

# Sunday Readings

Year B

## First Reading - 1 Kings 17:10-16

### 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 - Hebrews 9:24-28

### 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 - Mark 12:38-44

### 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 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.'

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*A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all*

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

November 10, 2024

## **Act humbly and be real**

If you sit in church long enough you will hear it read that Jesus brings a kingdom, or rather, *the* capital 'K' Kingdom—the Kingdom that never comes to an end, unlike all the others that have appeared in history. He's relentlessly talking about it in the gospels.

Even the capital 'P' Prayer he taught his disciples (the 'Our Father') is above all concerned with the Kingdom's arrival or accomplishment. This Kingdom defines His mission. Since we share his mission, we share too his Kingdom.

As members of the Church, we are his chosen collaborators. But why God would choose people like you and me, flawed human beings, people like St Peter (who denied him when things got dicey), and like St Paul (a violent persecutor of his followers), and so on, to accomplish his most important purpose with his creation? The old quip about Jesus being either a lunatic, or a liar, or the lord he claims to be is appropriate here. It's one of the three.

Sometimes he can appear to be a liar (when, for example, you feel abandoned in a time of profound suffering) and sometimes he could appear to be a lunatic (when, for example, the people who bear his authority seem to fall very short of their call-

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

Tuesday: 5:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 5:30 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Friday: 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Saturday: 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

## DEVOTIONS

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday: 9:30am - 11:00am

First Friday : 6:00pm - 9:00pm

### Divine Mercy Chaplets

Second Wednesday: 7:30pm

### Novena

Saturday: 5:30 pm

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Fr. Phong Nguyen  
**Priest in Residence:** Rev. Fr. Anibal Leite Da Cunha  
**Parish Secretary:** Heidy Lu

ing). So, at the very least, his lordship and the kind of kingdom he is accomplishing both require some adjustments in our outlook to perceive their wonders.

The good thing is that he clearly anticipated this need of ours for adjustment. His teachings gathered in the gospels are full of precisely such adjustments. You could even call his parables 'outlook adjustment training' for his Kingdom collaborators. One of these is his comment on the poor widow's offering to the temple treasury. The widow gives out of her poverty, two small coins, worth next to nothing in monetary value. The fact that she gave "all she had to live on, everything she had" means that she had just about nothing and gave just about nothing.

And yet, she gave "more than all the others" who were putting in large sums. Jesus' Kingdom is radically different, upside-down you could say, compared to the kingdoms of this world. Amid our kingdoms, our ways of power, authority, greatness, wealth, and so on, the poor widow gave a negligible amount. Nothing to pay attention to or applaud, of no value, with no effect. In reality, however, *in the Kingdom*, she gave an incredibly large amount.

The adjustment of outlook Jesus requires of his collaborators is radical. But once made, you will find that opportunities for greatness abound, maybe especially for the nobodies, the overlooked, the weak, and the poor. Are you counted among one of these? Act on your opportunities! Are you wealthy, powerful, honored, rich in the goods of the world? Be humbled and see and act *according to Reality, the Reality of the Kingdom*.

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**Baptisms:** We welcome Archie Taylor James Ashcroft, Poppy Rose Ashcroft, Ella Zara Bal, Hudson Levi Bal, Genevieve Marsaili Fraser and Wyatt Skelton into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Recently Deceased:**

Please pray for Emmy Mulyati, Carmel (Charles) Busuttil, Daisy Pereira and Maria Collica who passed away recently.

**Death Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Hilda Clinton, Des Humphreys, Belinda Tan, Anthony Bong, Fatima Bong, Bernard Condren, Drago Dragojevic, Peter Hannagan, Carmen Bates and Joseph Kok Bian Lim whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## FOR 17TH NOVEMBER

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo  
 Flowers: Diana Puspita  
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Catechists	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Michelle Lowth		
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- Parish Office 9310 1747 (General Enquiries)

## PARISH NEWS

**Please note:** In 2024 & 2025, there will be Masses for the following Solemnities, Holy Week, Octave of Easter, and Octave of Christmas that will fall either on Monday or Saturday:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9am: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 9am: The Holy Innocents
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 9am: Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 9.00am: Solemnity of St Patrick

**PARISH MASSES: With attendance of students from Corpus Christi College**  
**Thursday 9am Masses:** 14<sup>th</sup> November, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?  
If so, we would love to hear from you. The parish runs a program for people who may be interested in becoming a Catholic.  
Please contact the parish office on 9310 1747 for more details.

### MARY GOLDING'S RECOGNITION EVENING

Dear past and current RCIA Candidates, Catechists, and Sponsors,  
We are delighted to invite you to a special evening in honour of **Mary Golding**, as we celebrate her remarkable **30 years of dedicated service to the RCIA program** at St. Thomas More Parish. Mary has been a guiding light for so many on their journey of faith, and this evening is an opportunity to show our appreciation for her tireless commitment and support. It would be wonderful to have as many past RCIA candidates, catechists, and sponsors as possible join us for this celebration. If you know of anyone else who might like to attend, please feel free to pass the invitation along.

Date: **Thursday, 14th November 2024** Time: **6.30pm**

Location: **St. Thomas More Parish Hall, Bateman**

RSVP by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to [bateman@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:bateman@perthcatholic.org.au) or 9310 1747 to ensure we can prepare for this special event.



Catholic Mission & the Centre for Liturgy invites Bateman parishioners to the **2024 Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery**. Titled, 'A Season for Hope', this is a beautiful classical & sacred music event, performed by some of

Perth's premier musicians at **St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 25 November**. Gathering at 6.30pm for a **7pm start**, this concert will shine a light on the problem of modern slavery and on what we can do to eradicate its impact on the lives of vulnerable people. So please book a ticket to this inspirational musical experience by going online to <https://www.trybooking.com/CVWHK>. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating together a start to the season of Hope that is Advent.

## PARISH NEWS

### CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY - WED 13<sup>TH</sup> NOV AT 7.30PM

A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held in our church on the second Wednesday of each month. The next devotion will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm. Enquiries to George Lopez on 0419 910 039.



### SVDP FOOD SALE - SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Our food sale will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Please come and support us. Any donations of food or enquiries, please contact Winnie 0421 601 095.

### ADVENT RETREAT DAY – SAT 30<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2024 AT 9.30AM – 3.00PM

**A gentle day of retreat with Dr Pina Ford** in the Parish Hall – helping us awaken to the new shoots of hope hidden amidst the turmoil of life.  
Cost: donation. Morning tea provided; Please bring your own lunch.  
There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to help with catering.

### NOVEMBER BOOK AND ENVELOPES

During the month of November, all Masses will be offered for the Deceased. Please write the names of the deceased that you want to pray for in the Book of "Remembrance" available in the foyer. Also, the November envelopes are available on the table in the church foyer, should you wish to offer Masses for all your loved ones who have died. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection baskets at any weekend Mass and will be placed in a box at the foot of the altar for the whole month of November.

**PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS:** November is traditionally the month when we remember and pray for the souls in Purgatory:

*"Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen."*

Prayer traditionally attributed to St. Gertrude.

### CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE CAROLS EVENING - TUESDAY 26 NOV 2024

Parishioners are invited to join the college community for an evening of song and friendship through Carol singing.

Program: 4.30pm BYO picnic meal; 5.30 – 7.30pm Carols.

Various college groups will lead the singing and the parish Sunday Choir will also participate. Please join us!

## PARISH NEWS

### JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

There will be weekly summarised statements from Pope Francis to help parishioners prepare for the experience of Jubilee.

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509\\_spes-non-confundit\\_bolla-giubileo2025.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html)

From Pope Francis **SPES NON CONFUNDIT** - Anchored in hope

24. Hope finds its supreme witness in *the Mother of God*. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life. Like every mother, whenever Mary looked at her Son, she thought of his future. Surely she kept pondering in her heart the words spoken to her in the Temple by the elderly Simeon: "This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed, so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too" (Lk 2:34-35). At the foot of the cross, she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she nonetheless renewed her "fiat", never abandoning her hope and trust in God. In this way, Mary cooperated for our sake in the fulfilment of all that her Son had foretold in announcing that he would have to "undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mk 8:31). In the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary became our Mother, the Mother of Hope. It is not by chance that popular piety continues to invoke the Blessed Virgin as *Stella Maris*, a title that bespeaks the sure hope that, amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust.

In this regard, I would note that the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City is preparing to celebrate, in 2031, the fifth centenary of Our Lady's first apparition. Through Juan Diego, the Mother of God brought a revolutionary message of hope that she continues to bring to every pilgrim and all the faithful: "Am I not here, who am your Mother?" [20] That message continues to touch hearts in the many Marian shrines throughout the world, where countless pilgrims commend to the holy Mother of God their cares, their sorrows and their hopes. During the Jubilee Year, may these shrines be sacred places of welcome and privileged spaces for the rebirth of hope. I encourage all pilgrims to Rome to spend time in prayer in the Marian shrines of the City, in order to venerate the Blessed Mother and to implore her protection. I am confident that everyone, especially the suffering and those most in need, will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children and who, for the holy people of God, is "a sign of certain hope and comfort". [21]

## PARISH NEWS

**2024 YEAR OF PRAYER:** To reinforce Pope Francis' call for prayer to be intensified in 2024 in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the archdiocesan Centre for Liturgy has posted 38 catechesis on prayer by Pope Francis.

Summaries of these teachings will be published weekly in the bulletin.

Details of the catechesis can be found in this link:

<https://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/year-of-prayer-2024/>

### 2024 YEAR OF PRAYER: POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE Paul VI Audience Hall, Wednesday, 30 December 2020 - Catechesis on prayer - **20. The prayer of thanksgiving**

We now turn to the prayer of thanksgiving. Saint Luke tells us that of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one came back to thank the Lord. This passage reminds us of the importance of gratitude. It shows the great difference between hearts that are thankful and those that are not; between people who see everything as their entitlement and those who receive everything as grace. As Christians, our prayer of thanksgiving is inspired by gratitude for the love of God revealed in the coming of Jesus, his Son and our Saviour. The Gospel accounts of Christ's birth show us how the coming of the Messiah was welcomed by hearts that trusted and prayed for the fulfilment of God's promises. May our celebration of this Christmas season be marked by fervent prayer of thanksgiving for the outpouring of God's redemptive grace upon our world. May these prayers enlarge our hearts and enable us to bring the hope and joy of the Gospel to all around us, especially to our brothers and 3 sisters most in need.

### ST THOMAS MORE PARISH GATHERING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

Parents and Grandparents are invited to attend with their children aged 0-5yo for an informal play time in the parish hall. We will meet weekly on Thursday mornings after the 9am Mass, at 9:30am - 11am during school term time. Caregivers must stay with the children. Bring along some toys, snacks and anything else the child needs. Some faith based music and activities may also accompany the sessions. We are excited to meet some new families and build community with our young children. For more information contact the Parish office: 9310 1747 or contact Anita Parker through the Parish Flocknote group: <https://stthomasmorecatholic.flocknote.com/BatemanParishPla>.

### DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE ON HOW PRAYERS HAVE HELPED YOU?

Do you have a story to share? How prayers have helped you. Your story may give hope, inspire, and encourage those who need prayers. Read the story of how "A faithful cancer patient walking in God's Ways" posted on the notice board and in the foyer When you share, your name can remain confidential. For enquiries call Jeremiah 0422 237 268 or email [jckloo18@gmail.com](mailto:jckloo18@gmail.com).