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10 / 11 NOVEMBER**



The Parish of St James
Coorparoo.
A Vibrant, Prayerful,
Inclusive and Augustinian
Parish:
Archdiocese of Brisbane.



From the Outside of the Window

Giving Less Is More?

Jesus was not a good financial adviser. Instead of demanding a bigger share of profit from the people, he just advised them to give only what they could afford. If I were his boss, I would show him the door immediately. Jesus did not get it! The rule of finance: Shareholders have the right to get more for little risk, while the people have the right to pay more to get less.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told his disciples about a widow who only donated two small brass coins (Greek: *lepta kodrantes*—tiny coins worth very little). *Lepta* are small coins, but hardly as worthless as a present-day penny. Each *lepta* would be worth about ten percent of a worker's hourly wage—perhaps the equivalent of a dollar or two in today's currency. Jesus preferred her over those who gave much because they were rich. So Jesus said: **“Most certainly I tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those who are giving into the treasury, for they all gave out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on.”**

Certainly, Jesus did not condemn the large donation. However, he used a different calculation of reward. He based his calculation, not on what the widow gave, but on what she has left. He knew how tempting it would be for her to think, “This little bit won't matter, so I will let the rich people fill the coffers.” Jesus knows how much easier it would be for the widow to give one coin—or none—rather than both coins.

So, the widow's approach was very different to the financial calculation we practise today. Donation to charity is not exempt from this type of calculation. Some calculate percentages and allow the budget to dictate their giving. They are good at getting something in return, and factor that into their benevolence. In some instances, the public-relations value will return more to the donors than the gift cost. That's just good stewardship. No reason to feel bad about helping a good cause—while getting a solid return on the investment.

But there was nothing calculating about this widow's gift of two small coins. She didn't have one moment of indecision. She didn't shift from one foot to the other while considering first this coin and then that one. She didn't calculate percentages. She didn't check her budget. She didn't ask what she would get in return. She had only two coins, and she cast them both into the treasury—probably feeling bad that she couldn't give more. While the rich “gave out of their abundance, (the widow), out of her poverty, gave all that she had to live on”. Jesus measures the widow's gift, based not on the amount that she gave, but on the amount that she kept back for her own use—nothing. For this *nothing*, the widow received *all God's blessings*.

Earlier, the disciples raised the question of their greatness; and they asked Jesus to select the greatest disciple. Today, Jesus gives us his answer: The widow is the greatest because her two small coins show that (1) even the poor can honour God with their gifts and (2) God judges the offering, not by the size of the gift, but by the person's heart.

God endows each of us with all sorts of special talents and gifts. It is important that we use our endowments for the benefit of our neighbours to the glory of God. No help is too small and insignificant. No good work, although “small”, will escape God's attention. What matters is the joy of giving that comes from knowing that we are doing our part, our fair share.

Those who envied rather than rejoiced in people's generosity, Paul reminded them: “God loves a cheerful giver” (1 Cor 9:7). The word “cheerful” comes from the Greek word *hilarós*—as in “hilarious.” When you make someone laugh, when they see the humour in what you're saying, they're won over. Their laughter becomes a gift, freely and joyfully given. **That's how God wants us to give**—from a sense of joy rather than a sense of duty.

During the month of November we remember those who have generously given much to us when they were with us. We ask the good Lord now to reward them. May God list their names in the *Book of the Living*.

As always, let us pray for each other, Fr. Joe.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading 1 Kings 17: 10-16 The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah. **Second Reading** Hebrews 9: 24-28 Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself. **Gospel Reading** Mark 12: 38-44 This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.



We pray for our deceased whose names are written in our Book of the Dead.

Please pray for these unwell: Ebbie Bradfield; Alberico Salvatori; Salvadore Resolado Jr.

Please give prayers and welcome to these Baptismal Children:

Preston Collett; Theodore Berry.

It is customary to re-light your child's baptism candle each birthday or baptism anniversary.



Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their life in faith and now rest from their labours. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you.

Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in heaven.

St. James Parish acknowledges the Jaggera People of Coorparoo as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.

Social Justice

SIGNIFICANT DATES — NOVEMBER:



Saturday 10: 1995: execution of 9 Nigerian environmental and human rights activists.

Sunday 11: Remembrance (Armistice) Day: 100th anniversary of the end of WWI (1918)

Monday 12: 1991: Dili Massacre, more than 271 people killed

Friday 16: 1989: murder of 6 Jesuit priests and 2 co-workers in El Salvador.

World Day of Poor... from Pope Francis' inaugural message for World Day of Poor 18 November 2017: "Let us love, not with words but with deeds. We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself. For Jesus' disciples, poverty is a call to follow Jesus in his own poverty."

Planned Giving for the Week ending 4th November (Week 1)

Collection	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Credit card	Total
1 st Collection Augustinian	\$968	\$420.50	\$265	Week 4	\$1,653.50
2 nd Collection Parish	\$577.05	\$398.50	\$260	only	\$1,235.55

Parish news

Friends of St Augustine on Wednesday 14th November at 6.30pm: we'll meet you in the Dining Room of the Priory.

Contact Ray (phone: 3892 1682)



St Cecilia Day Celebration - Thursday 22nd November 7pm - 8.15pm at St Luke's Catholic Church, 43 Taylor St Woolloongabba. Light refreshments afterwards at St Luke's Green Village. See Noticeboard (Michael Whitehouse whitehousemd@bigpond.com)



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Co-ordinator: Kev Mahoney kevmahoney2@bigpond.com

Sunday, November 11: What is RCIA? Who is Jesus Christ? Mass at 6pm then the meeting is in St James Priory dining room. We leave after the homily and retire for about 1 hour to discuss the Gospel and to explore some major areas of Catholic faith. Meetings conclude 7.15 - 7.30 pm.

Fr Joe is on his annual Spiritual Retreat 19th - 25th November.

Reminder to volunteers for Church brass cleaning - date scheduled is Saturday 24th November, 8.30am. Thank you for helping.

Reminder to all volunteers who have received an invitation to thank you dinner on Saturday, 1st December 2018. Time: 7.15pm in the evening, after the Vigil Mass, presided by the new P.P. Fr. Francis Belcina OSA. Venue: Parish Hall. We need your RSVP so that we can start organising numbers, catering, etc. RSVP is 16th November to osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 33971671.



St James Parish Coorparoo...Sacrament of Reconciliation / Penance

Email: osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3397 1671

This term, Year 5 children (10yrs of age) who wish to conclude their Sacramental Program with Reconciliation...Enrolment Mass this weekend Saturday 10th November at 6pm or Sunday 11th November at 9am). Sessions for children: Friday 16th November and Friday 23rd November after school (6pm).

Annual Catholic Mission Appeal
throughout

Brisbane East Deanery

this weekend...

November 10 and 11th



Names of dear departed relatives and friends—rest in peace. Book is available at the front of the church, ready for you to sign. There are envelopes [November Mass Offering] available on church pews or at the side entrance for you. Place them in the collection bowl.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be coming shortly. St James parish can donate via the Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes. Or St James parishioners can donate needed items (food and personal care) under the Christmas Tree which will be placed near the altar shortly. (see noticeboard for info)

Deanery news

Youth led Mass at Parish of Sts Peter and Pauls on Sunday 18th November at 5.30pm Stay after Mass to enjoy a \$5 pizza and drink supper

RSVP Friday 16th November to the Parish Office bulimba@bne.catholic.net.au (see noticeboard)

Archdiocese news

Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture on Sunday 18th November.

This year we will be also celebrating 70 years of the World Council of Churches.

The lecture will take the form of a sermon at a special Evensong service at St John's Anglican Cathedral.

The guest preacher will be Rev Dr David Gill, former staff member of the World Council of Churches and former General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in Australia. (see noticeboard)

Other news of interest

Third public multi-faith walk in Brisbane City to commemorate the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This year's walk is also being supported by the United

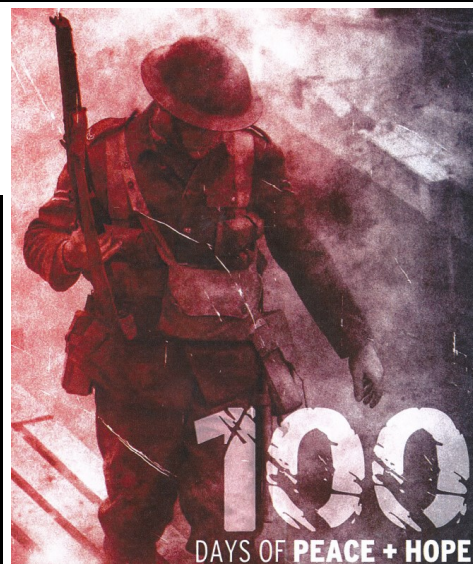
Nations Association of Australia Queensland branch and a couple of human rights organisations: **FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 4.30PM to 6PM** icd@griffith.edu.au or info@bwcp.org.au (see noticeboard)

REMEMBRANCE DAY, 11 NOVEMBER – BELL RINGING

On 11 November 1918, many communities across the world celebrated the Armistice which ended the hostilities of the First World War by ringing bells at 12.30 pm, which will ensure that the bells will not conflict with the one minute's silence or Remembrance Day services.

Prayer: Let us remember those who have died for their country in war; those we knew, and all who have given their lives for freedom, justice and the hope of peace. Lord, strengthen our hearts, hands, and minds, to work together for peace; to see you in one another, and to seek your kingdom above all things; that your will may be seen to be done, and your Kingdom come, through Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. Amen.

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November 10 / 11 Karleen & Sandra

November 17 / 18 Lenore & Brendon

NEXT WEEK November 17 / 18	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	R. STEPHENSON	J. DUNGAN	K. PEARSON	P. DAVEY
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Mass Times **WEEKEND:** Saturday 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;

Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30 pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th December 2018.

NEXT ANOINTING MASS: Friday 14th December 2018, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day).

NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday 18th November 2018 — 9am mass.



The greatest gift from God: "Peace of heart;
without this we may possess everything and yet not be happy."
Bl. Frederic Ozanam