



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

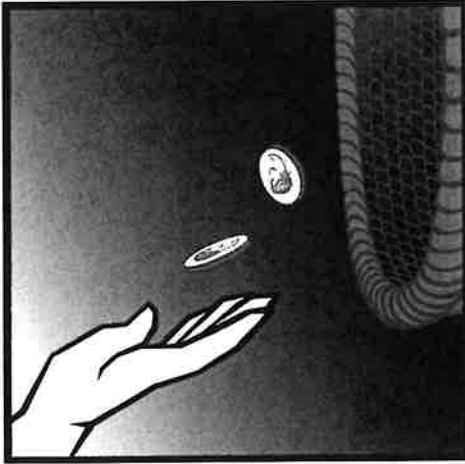
The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be undone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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Gospel Mk 12:38-44

or (shorter form Mk 12:41-44)

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 to 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.'

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 10 November 2024

First Reading 1 Kgs 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 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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. 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.)

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

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.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Maria Attard (in Malta)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anthony Doan, Maria Frachea

ANNIVERSARIES

Adrian Cervetto, Michelle Mojzes, Vincenzo Scolla, Vincenza Pitruzzello

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 17th November

Maisie Benstead

Nikolas Bilos

Gemma & Thomas Sigiovanni

Please pray for these children & their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday, 12th November in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm. Enquiries: Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 11 Nov St Martin of Tours
Tuesday 12 Nov St Joseph

ARCHDIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for vacancies in the Archdiocese. Further details of positions can be found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

PARISH NEWS

2025 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

Calendars are available for purchase after Mass or from the Parish Office - \$10 each.

PETER KEARNEY CONCERT REFLECTIONS

'Signs of Hope – People of Faith'

Tuesday 19th November, 7.00-8.30pm at St Vincent de Paul Church, Strathmore.

Sunday 24th November, 2.00pm-3.30pm at Our Lady of Nativity Church, Aberfeldie.

Free Concert. Donations Welcome. Light refreshments provided.

CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRY

On Sunday 10 November, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work of prison chaplains.

CatholicCare Victoria's (CCV) Prison Ministry supports thousands of vulnerable, isolated and marginalised people in all 15 prisons and correctional centres in Victoria Under the leadership of Sr Mary O'Shannassy SGS, the prison chaplaincy team listens, prays and brings hope and courage each day to more than 5,000 people across 10 prisons within the region. Sr Mary says it is 'a privilege' to serve in prison ministry. If you would like to donate go to

www.catholiccarevic.org.au



A Prayer for the Month of November

God of Compassion,
We remember with gratitude and love all the people we have known and who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.

We pray especially for our deceased family members, knowing that they also pray for us.

We hold out to you the millions who are dying because of war, famine, disease and climate change.

We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.

May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world where every life is treated with equal dignity

Living and dead, we are all your family.
May your perpetual light shine on us all.

Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES

As usual, we will have our Memorial Masses for our departed loved ones during the month of November. Masses will be offered and all names received will be placed at the Altar during our weekend Masses. Please make use of the special envelopes in your Thanksgiving boxes or the November Mass Offering Envelopes, available in the Church Narthex. You can also place the names of your loved ones with your name and your offering in an ordinary envelope. You can put it in the collection during mass or in the basket near the Memorial Book. Memorial Book will be placed at the front of the Altar from Friday.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday (Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Christine Torrance

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.