

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
10th November 2024



*This poor widow has put in
more than all. Mark 12*



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus puts down those who are wealthy and do not share what they have. He explains that those who are flashy and care only about wealth and prestige will be punished. This ties back to our times in that our society tends to look too highly upon those who are famous and wealthy. We should rather judge them by their actions, not by the power they have and what they own. Jesus additionally explains that the poor widow who put in only two small copper coins had given more than all the wealthy people who donated an abundance to the temple treasury. She had barely anything in the first place and still gave of herself. Tying this back to what we can do, Jesus doesn't want us to become overly wealthy. We should take only what we need and share any extras with those who need it.

Jesus speaks of the real issue with wealth being that it easily persuades people to overly emphasise material things and overly emphasise one's self. If we are to become wealthy, we need to not solely pamper ourselves, but instead, share it with those who have no way of obtaining it. We need to treat everyone equally and with respect and do what we can to follow Jesus' teachings. Can we give up some of our free time to give back to society, to those who need us, or to donate any material goods we can spare to those who need it. By doing this, we will follow what Jesus teaches and we will show that we are truly the children of God.

Lord of life and love,

as we give thanks for times past,

grant us courage to embrace the present

and grace to share the future.

In memory of loved ones dear,

kindle their flame to shine in the dark

and light the path ahead.

Show the way that leads to life

Bless those who mourn, eternal God,
with the comfort of Your love
that they may face each new day with hope
and the certainty that nothing can destroy
the good that has been given.
May their memories become joyful,
their days enriched with friendship,
and their lives encircled by Your love.

Amen.

This week let us pray for:

- ♦ the commitment of all involved in the decisions of making the world a greener place;
- ♦ our country and world as we continue to work for peace;
- ♦ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning.



**“There is so much indifference in the face of suffering. May we
overcome indifference with concrete acts of charity.”**

— Pope Francis