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## *Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B* 9 - 10 November 2024

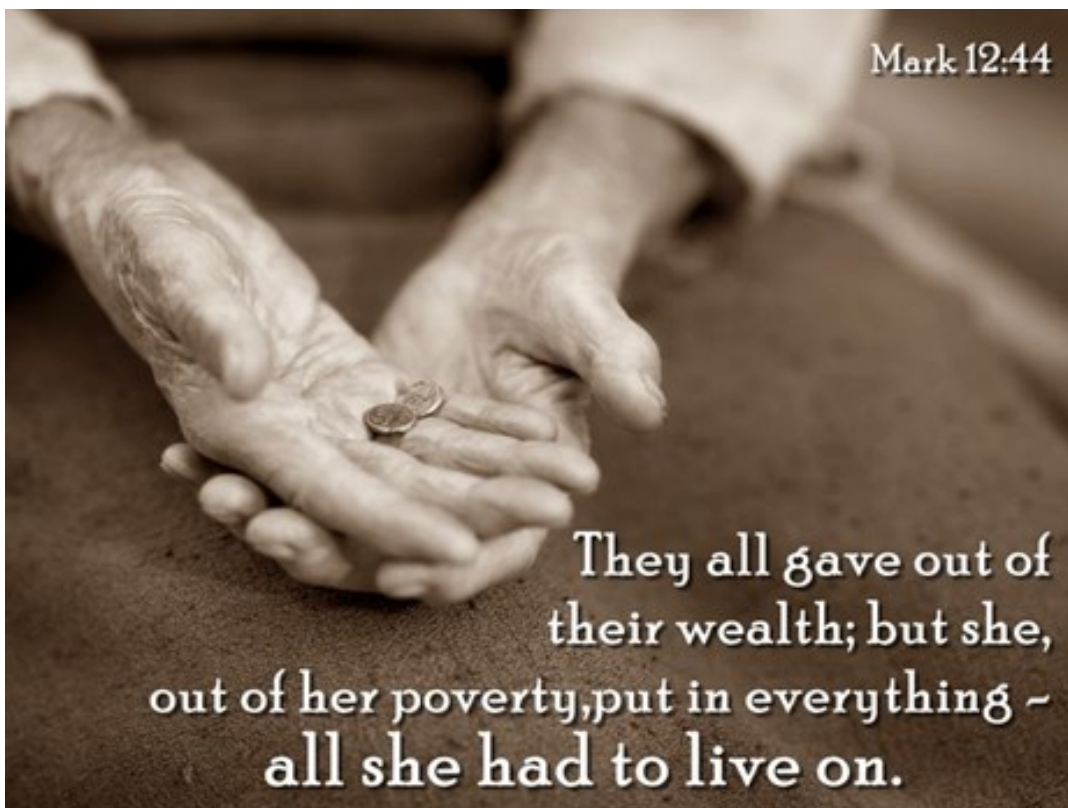
### REFLECTION

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models. Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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Mark 12:44

They all gave out of  
their wealth; but she,  
out of her poverty, put in everything ~  
all she had to live on.

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sun 17 Nov 10:30:** Farewell for Chris & Anita  
**Sun 17 Nov 12pm:** Parish Lunch at Legends  
**Wed 20 Nov:** 5pm PPC, 7pm Finance Comm.  
**Sat 30 Nov 10am:** Working bee, Cathedral  
**Mon 2 Dec 6pm:** Parish Dinner, Chapter-House

**WELCOME BACK FR ANEESH** we hope you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday with your family. We are all very pleased to see your smiling face once again.

**SERRA CLUB FUNDRAISER.** Serra Club are holding a fundraising event at the Sale Greyhound Club on **Sunday 17 November**. Please sign the sheet if you would like to come to dinner at Graze Bistro for our fundraising evening so we can finalise the bookings. The evening will begin at **5:30pm**. We hope to see you there for an enjoyable time.  
**31 CLUB REMINDER** 11 to 17 November. Please pray for vocations.

**INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION** Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation. A seasonal study of Old and New Testament passages drawn from our common lectionary alongside some of the great Advent Themes. This will be held from **10am - 3.30pm on Friday 29 November 2024**. Morning tea and a light lunch will be served. Cost - \$25per person. RSVP by **22 November**. Venue: The Abbey, Raymond Island. **Bookings essential to: [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)**

**NOVEMBER OFFERINGS** November is the month when we offer special Masses for deceased family members and friends. Offering envelopes are available in the Cathedral or your local Church and can be made at any time

**NOVEMBER MASS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES** will be held at **11.00am on Thursday 28 November** in the Cathedral. Please come along if you can.

**WORKING BEE** in the Cathedral will be held on **Saturday 30 November after 9.30am Mass**. Please bring along any implements that may assist with cleaning or gardening.

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am  
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 10.30-11am before Mass.

**At Other times:** Available on request

**Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Available on request.

**MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

### PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL PROGRAM:

Many thanks to all who have generously pledged to support the parish financially for the next three years through the Planned Giving Renewal Program. **As we are still receiving pledges we are not in a position to provide any final figures for the program**, however, the responses received so far are very encouraging for an improved financial result. If you are not in the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute it is not too late. Pledge cards and brochures are available in the foyers of all our churches. Once again thank you for generously supporting the Parish financially. **PLEASE NOTE: If you are a cash Planned Giver your envelopes & statement (Sep & Oct) are available at your Church for collection this weekend.** If you are a cash giver who has not sent in a new form your envelopes are available with your receipt for the September/October 2024 period. **I have renumbered all envelopes and this number will be on your statement.**

**THE ANNUAL PARISH DINNER** will be held on **Monday 2 December from 6pm** in the Chapter House. **If you would like to help with the function please call the Parish Office.**

**HOSPITALITY TEAM** If you are interested in being part of this team, organising parish functions, please contact the Parish Office on 5144 4100.

**SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - focus for the diocese** In today's Gospel, Jesus praises the poor widow's humble offering, contrasting it with the exploitation of the vulnerable. Domestic violence similarly preys on the weak and vulnerable, contradicting Christ's call for compassion and justice. Parishes across the Diocese of Sale are uniting in Shining a Light on Domestic Violence, praying for its end. Let us stand together to create a safer, more compassionate community.

**FAREWELL MASS at 9.30am Mass on Sunday 17 November** we will be farewelling two of our School Principals - Anita Little of St Thomas' Primary school and Chris Randall of Catholic College Sale. As we wish to thank them for their many years of service we will have morning tea after Mass catered by the schools.

### PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,  
for your people and your Creation.  
Nourish us by your daily  
Word and Eucharist.  
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.  
Strengthen us with the spirit  
of your mercy and grace.  
Make us grateful for your gifts as we  
journey through our lives together.  
May we be a welcoming  
and serving community,  
always discerning and  
doing your will for one another.  
We make this prayer through  
Christ Our Lord. Amen*

**"HE LOVED US":** Pope Francis' New Encyclical On The On The Human And Divine Love Of The Heart Of Jesus Christ Pope Francis' fourth encyclical, Dilexit Nos ("He Loved Us"), explores the tradition and ongoing relevance of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This powerful message calls for a renewal of authentic devotion, reminding us of the tenderness of faith, the joy of service, and the fervor of mission. To read the encyclical click <https://tinyurl.com/24ju4vwh>

**DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL** Oct meeting. The Diocese of Sale Mission Council held its October meeting. The theme of the opening prayer focussed on Pope Francis's latest encyclical 'He Loved Us – On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ'. Bishop Greg gave his report on recent developments and activities in the Diocese. A report on the Synod on Synodality in Rome was submitted and discussed. Some time was spent discussing the experience of the Diocesan Consultation process and planning for the February 2025 Diocesan Assembly. Council members also explored the focus of their work in 2025, as well as determining next year's meeting dates and times. The Council was very appreciative of the hospitality provided by the ladies of the St Jarlath's community.

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$505.00
Presbytery:	\$871.00
Credit Cards	\$1,275.00
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Cathedral EFTpos:	\$160.00

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B  
9 - 10 November 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 9 November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<b>Sunday 10 November</b>	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Briagolong
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>Monday 11 November</b>	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday 12 November</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday 13 November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 14 November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 15 Nov</b>		
<b>Benediction &amp; Exposition Mass</b>	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND MASSES</b>		
<b>Saturday 16 November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
<b>Sunday 17 November</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 9 November 5.30pm	Sun 10 November 9.30am	Sunday 10 November 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Theo Smolenaars	John Dykun	Please offer
<b>Commentator</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Veronica Stewart
<b>Reader</b>	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Faye Flint
<b>Eucharist</b>	Carmel Wade	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
<b>Counters</b>	Len Althaus & Lyn Althaus		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 16 November 5.30pm	Sun 17 November 9.30am	Sunday 17 November 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Please offer
<b>Commentator</b>	Brenda Burditt	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Veronica Stewart
<b>Reader</b>	Sandra Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Claire Everard
<b>Eucharist</b>	Jenny Gunn	Anna Allen	Doug Waite
<b>Counters</b>	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sunday 10 Nov 9.30am:** Ivy Imperial Bea  
**Wednesday 13 Nov 9.30am:** Rose Hole (A)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** We offer prayers for those who have died **Pam Edgely, Judith Gray**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Justin McLay, Ellen Delany, Kevin Robinson, Ivy Imperial Bea, Rose Hole, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick **Dalia Ellison, Veronica Foxe, Cynthia Freshwater, Teresa Bennett, Aileen Nicholls, Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Nimal & Vajira, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

**Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer  
2024-2025**

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!  
Startle us anew with your power and energy.  
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.  
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.  
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.  
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.  
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.  
May we listen attentively to your quiet whisper at our very core.  
May we discern your call expressed in the voices and stories of others.  
May we build a Church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.  
May we be at one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation.  
May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world,  
Wind and Fire for one another.  
Amen.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help.  
Pray for Us.

**YOUTH CORNER:**

**Final Youth Mass for 2024** will be held in the Cathedral on **Saturday 23 November at 5.30pm.**

**Youth Pizza Night/Testimony: Friday 15 November from 5.00—6.30pm** in the Chapter House. Please bring a box of pizza to share.  
All family members & friends welcome to join us.

**Invitation**

**Ecumenical  
Advent  
Conversation**



Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland,  
and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale,  
invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation –  
a seasonal study of Old and New Testament passages drawn from our common lectionary  
alongside some of the great Advent themes.



The Conversation will be led by biblical scholars  
from the University of Divinity, Melbourne:  
**Rev Dr Merryll Blair OAM**, Stirling Theological College ...  
... and **Rev Dr Chris Monaghan CP**, Yarra Theological Union.

There will be an opportunity for those present to participate in the question time  
and dialogue following each address.

Friday 29 November 2024  
10am – 3.30pm  
Morning tea and a light lunch will be served  
\$25 per person  
RSVP 22 November 2024  
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## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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

## **FIRST READING:**

A reading from the first Book of Kings 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.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

## **SECOND READING:**

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews 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.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **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.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**

Every Friday 10 - 11am

**Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am**

## **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

First Reading: **Daniel 12:1-13**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

Gospel: **Mark 13:24-32**

## **WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE**

**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm

**Saturday:** Rosedale - 5.30pm

**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm

**Sunday:** Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

**Sunday:** Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

**Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.**