

**NEWSLETTER**

**Gospel Reflection**

Widows are mentioned in both sections of this gospel. They represent the poorest and most vulnerable people in society. But those who "devour widows' houses", who multiply their sufferings, can be seen strutting around in public, even praying in public, seeking to be honoured. Such hypocrisy is hateful to Jesus.

Then Jesus sees a poor widow putting her last couple of small coins ("all she had to live on") into the temple treasury. He is astounded and contrasts her generosity with the disposition (not necessarily bad) of the rich who made large offerings "out of their abundance". Implicitly he may be criticising the religious authorities for the pressure they put on people to part with what they cannot afford.

Do I appreciate the qualities that can be found in the widows (and other poor) of my world?



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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind"  
Philippians 2:2

<b>7th NOVEMBER 2021 32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B) MASS &amp; SERVICE TIMES</b>		
Saturday 6th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 7th November	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Monday 8th November		
Tuesday 9th November	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Wednesday 10th November	10:00am	Mass
Thursday 11th November	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)
Friday 12th November		
Saturday 13th November	5:15pm	Mass
Sunday 14th November	10:00am	Mass (Livestreamed)

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

**200 CLUB DRAW**

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mrs Brenda Flannigan

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB  
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

**Prayer for our Parish:**

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish  
and grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,  
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

**Gospel Reading** Mark 12 38 – 44

Jesus continued teaching. "Watch out for the religion scholars. They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function. And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless. The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they'll pay for it in the end."

Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins - a measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford - she gave her all."



*"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"*

St Francis of Assisi