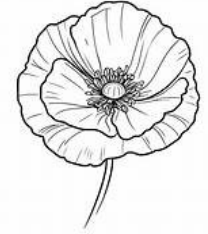


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Giving

The widows in today's first and gospel readings are portrayed as giving everything they possessed, all they had to live on. They are presented to us as examples of generosity and we are encouraged to follow their example. The motivation behind their giving may be similar. However, when reflecting on the passage from the gospel, 'it is important to remember that each gospel story is contributing to a larger story about Jesus' identity and mission. We need to interpret each story by how it connects to the material before and after it. The story of the widow giving her offering at the temple is placed between two texts. In the first, Jesus is warning against those religious leaders who 'devour widows' houses.' (Mark 12: 38-40). In the second, Jesus says that this temple and its system will be torn down. (Mark 13: 1,2) He sees a corrupt religious system that no longer honours the intent of the law which said that a widow was exempt from making an offering because she was one of the recipients of the temple's income. With this in mind, we may see the widow as a victim of oppression, as someone who is forced into a situation to give all she has left.' [1] 'This story is included to condemn any system that takes advantage of those who are vulnerable rather than caring for them. Jesus pronounces a judgement on that kind of system, and says that it should be (and will be) torn down. [2] Whatever the motive behind the widow's offering, 'her action echoes the action of Jesus who gave everything until there was nothing left for him to give. This is the depth and reality of his love'. [3]

It is fitting that today is Remembrance Sunday, a day to remember and honour those who have given everything to secure and protect our freedom. During November, the final month of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to remember those who have given us so much, those who have nurtured us in body and spirit: our loved ones who have gone before us, our teachers and guides who have encouraged us and enabled us to be where we are today.

'Giving is not wrapped up only in material giving. Giving is the difference of being with another rather than simply doing for another. Being fully present to another person requires much of our time, our resources and energy. Being fully present to another may leave us with nothing more to give.' [3]

Adapted: [1]Paul Penley [2] Michael Frost [3] St Vincent de Paul society, <https://www.vinnies.org.au/>

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

10th November 2024

Year B

Missal 944

DIARY and MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 9th November 2024

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	Robbie & Patsy Hasson For our parish	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday
Mon 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>St. Ant</i>	Jade Park <i>Funeral Service: Jade Park</i>	<i>Feast: St. Martin of Tours</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Tony Swarbrick	<i>Feast: St. Josaphat</i>
Wed 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Catherine Rawlinson	
Thur 11.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	<i>Funeral Mass: Rosalinde Forrest</i>	
Fri 9.15am	<i>St. Ant</i>	Philip Brady	
Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Ant</i>	Colin Nicholls	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Ant</i> <i>H.Family</i>	For our parish Fr. Bill Bootle	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Weekend: Offertory: £559.27. Attendance: 234 (97 + 137). Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week: Catherine Rawlinson, Philip Brady, Colin Nicholls, Tony Swarbrick, Angela Russell, Monica & Alan Jackson.

Tea, Coffee, cake etc. is served in the Padua Room after both weekend Masses.

St. Anthony's SVP Group

If you would like to join one of our SVP meetings you are most welcome. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 11am November 13th in the Padua Room. Thank you for supporting your SVP here at St Anthonys.

The Salvation Army Christmas gift collection.

The Salvation Army are running their Christmas Toy Appeal once again. We have taken part before. Details and a box at back of church. Deadline is the end of November.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those who are sick, especially Jo Counsell, Bill Embery, Marie Morris, Michael Connors, John Mulholland, Deacon Tom Butler, Deacon Michael Dolan, Fr. Robert Horn;
We pray for those who have died recently: Rosalinde Forrest, Jade Park, Fr. Alf Parker;
and those whose anniversaries fall about this time: Jim Sheldon, Mary Jones, Patricia & Robbie Hasson, Harold Mark Bradley, Norman Green, Mark Dey. John Twine, Margaret Turner, Tony Swarbrick, Lucy Swarbrick, Keith Yates, Michael Myerscough, Mary Cottam, Monica Jackson, Alison Taylor, Helen Proctor, Frances Farrer, Mary Hough, Paul Drake, Patricia Gorrell, Rosaleen Holmes, Francis Hartley, Catherine Bond, Bryan Healey, Cyril Higginson, Margaret Keane, Leo Flannigan, Lilian Butler, Andrew Roe, Joseph Holmes, Michael Bell, Joe Traynor. May they rest in peace.

Schools Academies

In line with the Bishop's vision for all Catholic schools within Lancaster Diocese to join a Catholic Multi Academy Trust, we are undertaking a consultation period to explore St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School converting to academy status and joining the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust. The consultation will run from Friday 1st November until 3pm on Friday 29th November. Further information, including frequently asked questions, is available on the school website <http://www.st-anthonys.lancs.sch.uk/consultation/>

Suggestions for parish charities 2025.

Every year we choose one charity at home and one further away. So far this year we have raised over £3700 for Mary O'Gara Foundation and Sightsavers, and are on target to raise well over £4000. Suggestion slips are available at the back of church. Deadline for suggestions is end of November.

Donating by Card

The card machine had problems accessing the internet last weekend. We apologise to those who were seeking to use it. We are getting a sim card to allow it to be used independently of the parish internet. Angela and Louise will be on hand again to explain how to use it for anyone who is unsure. Donations can be Gift Aided.

The New Lectionary

The new Lectionary will be introduced from the first Sunday of Advent (1st December). The prayers remain the same but the translation of the scriptures will be from the English Standard Version (ESV). We have permission to print the new Readings on our weekend Newsletter. There are new Missals available at £19.95. If you want a copy put £20 in an envelope and we'll bring copies here for you.

Welcome into the family of faith:

Chloe Young and Ayla Dyas who were baptised in St. Anthony's last week.

Fair Trade sales

Last week sales came to £96.25. Donations to CAFOD were £6.25 and to Rwanda £1.50. Many thanks to all who supported.

The Rwanda Table Top sale, supported by Bishop Paul as our patron, is next Saturday, 16th in the Annexe. As funds have dropped considerably we desperately need much support. See poster.

We continue to say the rosary for peace in the world every Monday and Friday after morning Mass and 6.30pm Sundays in the Padua Room.

Assisted Dying (Suicide)

Our bishop Paul has now added his own voice on this subject. There are copies at the back of church. He concludes by saying:

"If this passing world is all that exists, then we can understand the fruitlessness of a slow and terminal suffering being cut short for the sake of this world's compassion. Faith insists on a different way. Our suffering, living in the shadow of death, is radically altered by the presence of Jesus; and the hope He gives shows us a better way. It is ways of showing love and care which need to increase rather than termination of life. Love and care are effective ways of raising someone out of misery.

I ask you to pray for a truly Christian outcome for this Bill. Let Christ's voice be part of the debate; I ask you to contact your local Member of Parliament, showing you are led by your Faith. Share with her/him your Opposition/concern for the Bill. Help to safeguard the vulnerable whose lives are at risk.

With my blessing on you, all, especially those whose needs are greatest."

+Rt Rev Paul Swarbrick, Bishop of Lancaster