for Christian Meditation Australia - Advent Twilight Retreat

You are invited to begin your Advent at our Advent Twilight Retreat—**THE WAY OF LOVE**. On Friday evening, November 29, 6pm–8pm, with coffee, snacks and book sales at 5.30pm. At St Theodore's Anglican Church Hall, 46 Prescott Terrace, Toorak Gardens. In a time of quiet, we will meditate together, pray together, reflect on Scripture using *Lectio Divina*, and walk contemplatively together. Please bring your own cup. A donation for the WCCM A National Appeal would be appreciated.

Churches Together Thanksgiving Service

Churches Together SA invite you to a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday November 30, 9.30am at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide. Morning tea will follow the Service.

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!

By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card.

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The Kids' Bulletin
giving to god



In today's first reading we hear about a widow who was asked to give away all the food she had. In the Gospel Jesus points out a woman who put all her money into the Temple treasury.

It pleases God when He sees us sharing what we have with the poor and the Church. But do you think He wants us to give everything away?

Everything we have comes from God and He wants us to use it well. That's called being a good steward. It means using what we need for ourselves, but making sure that we always give to the Church and those in need.



What would a bad steward do?

How can you be a good steward with your money?



Answers to True or False: 1. True, 2. False, 3. False, 4. True, 5. True, 6. True, 7. False.

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SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE
NOVEMBER 14



SAINT LAWRENCE O'TOOLE WAS GENEROUS AND MADE SACRIFICES TO KEEP PEACE BETWEEN KINGS AND NATIONS. GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH EACH OTHER. SOMETIMES WE NEED TO MAKE SACRIFICES TO KEEP PEACE IN OUR FAMILIES AND WITH OUR FRIENDS. DO YOU?