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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year B 11 November 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

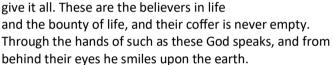
This poor widow has put more in than all who Contributed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

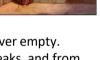
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

You give but little when you give your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. There are those who give little of the much which they have, and they give it for recognition, and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome. And there are those who have little and



Kahlil Gibran



Watching people is fine so long as we don't rush to judgement...

In today's Gospel, Mark shows Jesus as something of a "people watcher." He has obviously spent time watching and listening to people, discreetly enough for them to forget he is there. He will have observed the comings and goings - seen how people relate one to another - and have gained a fairly good insight into people's behaviour and motives. As a devout Jew himself, he would have attended synagoque and Temple and seen particularly how people conducted themselves in places of worship - and, perhaps the next day, bumped into them again in he market-place. He would have seen how some people loved to be seen and recognised as important and respectable - but perhaps, as a village carpenter, overheard conversations which showed that away from the places where they could influence people a different side to their nature would be revealed. It is this close observation of people that made Jesus such a good judge of character - and caused him to notice things which other people overlooked. The area around the treasury would have bustled with people as they gathered to make their offering. Some would have made it discreetly - others ensuring that their contribution was noticed. Among them all, and, probably trying to hide the smallness of her offering was a widow with her two small coins. Jesus takes in the situation and uses it to illustrate to his disciples the importance of being careful how one judges people. Yes, there are those who give generously and the woman's offering is not going to go far; proportionately, however, her's was the greatest contribution the treasury had had that day. Jesus' example of watching and listening can be a useful one for present-day disciples too. In everyday life, we meet people or see them in the media and, often are inclined to take them at face value. Sometimes, this may be accurate. However, as experience shows, our opinion of someone can vary according to how they are portrayed by the media or others. To sit back and take time to reflect before making a judgement about someone - or a situation - benefits us and spares us the embarrassment of having to change our minds!

- From a reflection on the Gospel by Catherine McElhinney & Kathryn Turner

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HYPA-R IMPORTANT NEWS!!!

On Saturday, 17 November 2018 at 6:30pm you are all welcome to the HYPA-R Youth Mass followed by fun social activities and supper – please bring a plate to share.



Attention all High School Students and up... your invited to a Spiritual & Games Night - meet new people – socialise – have fun and its "FREE" on Friday 23 November 2018 in the St Monica's "Old Church" starts at 7pm til 9pm – Get your folks to drop you off and pick you up – its going to be an awesome night!

On Friday, 30 November 2018 there will be no HYPA-R Spiritual & Games night as Deacon Chris will be ordained at

St Patrick's Cathedral Church, Parramatta at 7:30pm. All welcome to attend.

Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/HYPARichmondNSW

BE A PART OF SOMETHING GREAT, COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



THANK YOU for your generous response to the Catholic Care Foundation Appeal. Envelopes are at the Church door should you wish to continue.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE following Parish Assembly - to help with catering please put your name down on the list in the foyer.

ROSTERS 2019: Have you received your re commitment to roster letter yet? We need your reply by 18 Nov please so that rosters for 2019 can be compiled.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will take place of Friday 30 November within 9am Mass followed by morning tea.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Hawkesbury Community Kitchen for lunch & evening meals. Please phone 4577 5203 if you can help.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE for the faithful departed will be held at St Gregory's Friday 23 November at 7pm. All welcome.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

CatholicCare Western Sydney & Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 20 November by Fr Chris de Souza VG PP. St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park. 6:45pm for 7pm start. RSVP 16 November Ph 8843 2530 or rita.chater@ccss.org.au

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Wednesday 14 November LITURGY MEETING at 10am.
- Thursday 15 November Refugee Table Talk Meeting 7pm in the parish meeting room.
- Friday 23 November ALL SOUL'S MASS 7pm at St Gregory's.
- Saturday 1 December NO MASS AT ST GREGORY'S.

Power Point Presentation...

We are in **NEED** of someone to assist with the preparation of power point for Sunday Masses. Guidance & resources are available. If you are interested or have any questions please contact the parish office. We thank Ann & Tracie who have dedicated their time & talent to prepare the presentation for our lituray each week over many years, encouraging us to participate fully in the Eucharist. May God bless you.

TRANSFER - After serving our parish for 2 years, Fr John Paul will be leaving us to take up his new assignment to Mary, Queen of Family Parish in Blacktown from the 1 January 2019.

Ordination and First Mass: As a token of blessings & congratulations to Dn Chris on his Priestly Ordination, there will be a collection at all masses on the weekend of 17/18 Nov. He will celebrate his First Mass at St Monica's on Sunday 2 Dec at 9.30am followed by felicitations & morning tea in the old church. Please bring a plate to share. All Welcome.

Sunday 11 November commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice that brought to a close "the war to end all wars." This is a significant historical marker for not only Australians but also for Europe & in the latter stages of the USA. Significant numbers of Australians were present in the various theatres of war that constituted the First World War.

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica's

Saturday: 6.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am

St Gregory's

Saturday: 9.00am Sunday: 8.00am St John of God Tuesday: 4.00pm

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

St Monica's:

Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm.

St Gregory's:

Saturday after 9.00am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick

Friday 30 November 2018, 9.00am

at St Monica's.

Or by arrangement with the priests.

Baptism

By appointment only.

St Monica's: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11.00am.

St Gregory's: 1st Sunday at 11:00am

Booking & Preparation are essential.

Marriage

Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required. All enquiries please email admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 December 2018 at 7pm.

Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.

Ordination of Deacon Chris

The ceremony will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral Friday 30 November at 7.30pm. Transport is being arranged with 50 seats available. These will be allocated 'first in best dressed'.

To book your place please contact the Parish Office. The mini bus will leave St Monica's at 5pm. It is anticipated that the ceremony will take about 2½ hours. There will be no reserved seating at the Cathedral for Parishioners. Father Chris will celebrate his first Mass at his home Parish

Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill, on Saturday 1 December at 10am, and will celebrate 9.30am Mass Sunday 2 December at St Monica's. All Welcome



Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

John Borg Charlie Micallef John Eldridge Peregrina Barnuevo Peter Kersivien Philip Azzopardi Marie Kelly

... and those we remember at this time.

We pray for all our departed Family and Friends

St Paul's Publication God's Word Daily Reflection 2019. A perfect Christmas gift for your loved one. \$15 each. Available in the piety Stall at St Monica's and St Gregory's. Also available are Advent & Christmas reflection booklets, calendars & Christmas cards.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Catherine Barber Michelle Saliba



WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

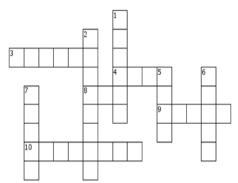
Frank Grima, William Grima, Frank Cauchi, Anthony Quirk, Pauline Azzopardi, Dale Wasley, Carmen Sultana, Violet Dwyer, Melissa Colless, Carol Emrie, Janice Anderson

The Widow's Mite

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Mark 12:42

Based on Mark 12:38-44





ACROSS

- 3. A reddish-brown metal which is sometimes used in making coins
- 4. Having little or no wealth
- 8. The entire amount; everything
- 9. A small piece of flat, circular metal, used for money
- 10. A contribution or gift made at a religious service

DOWN

- 1. A building used for worship
- 2. A place where funds are received, kept, and dispursed
- 5. Having great material wealth
- 6. The official currency issued by a government
- 7. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried

POOR	COINS	TREASURY	COPPER	TEMPLE
ALL	WIDOW	OFFERING	MONEY	RICH

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New Pastoral Care Co-ordinator...

We welcome Mary McGuiness and ask God's blessing on her as she takes up this important role in our Parish Community. We offer our sincere thanks to Pauleen West who has nurtured the spiritual life and supported the volunteers in our Pastoral Care Team for a number of years. Through Pauleen's guidance members have taken up leadership in the many Nursing Homes and have been filled with confidence to meet the needs of the residents, their families and also those who are housebound. Our Parish community has been enriched by your presence Pauleen, thank you for being generous in sharing your gifts with us, we are indeed blessed. May God bless you and guide your path. From The Pastoral Care Team.

Circle of Friends

Parish Meeting Room:

1st Monday of the month

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Rosarv

St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's: Wednesday after 9.00am Mass to pray for vocations.

Choir Practice St Monica's:

Tuesday 7pm NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

St Monica's: 1st & 4th Sunday 9.30am

Children's Liturgy

Body of Christ Prayer Group

Wednesday 7pm - 8pm. 1 Hughes Ave Hobartville. All welcome.

Youth Group Social

Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month after 6.30pm HYPA Mass.

HYPA-R Holy Hour

Meet every 1st Friday of the month 6:30pm-7:30pm praying for youth followed by pizzas.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER 18 November 2018

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

St Monica's

Readers

6.30pm — HYPA

7.30am - A. Dunbar M. McMahon

9.30am - N. Brailey M. Manea

5.30pm - L. Battersby

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.30pm - R. Larven C. Richmond

7.30am - M. Fenech A. Edwards

9.30am - Z. Culican F. Yates

5.30pm - A. Aquilina T. Scopelliti

Acolytes / Senior Server

6.30pm - L. Azzopardi

7.30am - D. Murphy

9.30am - A. Brailey

5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.30pm — J. Azzopardi

7.30am - P. Murphy

9.30am - W. Attard S. Higgins

5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.30pm - HYPA

7.30am - C. Thompson

9.30am - L. Culican

5.30pm - Choir members

Children's Liturgy

6.30pm -

9.30am -

Altar Preparation

P. West

Cleaners

N. Godsell L. Vella M. Azzopardi

Counters

11 Nov - C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos

18 Nov— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 12 November 2018

Reader - F. Crew

FMoHC- M. Pirovic

Wednesday 14 November 2018

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - F. Crew

Friday 16 November 2018

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. McMahon



St Gregory's

Saturday 17 November 2018

Reader— Frank

EMoHC-

Sunday 18 November 2018

Readers

8.00am - M. Roche C. Smiroldo N. Fienberg

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew

Altar Preparation

Cleaners J. Bondfield



St John of God Chapel Tuesday 4.00pm

Saturday 6.00pm

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