

**November 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B – Mark 12 : 38 - 44**

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

<p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)</p>
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In this week’s gospel we see Jesus teaching in Jerusalem, the centre of Jewish religion the heart of the opposition to all he stood for. He is speaking out against the hypocrisy of the so- called 'religious' of his time. He noticed when no one else did the generosity of the widow and he praised her. The hypocrisy of the scribes is in total contrast to the humility and generosity of the widow.

It is good to know that even a small act or word of kindness does not escape the attention of Jesus. How good are you at recognising what others do and affirming them for their good deeds?

**Prayer:**

**Thank you Lord** for all those people who give their all to others without looking for attention to themselves. They show us that it does not matter what others think, it is what we do from our heart that makes a difference to our world.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times that we were so busy thinking of our own importance we did not notice and appreciate the small and valuable acts of kindness of others.

**Help us Lord** to learn from the kindness of the poor widow and know it is good to let go and let God into our lives and have trust in Him as she did when she gave away her last coin.

