

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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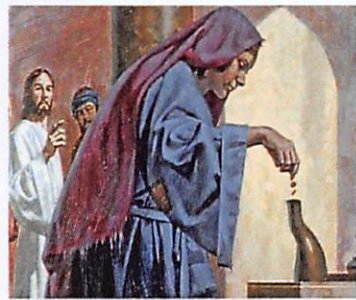
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For the Holy  
Souls



November

## 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal.*

The Gospel of the Sunday contrasts the ostentatious behaviour of the rapacious and ambitious scribes with the action of a poor widow who is full of faith and humility. In the context of St Mark's gospel, the criticism of the race for honours and advantages, and the contrasting praise of the woman are aptly placed: Jesus is soon to enter into the sanctuary of heaven, having offered himself once and for all and been placed in the ranks of the most humiliated. One can imagine the various feelings of those who brought their offerings to the Temple. Pride and self-sufficiency of the rich who have no intention of hiding their generosity, which in fact makes no in-roads into their wealth. Discretion and humility of a poor widow who drops two small coins into the treasury, drawing from her own wants, as in earlier times the widow of Sarepta did when she gave with faith to the prophet Elijah the little that remained to her to live on. Of the two offerings, which does God prefer? Already in the time of Jesus a rabbi remarked: 'two turtle-doves offered by a poor person are worth more than a thousand sacrifices of King Agrippa'. And, Jesus, the Word of God, confirms this; he exalts the offering of the poor woman because it prefigures the offering of his own body.

### Weekend Mass Intentions

**Sat:** - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer  
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
9.30am - Salvador & Severina Fernandes - RIP

**Followed by Confessions until 11.00am**  
5.00pm - Vincenzina Ruffini - Anniversary

**Sun** – The church opens at 7.00pm  
8.00am – Repose of the Holy Souls  
9.30am – Frank Matovu - Birthday  
11.00am – **Remembrance Sunday Mass**  
5.00pm – Cora Coman - Anniversary

**Mon** – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer  
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
9.30am – Birth Int - Sophie Taylor-Camara

**No Adoration this morning**

**Tues** – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer  
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
9.30am – In Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Wed** - 8.15am – Church Opens for Quiet Prayer  
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

**Thu** – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer  
8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary  
9.30am – Michael & Theresa Matovu – Wed Anniv

**12 noon** – Funeral of Daphne Sullivan  
**Followed by Novena for Holy Souls (1)**

**Fri** 5.00pm – Church Opens with Exposition  
6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary  
7.30pm – Daniel Baio - Anniversary

**Followed by Novena for Holy Souls (2)**

**Sat** – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer  
8.15am – Morning Prayer  
9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

**Followed by Novena for Holy Souls (3)**

**Confessions until 11.00am**

5.00pm - Frank Sebagala - RIP

**Sun** – Church opens at 7.00am  
8.00am – Intentions of George Sullivan & Family  
9.30am – Rose Tonkin - RIP  
11.00am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls  
**4.00pm** – **Novena for Holy Souls (4) & Eve Prayer**  
5.00pm – Intentions Leony Cruz

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MASS – 10<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Please be in church by 10.55am so that we can  
Observe the two minutes silence together.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from  
10.15am to 11.00am**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November from  
10.15am to 11.00am**

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

### NOVENA FOR HOLY SOULS

We will offer this Novena on  
behalf of all departed  
loved ones

Thur 14<sup>th</sup> – After Morning Mass  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – After Evening Mass  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> – After Morning Mass  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup> – 4.00pm in church  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – After Morning Mass  
Tue 19<sup>th</sup> – After Morning Mass  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – After Morning Mas  
Thu 21<sup>st</sup> – After Morning Mass  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – After Evening Mass

### BLESSING OF GRAVES

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
At Lavender Hill & Strayfields  
Cemeteries. Mass at 12.30pm in  
the Chapel inside gate & then the  
Blessing of the graves

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

**November 2024 – For a lost child**

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and my receive peace of heart from the Spirit of God and of consolation.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Please can you help by donating some items for our Bazaar. It is one way that we raise money for our parish. A list is attached to the newsletter. Please do try and be generous so that we can make it a great success. Thank you.

### NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we pray for the repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and especially our own loved ones. We will offer 3 Masses on All Souls Day and 4 Masses each week of November for the repose of the Holy Souls. If you would like names of your loved ones to be offered in the intentions of those Masses please write a list and put it in one of the special envelopes together with your offering for the Masses and return it before the beginning of November. The list will be placed in front of the altar and be offered in prayer at every Mass during the month.

## RETRouvaille

### You can help your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue – or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. No group therapy or group work. 1000's of couples have been helped with difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the next programme – residential weekend (8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November) call or text on 07887296983 or email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)

## MARY'S MEALS

### An appeal

Mary's Meals can make money for their work by collecting any unwanted mobiles/ipads/jewellery/watches/cameras. If you have any of these and would be willing to donate them, pop them in a bag. Mark the bag Mary's Meals and hand it in next time you are at Mass. David Chapman will pick them up and deliver them to the Mary's Meals office. Thank you for your support.

## FRIDAY LUNCH

Our Friday Lunch Club is very popular but we are in desperate need of help for a short time to move heavy tables and to help unload food off the van when it is delivered – for about an hour and half from about 9.00am.

## DEANERY MASS FOR THE DECEASED

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon. At St Georges, Enfield Town. All parishioners are welcome to attend this Deanery Mass.

## YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

### Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a weekday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November (7-9pm) at St Edmund's Church, Edmonton.. For further details please contact: [annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk)

## DILEXIT NOS

Pope Francis has released a new encyclical entitled "Dilexit Nos" (He Loved Us) in which he calls Catholics to rediscover the love and compassion found in the heart of Jesus Christ (the Sacred Heart). If you would like a copy, some have been ordered for the parish shop.

## LEGION OF MARY

### Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

Meeting on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45pm

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers together and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past week or so.

## CHOSEN – Season Four

I know that many of you have enjoyed watching the films **CHOSEN** which are based on the life of Jesus. Some of you may not have seen Season Four yet, so we are going to show it in the parish hall on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available. Please join us for an entertaining evening.

## CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The **CCS** are a charity providing young people and children with counselling and therapy, emergency grants for families and carers and adoption and aftercare. Check out their Christmas Card brochure in porch.

Parish Shop – Open for Rosaries, Candles, Statues and Occasional Cards.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday Evenings  
from 5.00 – 7.15pm  
Saturday Mornings  
from 7.00 – 8.30am  
*During this Year of Prayer,  
Try and give a little  
more time to Our Lord*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

## SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024



For any parishioner who feels that they would benefit from receiving the Sacrament of the Sick, it will be administered during the 9.30am Mass

## Prayers please:

**Sick:** Fergal Sherry, Mehil Ftoni, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, Eamon Fitzpatrick. Eileen Lacey,

**Recently Dead:** Agatha Durowaa, Angelo D'Vito, Daphne Sullivan. Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Djomou Julienne, Phyllis Robinson, Jennifer Browne, Liam Sullivan, Fr David Williamson. Rose Tonkin, Frank Sebagala, Rosemarie Warnesuriya, Elvera Nardone, Victor Saldhana, Fr Damien Crimes, Patrick Mukasa. Philomena Gomes, Peter Thorpe, Fernando Iannelli.

**Anniversaries:** Dennis Swanton, Stephanie Molloy, Eileen Swanton, Surujnath Ragbir, Sheila Saldhana, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Vermeil Joson, Anscarina Dinha, Margaret Paul, Diane Bunker. Peggy Power.

**Morning Prayer & Rosary** – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

**Legion of Mary** – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 2.45pm in the hall.

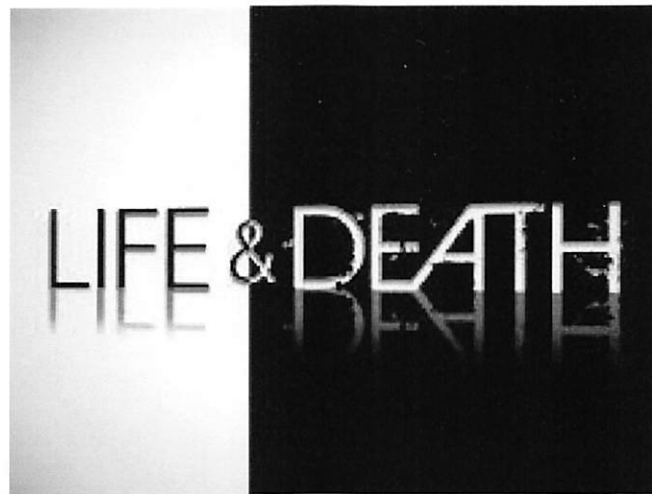
**Friday Lunch** – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

**Contactless Offerings to the Parish** – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections

## THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Following the Year of the Council we now enter the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. It is a weekly resource of prayer and meditation based on Pope Francis' recent catechesis on prayer. It is compiled in 52 parts providing a reflection for each week of the year. You will find them on the table in the porch each week.

**Please remember:** Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.



Both life and death are mysteries. We know the physical facts, but there is much that we do not understand. People, even Christian people, have different attitudes to death – ranging from terror, through fear to acceptance and even to longing expectation. Death comes to all, but Christians are able, through their faith, to meet death in a special way. Jesus, in the manner of his dying and rising again, gave a new meaning to death.

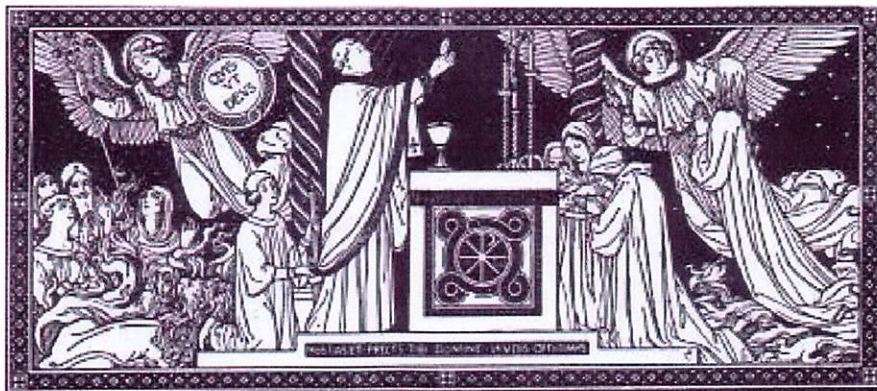
Jesus showed us that there is more to life than we experience here on earth. His words and his actions assure us of his deep love for us all – good and bad alike. We have a responsibility and opportunity to overcome the evil in us and to change and grow in goodness, so that we may become more and more like Jesus Christ. But God is not prepared to write off even the greatest sinner because he loves us all so very much.

All those who die in God's grace and friendship are assured of eternal salvation – but even they are still imperfectly cleansed of their sins and so must undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness needed to enter the joy of heaven and the presence of Christ. This final purification of God's elect is called Purgatory, and this is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.

From the beginning of the Church, prayers have been offered for the dead and their memory has been honoured by those who are still alive. These prayers are offered principally during the Mass, and the Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. In the Mass on All Souls' Day (2<sup>nd</sup> November) we profess that we long to be with our Father in heaven and acknowledge that we must be completely purified and free of sin if we are to enter the divine presence. We pray for those who have "gone before us marked with the sign of faith" as we ask Jesus to complete the work he began in our departed brothers and sisters at their baptism.

Catholics, in common with other Christians, believe that death is not the end of life but a stage on the road to a greater and richer fulfilment of life and all that is good, Christians hold to the certainty that in his death and resurrection Christ triumphed over death and that in our Baptism we are united for ever with Jesus and share in his triumph over death. For a Catholic, then, death means that life is changed, not ended. Our sorrow at the loss of a loved one is tempered by the sure and certain belief in the resurrection of the body from the dead and life everlasting. In the prayers of the Mass, we pray for those who have died using these words:

*“To our departed brothers and sisters  
and to all who were pleasing to you  
at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory  
through Christ our Lord,  
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.”*



## A COMMENDATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We entrust you to the God who created you.

May you return to the one who formed you from the dust of the earth.

May Mary, the angels and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life.

May Christ who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace.

May Christ, the Son of God, who died for you, take you into his kingdom.

May Christ, the Good Shepherd, give you a place within his flock.

May he forgive your failings and purify you and keep you among his people.

May you see your redeemer face to face and enjoy the sight of God for ever.

**Amen.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

# SUNDAY PLUS

## Remember

# They gave their all

By Austin Owen-Owen

It's easy to imagine the little old lady putting a coin in the collection box before entering the Temple to pray. What made her different was that Jesus saw her and knew that everything she had went into that box and nobody else saw or appreciated her gift. She wasn't looking for recognition – but she deserved it. Would she go to bed hungry that evening?

Today is Remembrance Day. Over the millennia, billions of people have lived on our planet, but each had only one life. Too often, that life was

given up in wars which its owner didn't seek and didn't start. Lists of names on war memorials and cemetery headstones won't always record great deeds which earned medals and fame. Yet each name, each grave, was someone who was loved and whose absence left – and still leaves – an aching gap which will never be filled in quite the same way. Too often, war is made by the "men at the top" and fought by those "at the bottom". War destroys families and separates loved ones. War memorials, wherever they may be, say the same things but in different languages, tangible proof that those who lived and those who died were people with friends, families and personal stories. Each resembled the poor widow of today's Gospel: they gave their all.

Today, Remembrance Day, we think with pride of those who gave their lives so that others might live and as we pray that they might be enjoying eternal life, we also pray for peace. May all peoples work together to create peace and understanding in our world.

*Austin Owen-Owen was wounded twice in battle but continued fighting on the front line.*



Photo: Sr Janet Fearn

Without memory, we uproot ourselves from the soil that nourishes us and allow ourselves to be carried away like leaves in the wind. If we do remember, however, we bind ourselves afresh to the strongest of ties; we feel part of a living history, the living experience of a people.

Pope Francis

## Nothing left over

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

For Jesus, the quality of generosity is not about what you give but what you have left after you give. The widow makes a supreme sacrifice, offering as gift everything that she has. There is nothing left over.

Some people do even more – they give their own lives. Armistice Day, on 11 November, recalls the official end of World War I. The hostilities formally ended "at the eleventh hour of the

eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918, with the German signing of the Armistice.

Today, we celebrate Remembrance Day, remembering all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other conflicts.

We remember because we don't think their ultimate sacrifice should be forgotten. Who we are is what we owe to them. But we do more than remember: we hold their sacrifice holy today, together with the sacrifice of Jesus, who gave his life for all.

*Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.*

## Feast of the week Sunday 10 November Remembrance Day

Wherever you are, my love will keep you safe,  
My heart will build a bridge of light across both time and space.  
Wherever you are, our hearts still beat as one,  
I hold you in my dreams each night until your task is done...

Wherever I am, I will love you day by day,  
I will keep you safe, cling on to faith along the dark, dark way,  
Wherever I am, I will hold on through the night,  
I will pray each day a safe return, will look now through the light...

May your courage never cease.  
Courage never cease.  
*Paul Mealor, sung by Military Wives Choir*

Lord God, grant eternal rest to all those who have died as a result of war. Comfort their families and friends. Heal those who carry the wounds of war in their bodies and in their hearts. Help us to build a world of peace. Amen.

Today:  
1 Kings 17:10-16  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

Monday:  
Titus 1:1-9  
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday:  
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14  
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday:  
Titus 3:1-7  
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday:  
Philemon 7-20  
Luke 17:20-25

Friday:  
2 John 4-9  
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday:  
3 John 5-8  
Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday:  
Daniel 12:1-3  
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18  
Mark 13:24-32



# Encountering Christ

## The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

*Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families*



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

# 1

## Read

### The Gospel for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### THE WIDOW'S OFFERING

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 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."

**Taken from Mark 12:38-44 The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

# 3

## Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

# 2

## Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

We are presented in the gospel with a contrast between the dignitaries of the Temple, parading in their splendour, and the least of the least. These little coins of the widow are called lepta, meaning 'light', hardly more than shavings of copper, hardly worth picking up. Yet the value of a gift depends not on its absolute worth, but in the love with which it is given. The value of a birthday present depends on the love which it expresses, and the care which has gone into choosing or making it. One can imagine the widow debating with herself: if she made this supreme gift to the Lord, could she survive without these two little coins. What would she have to go without? As with the Sidonian widow in the first reading overleaf, this paltry gift is a rich expression of the widow's trust in divine love and care, and of her wanting to do something for the Lord. The little gift would go unnoticed among the riches of the exquisite and lavish Temple building, for its splendour was the wonder of the eastern Mediterranean, but her offering is a heartfelt expression of her love. Just so with our prayer of praise: it is the joyful outpouring of our love.

**What gift could you give to the Lord?**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

# 4

## Pray for Families

**This Wednesday's word for our school families is GIFT!**

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

**St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

# WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 10th November 2024**



## 1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

### Elijah and the Widow

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.

This story about Elijah and the widow of Zarephath in Sidon is chosen to pair with the story in today's gospel about the generosity of the widow in the Temple. It is also, of course, about another widow's generosity, but this story is more fundamentally about her trust and obedience to the command of the prophet. In a way, trust in the Lord underpins all generosity: we trust that any real need we encounter is presented to us by the Lord, and is a request for our help; we trust that God, our Father, knows what he is doing. Realising that we are no more than stewards of God's good things, we respond to the need which God has presented to us. This story also has something special about it, for this widow in the territory of Sidon is mentioned in the manifesto-speech which Jesus makes in Luke's gospel in the synagogue of Nazareth: his mission is not confined to Israel any more than that of the prophets was. The gentiles too are the children of God, the object of his loving care, and are to be saved no less than the Jews. In Jesus' mission the gentiles form part of the Chosen People of God. **What in your life has really called you to place all your trust in God?**



## 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

### Christ's Sacrifice Once and for All

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.

Addressed to Jewish priests converted to Christianity, this Letter to the Hebrews seeks to show them that the sacrifices they had formerly valued so much were only a shadow of the reality in Christ. There is no time in heaven! Those sacrifices were of their nature temporary and unsatisfying; Christ's is of its nature eternal and all sufficient. The image of Christ, presenting his sacrifice and his blood before the throne of God, is ultimately reassuring. It signifies the permanent and unbreakable union of humanity to God, welded by the obedience of Jesus on the Cross. Although the language is largely similar, the sacrifices of the Bible are not to be thought of in the same way as pagan and Greek sacrifices. They are not appeasing an angry god, but are celebrating unity with God. They are shared meals, and in the great annual sacrifice of the Day of Reconciliation, blood is sprinkled on people and altar to signify the renewed union with God. Especially reassuring is the mention of Christ's blood, for blood is the symbol of life. Christ's blood, given to us, is the sign and sacrament of the gift of divine life, offered to us - if only we will accept it. **What does Christ's self-offering signify?**

**Christ's blood, given to us, is the sign and sacrament of the gift of divine life.**

**The Wednesday Word** Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church  
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

*Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.*

*Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.*



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR  
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD  
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

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*'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'*  
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).