



8TH NOVEMBER 2015
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

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Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Park Ridge
St. Catherine's Church, Jimboomba

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*The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers,
 because the shining splendour of that name
 causes God's word to be proclaimed and heard.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's reading from Mark's gospel reminds us what a great teacher Jesus was. The object lesson he gives, as he watches people making their donations, is one of the best remembered stories of the world's religious traditions – the 'widow's mite' has become proverbial. Mark sharpens the lesson by linking this incident with what Jesus has to say about 'scribes' who 'swallow the property of widows while making a show of lengthy prayers'. The situation of widows was insecure.

The 'scribes', so often mentioned in the gospels, were interpreters of the Law of old Israel – the lawyers of the day. They benefited as trustees for the estates of widows, and a reputation for piety could be good for business. Jesus' words, of course, have a lesson for all of us – people who make a selfish show of their piety, instead of making it a 'secret' they share with their heavenly Father (Mt 5:6), give Christianity a bad name.

Mark gives the little widow a privileged place in his telling of the story of Jesus. Having entered Jerusalem to meet his fate, Jesus is giving his final instructions concerning the discipleship to which he is calling those who wish to follow him. Using the widow's example, he goes to the very heart of the matter – a giving that counts. Is there any more telling way of expressing the fundamental truth, that as responsible persons we are made in the image of God, than by unselfish giving to others? The most precious things in life - in our family, in the community in which we live – come through the selfless generosity with which we give to others. We know from experience that it is a giving that costs us something that brings real happiness to ourselves and to those around us.

Mark is linking the generous giving of the widow with the great drama of God's generosity soon to take place – as Jesus gives himself into the hands of his Father for the sake of the whole human family. Our liturgy takes up Mark's lesson. Today's reading from Hebrews – a central passage in this great treatise – explains how the ritual of old Israel was only a foreshadowing of the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. The old sacrifices, offered time and again - in a 'man made' temple that was only a model of God's dwelling place, and making use of the blood of animals - have now given way to the world's final act of worship. The Saviour enters 'the actual presence of God on our behalf', making a gift of himself 'once and for all'. He shows us how true it is that a giving that really counts brings true blessings – in his total gift of himself he has become the source of all the blessings that will fill our eternity.

- From a homily on the Gospel by Fr John Thornhill sm

Gathering Hymn	GA 438 A New Heart for a New World
Psalm Response	Praise the Lord, my soul!
Recessional Hymn	GA 458 Blest Be The Lord

MASS TIMES

ST. BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park



Mon 9th Nov 7.30am
Wed 11th Nov 9.00am
Sat 14th Nov 5.15pm Reconciliation
 6.00pm
Sun 15th Nov 7.30am, 9.00am

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Wed 11th Nov 9.00am
Thurs 12th Nov 8.00am
Fri 13th Nov 9.00am

Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
1Kg 17:10-16	Dan 12:1-3
Heb 9:24-28	Heb 10:11-14,18
Mk 12:38-44	Mk 13:24-32



Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home
 Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si': On the Care for Our Common Home* is a call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.

"Even if it doesn't fix the world, beautification and goodwill gestures inspire and remind people that 'we were made for love'."
 (Par58, 113, 212)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 8th November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Children's Liturgy ~ St Bernardine's Church
 10.30am Baptisms ~ St Bernardine's Church

Monday 9th November

The Dedication Of The Lateran Basilica

10am-11am Prayer Group ~ St Bernardine's Church
 9.30am-12pm Arts and Craft Group ~ The Hut

Tuesday 10th November

7.00pm Flame of Love Prayer Group

Thursday 12th November

9.30am Craft Group ~ Logan West Library

Sunday 15th November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am Hospitality after Mass ~ St Bernardine's Church
 Sunday School & Choir ~ St Bernardine's Church

November 8, 2015 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

(Accessed on 21 October 2015 from <http://archstl.org/>)

PARISH NOTICES

November Mass Offering Envelopes

Every year we remember to pray and offer masses especially for our departed relatives and friends on the 1st November - the commemoration of all the faithful departed. But as Catholics we don't just remember and pray for them on the 1st November, in fact, we remember our departed loved ones throughout the month of November.

As a reminder to us to effectively remember them practically and prayerfully, November Mass Offering envelopes are available at each church entrance from this weekend.

Please take one if you need to offer a mass intention for your friends or loved ones, and leave the completed envelope on any collection plate.

Hospitality after 7.30am Mass at St Bernardine's Church A reminder that next Sunday 15th November those attending the 7.30am Mass are invited to stay for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass. A small plate of food to share would be welcome.

St Paul de Chartres Retirement Unit

Boronia Heights has a 1-bedroom unit available for sale \$220,000. Please contact Libby Calaby on Ph: 38096323 for more information.

Arts and Crafts items will be for SALE on Sunday 29th November, after the morning Masses at St Bernardine's. Members of the group are busy making items for the Christmas sale. All donations of hand crafted items will be welcome. If you have any queries, you can call in and talk with the Arts & Crafts group members, who meet each Monday morning at The Hut from 9.30am – 12noon. You can leave any donations in the Parish Office. All monies raised will go in support of BlindEye Ministries.

Christmas Eve Children Mass –

Thursday 24th December. Children are encouraged to attend Mass dressed in nativity character – angels, shepherds, sheep, cow, etc. We have a Children's Choir (primary school age children) and welcome any new members. If you are interested, please speak to Magdaline, Choir Leader, after the 9.00am Mass or contact the parish office.

Advent Session – come and take some time to reflect and prepare for Advent, a season of waiting, hoping and expecting. We will focus on the coming of Christ into our lives through Readings, music and quiet reflection. This one hour session will be offered at:

St Bernardines' -

Tuesday 24th November at 7.00pm

St Catherine's -

Thursday 26th November at 9.00am

Our Lady of the Assumption –

Thursday 26th November at 7.00pm

If you have any questions please contact Jean

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Mass for the Deaf. St Michael's Church, 250 Banks Street, Ashgrove, for the Central Deanery Pastoral Council, will host an Auslan-Supported Mass on **Sunday 22 November at 8.30 am**. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this Mass, with morning tea after-wards. Enquiries to dorrington@bne.catholic.net.au.

SOLEMN DEDICATION OF CHURCH AND ALTAR AT ST MARY'S SOUTH BRISBANE ON DECEMBER 6

You are invited to the Solemn Dedication of the Church and Altar of St Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday 6 December. The Church and altar is to be consecrated by the Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane, at the 9.00am Mass.

St Mary's Church is located at 20 Merivale St., South Brisbane.

Please join us for refreshments outside of the Church after the Mass.

Please RSVP to southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au or (07) 38442744 by 29th November 2015



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