

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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10 NOVEMBER 2024

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

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.

■ The word of the Lord.



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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th Nov 2024)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 10th November 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 9th November	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 10th November 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 11th November St Martin of Tours		
Tuesday 12th November St Josaphat	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 13th November All Saints of OSA	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 14th November 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 15th November 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 16th November 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass	



NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.

This is the time of year we especially remember those dear to us who have died and whom we commend to the Lord in our Masses and Prayers.
 The **Book of Remembrance** and **November Envelopes** are in the churches for your use.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **RCIA Thursday** 7pm Parish Centre
- ▶ **Finance Meeting:** Tues 12 Nov 4pm
- ▶ **Parish Council:** Wed 13 Nov 7pm
- ▶ **Remembrance Mass:** Friday 22 Nov 10am
- ▶ **Parish BBQ:** Sunday 24th November
- ▶ **Volunteers** Christmas Party Tue 3 Dec 6pm

ST AUGUSTINE - St Monica's last request



"Bury my body wherever you will; let it not cause you any concern. All I ask you is that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

(from the Confessions)

PARISH TAP POINT TERMINALS



Two of our older 3-G terminals have been replaced and will be introduced in a few days. Thank you for your

understanding and continuing support.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mito Gloude-mans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On Friday 22nd November at 10am in St Joseph's Church and prayers afterwards in the Tolentine Memorial Garden to remember those commemorated in the garden and all deceased parishioners. All are welcome to attend. St Nicholas of Tolentine (Augustinian Saint) is the patron saint of the Holy Souls.

PARISH BAPTISMS

We welcome the family and friends of Gregory Marsh & Ruairi Caplice who are to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



KOREAN CHOIR

The Korean Catholic Community Choir of Mt Waverley will join us at St Joseph's 10.30am mass next Sunday 17th November.

PASTORAL CARE APPEAL

Donations to the Catholiccare appeal will ensure that Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue their work supporting some of the most vulnerable individuals and families. Donation envelopes are available.

MASS COLLECTIONS 3/11/2024

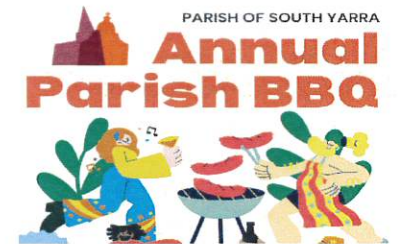
Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 734.25
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 383.65
Envelopes.....	\$ 60.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 710.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 495.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	



IN LOVING MEMORY

Anniversaries

- * Karen Marshall
- * Augustine McCormick
- * Kathleen Huggins
- * Alba Marina Gonzalez
- * Caterina Muratore
- * Denis O'Brien
- * Palepa Iaone
- * Mea Camille
- * Natalie Giofre
- * Helen Sutton



November 24th 12 Noon.
Tickets are on sale from this weekend.
Single Ticket - \$15 + 2 Raffle Tickets
Family Ticket (2 Parents + 2 Children) - \$30 + 4 Raffle Tickets
Extra Raffle Tickets - 5 tickets for \$10
 Volunteers are needed to help with ticket sales, catering, entertainment, cooking, setting up and cleaning. Please contact the parish office for details.