



Today's readings allow us to become more deeply aware that God is the helper of the poor when they turn to him in faith and trust. In the readings, we encounter two widows who give generously out of their poverty. Both of them have a great trust in God and in turn, He cares for them. Specifically, we find in the first reading from the book of Kings, the widow initially hesitates when asked to give, but when reassured by the prophet Elijah, does comply, and places her complete trust and hope in God. She did what Elijah requested by using the last of her food to feed him while not knowing how she and her son would survive. How many of us have such faith? How many of us are so generous? How many of us truly believe that God will give us all that we need in life? The reading ends with God multiplying the flour and oil just as the prophet had foretold, and the widow and her son ate for a whole year... What shall we do? Many of us think about money when we hear these scriptures, but this concept of giving has much deeper roots. It actually begins in the heart. Many of us are much more selfish with our Time, our Attention, and the Sharing of Ourselves, than we are with our money. I do believe that Jesus is also pointing out that the value of what we offer is not necessarily judged by its quantity, but in its sincerity and completeness. Jesus is challenging us to recognise that our most beautiful and complete gifts come from the poverty of our hearts in union with a deep love and trust in God. So what is it that we find ourselves giving to others? Do we give our kindness? Our compassion? Our forgiveness? Do we give our patience? Our Trust? Our Time? Our Efforts?

*"I would like in particular to recall and recommend the ancient tradition of Lectio Divina: the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart. If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church - I am convinced of it - a new spiritual springtime."*  
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

God's blessings on the following children who made their **Sacrament of First Reconciliation** on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Nov: *Jewel Ah-Koon, Emily Bayly, Royenne Belaog, Audrey Boen, Austin Capon, Tyla Cox, Molly Dighton, Sage Dimaculangan, Amelia Flores, Scarlett Hamilton-Byrnes, Nicole Irawan, Max Johnson, Miriam Kaada, Edward Kaada, Nicholas Lee, Aoishe Macken, Devika Madianting, Cara Moane, William Moore, Mia Patane, Isabella Peters, Katia Pizzol, Roxette Ryan, Savannah Sanchez, Ana Sofronie, Lochlin Tierney, Kenshin Tjipnur and Gabrielle Wijaya.* **A BIG THANK YOU** to Anne Slattery (Sacramental Teacher), Principal, REC, Parish School Staff, Catechists and Parents/Caregivers and all who helped make this Spiritual Journey with our children.

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*November 11 Remembrance Day*

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

### RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15-5:45p: Sat: 4:15-4:45pm;

Sun 4:00-4:30pm

### BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

### BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

### ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

### APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER (SAT. &

SUN): 4:00 to 4:25pm

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

80% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

### FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015 (B)

32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: St Mark 12:38-44

### **Internet resources:**

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";  
"Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",  
Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim  
Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";  
"Catholic Answers", "Catholica"  
[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)  
GODGOSSIP

**MASS INTENTIONS (Sat 7/11/15 to Fri 13/11/15)**

Please note that from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. to around 15<sup>th</sup> Nov., no individual Mass intentions will be offered. Instead Masses will be offered for the souls of our dearly departed relatives and friends.

**OUR SICK:** Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Alan Sargeant, Pat De La Motte, Richard Swords, Barry Dunn and Southern Cross residents...

Happy Birthday to: Tim Chin (8<sup>th</sup>).

We welcome Mia Christie Aditya and her family to her Baptism this Sunday.



Congratulations and God's blessings on Donald and Patricia Blenkinsop who will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. They were married in Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley in 1950. (A Papal Blessing is being arranged for our happy couple.)



**CWF Appeal this weekend:** We welcome Anthony Keys and Ronny D'Cruz, seminarians from Redemptoris Mater Seminary who are guest speakers at the weekend Masses. Please use the specially printed envelopes in the pews for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish School News:** 1) Class Mass: Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yr 4; Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: KB. 2) Family Mass: Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yr 3; Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Yr 4.

**WYD BINGO: SAT 28<sup>TH</sup> NOV from 1pm to 3pm in Parish Hall. All are welcome! Win prizes for Christmas! Each winning game guaranteed at least 2 prizes.**

**Melbourne Cup Sweep:** Results on noticeboard. Please collect your winnings from Patricia.

**CWF SUMMER BONANZA RAFFLE:** \$1 per ticket or a book of 25 tickets for \$20. 1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$5,000 in shopping vouchers; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$1,000 in shopping vouchers; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$500 in shopping vouchers. All sale proceeds remain in our Parish.

Reminder: Memorial Cemetery Mass will be held on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov at 11am at the Crematorium South Chapel, Botany.

**Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs one-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.**

**This weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab & Jason (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) Volunteer, J Yong(C) P Low (M)  
**9.30am:** A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) T Chin (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteer (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** J De Andrade

**Next weekend: Vigil:** J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) M Alimario, P Low (C) Thomas W (M)  
**8:00am:** G Diab & Jason (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) K Jayasiri, M Wong (C) P Low (M)  
**9.30am:** Anu V, Magdi Z(A) Delwyn T, Darlene T (R) M Tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi (C) T Chin (M)  
**5.00pm:** R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage



Private Thomas Francis Strafford, the youngest of six children to Michael and Johanna, was born in Sydney in 1896. Prior to his enlisting in the 1<sup>st</sup> WW, at the age of 18, was employed at the Power House, Ultimo. Thomas enrolled in the Australian Imperial Force on 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 1915. He joined 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1916 and was wounded at Pozieres on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1916. Sadly, Thomas was killed in action on 18<sup>th</sup> Sep, 1918 at the age of 22. His was rest at Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension, Picardie, France. His mother, donated 20 pounds to St. Michael's Church in 1921 for the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in memory of her beloved son Thomas.

Thank you to Gennie, Vince and Marie Hage for their enthusiasm and dedication while doing research on Thomas Strafford. Thank you for sponsoring a Memorial Poppy in his Memory.

**Remembrance Day** (sometimes known as **Poppy Day**) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth of Nations member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919, the day is also marked by war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries. **Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November** in most countries to recall the end of hostilities of World War I on that date in 1918. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month", in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente between 5:12 and 5:20 that morning. The First World War officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on 28 June 1919. The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem "In Flanders Fields". These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I; their brilliant red colour became a symbol for the blood spilled in the war. **Lest We Forget!**



**Parish Mission Board / Finance Committee meeting** will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 7pm in the Presbytery.

Thank you for accepting my invitation to the "Thank You get together" on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.....Fr Jerzy

**"God's Word 2016"** books have arrived: excellent companion for everyone. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year we are invited to take part in the project of buying the books: **one for yourself and one for the church pews: \$10.** Your participation will be very much appreciated.

Learn about Catholic Faith: Sunday at 11.00am to 12Noon (Presbytery). "Messenger"