

First Reading

1 Kgs 17:10-16

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

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second reading

Heb 9:24-28

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.

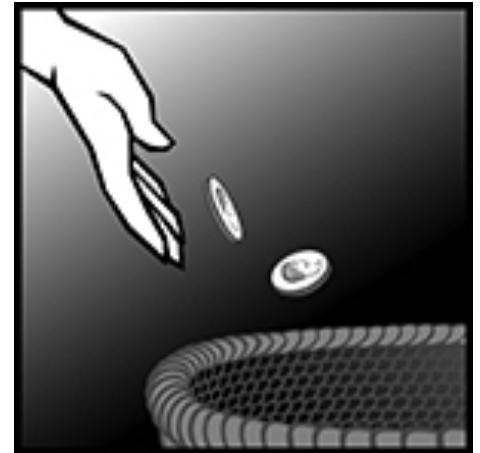
Gospel

Mk 12:38-44

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.'

Reflection: SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST IN OUR SUBURB

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to spread the Good News of Jesus in our community. To let people know that God loved us so much that he allowed the Son to come to earth to teach us, model a way of living, spread God's wisdom and ultimately to suffer, die and rise for our salvation. One of the main reasons I was keen for us to have a public Christmas Nativity Play and Carols was for the great opportunity of evangelisation that this event presents us with. So, in just over a month's time, on December 14, we will combine with the St Luke's learning



community for this historic first event of its type in Marsden Park. Thank you to those people in our faith community who have already volunteered to help out. We still need more people to assist in areas such as delivering flyers to promote the event, in cooking the BBQ, in acting as safety wardens and in preparing lollies bags beforehand. I realise that some people who live here work far from Marsden Park, so we really need other people who can be at St Luke's Catholic College from 4pm or 5pm on the day to help with the many tasks required. Who knows, our efforts to promote the event of Christ's birth might just open the door to someone hearing the Christian message for the first time – or it might re-ignite something in a person who has drifted away from the faith.

- Deacon Tony
Pastoral Director

18th November – 33rd Sunday Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteers needed

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Rohit Joseph, Tissa Thomas

Readers: Lavanya Ambrose, Luanshya Naidoo

Eucharistic Min: Arvin Joya

Hospitality: Volunteers needed

Children's Liturgy: Sinta Velasco, Julie Preston, Christina Joya, Sindhu Tholath

If you are not able to fulfil your ministry role, or if you would like to volunteer for a vacant role, please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

We welcome this week as our Celebrant: Fr Jeevan

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God

You show us in St Luke, our patron, a person of faith who desired all people to come to know and love you in the community of your Church. Teach us to embrace what St Luke pioneered: discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace and nourished by Word and Sacrament may we grow in our relationship with you and together make our Catholic Faith Community a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST – PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS

National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

The Prime Minister of Australia and the Leader of the Opposition delivered the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse on Monday 22 October at Parliament House, Canberra. A response from the Diocese of Parramatta can be found here: <https://parracatholic.org/national-apology/>

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 11 November

Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon for couples hoping to conceive. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605. Sunday 11 November at the IFM 1.30pm-4.00pm.

Men Alive: Growing Good Men: 15-18 November

A weekend for fathers and teenage sons (13-15) at 'Lutanda', Yarramundi, 15 minutes south west of Richmond. An experientially-based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to

strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. www.trybooking.com/417468

Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) News

World Day of the Poor: 18 November

18 November is the World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis is encouraging parishioners and homeless to share a meal after Mass on or around November 18.

Memorial Mass for those bereaved by suicide: 20 November

CatholicCare Western Sydney and 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 by Fr Chris de Souza VG PP. St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park. RSVP 16 November Ph: 02 8843 2530 or rita.chater@ccss.org.au

Reflection Day for Women - Preparing our Hearts for Advent: 24 November

As we approach the end of the year things seem to speed up around us. Don't get caught in it, take some time out for prayer and reflection. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch, tea & coffee provided. To register or for more information info@schoenstatt.org.au or Ph: 4773 8338

Ordination to the Priesthood: 30 November 7:30pm

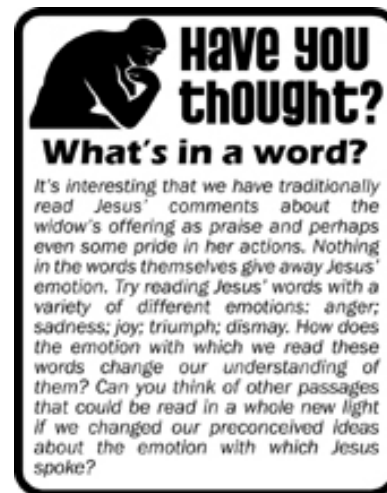
Diocese of Parramatta deacons Jessie Balorio, Jack Green, Chris del Rosario and Galbert Albino will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All are welcome, however, due to the anticipated size of the celebration, an outside broadcast with seating will be provided in the Cathedral cloister for those wishing to attend. Parking options may be available in the carpark next to Western Sydney (Parramatta) Stadium, O'Connell Street and streets surrounding the Cathedral.

Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass: 7 December

Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter Confeggi as he moves into retirement, Fr Luis Herrera as he returns to Columbia and for the service of all those in ministry at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Fellowship after Mass. 7.30pm St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. For catering purposes, RSVP to 9622 1125

or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au
Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2019: Thirsting for Justice

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 18-30 March 2019. Cost of pilgrimage \$4350 for 12 days with some additional expenses. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack.



Can you support St Luke's to grow?

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community is Australia's newest Catholic worshipping community. Please consider helping us with your time and talents by volunteering for one of our many ministries. And please support us by sharing some of your treasure through our giving program to help facilitate our weekly worship and form part of the foundation of a future church building. You can find donation envelopes on the Welcome Table in the foyer Sunday. please pass these to Dcn Tony or include them on one of the collections during Mass.

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

St Luke's Catholic College (Enter via Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

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