

## Today's Gospel

There are two sections to the longer reading of today's Gospel. The first is an indictment about the self-important struttings and religious practices of the scribes. Jesus is warning His disciples not to come close to following these traditions when they are sent to announce the good news.

The second section sets a widow as the main character. Jesus and His disciples are people-watching. The Jews who enter the temple are putting money into the poor box as alms. The widow drops in to the temple and her two little coins. This becomes a highpoint for Jesus. She has little as she donates; others have much and contribute out of their surplus. She gave all she had; the others gave some of which they had plenty.

When we enter the holy building of the church, we do not drop our little coins in the treasury. We drop our fingers into the basin of water which first welcomed us into the Church. We make the sign of the cross as a reminder that Jesus has dropped into our poverty and has made it a treasure. We enter the holy space, not as aliens, but as holy believers returning to "re-member" ourselves to the community of the parish and Church through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. I am not exactly sure why the widow was going to the temple, perhaps she did so to regain a sense of being in the community of the People of God, the Jewish nation. Why do we come? What is it that we bring. Well, we bring our own inner poverty, we bring our need of God. We are not here to do God a favour: he needs nothing from us. We come to be a people of thanksgiving, to thank Him for what he has done.

The big question always is, "Why be good if God loves us whether we are good or not?" We do good things, not out of fear nor manipulating God's love, we do good, because that is who we are! We do not drop our real selves into the Holy Water font and pick them up on the way out. The widow put in most of the little she had and went in. Jesus drops all that He has into our lives and we leave the church, because that is who we are: The Sent, The Missed, The Massed, Remembered, The Blessed.

"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he gives me rest, he leads me beside waters of peace." Ps. 23, 1-2

## Saint Paul the Apostle, Tottenham

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### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday



#### Hymns this week

Preparation : 295, 48, 123  
Mass: 327, 294, 170, 401, 251, 189, 292, 219  
Missal: p. 690

#### The week at Saint Paul's

Mon 9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	7.30am	Mass
Tue 10	S. Leo the Great	7.00pm 7.30pm	Rosary Mass
Wed 11	S. Martin of Tours	12noon	Mass Coleraine Club
Thu 12	S. Josaphat	9.15am	School Mass
Fri 13	Of the Sacred Heart	7.30pm	Mass Social Club
Sat 14	Of our Lady	9.00am 10.00am	Mass Office Hour
Sunday 15	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 10.00am 5.15pm	Mass Parish Mass Mass

## NOTICES THIS WEEK:

A warm welcome to all who are visiting or new to the Parish. Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after Mass.

Thanks once again to all those who took part in and organised last Saturday's hugely successful Starlight Concert. We raised £1391, which is a very good effort.

Fair price rice on sale: as part of our charitable giving, we are selling bags of rice at £2.75 per kilo. This rice is fairly traded, which means that those who supply it are given a proper price for it. So stock up !

100 Club winners: 11 (£100); 38 (£38); 113 (£25). Well don to this month's winners.

The APOSTLE: we need articles for the next edition. Copy to Fr Mark by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, please.

Standing Committee: a further Standing Committee of the PCC will meet on Wednesday 11 November in the Vicarage.

International Evening: Saturday 21 November from 6.30pm. Tickets are available from today.

### Looking Ahead:

Saturday 5 December from 2.00pm: Our Christmas Bazaar. Contributions will be needed from next week.

Collection last week:	Plate:	£103.24
	Envelope:	£344.45

### Rotas next week:

Eucharistic Ministers:	Monica Boakye & Laura Regisford
Sidespersons:	Phyllis, Emma, Ariel, Esther
Teas & Coffees:	Pat & Edna
Cleaning:	Laura & Justina
Readers & Intercessor:	Camille, Jennifer & Tamzin

## IN YOUR PRAYERS:



**The Church:** The Holy Father

**The World:** Those serving in the Armed Forces

**The Community:** St Paul & All Hallows School

### In Hospital or Sick:

Dennis Hurley, Gwen Bailey, Vincent Wheatle, John Davy, Valerie Munroe, Anetha Langford, Hilary Stoughton, Rita Mason, Grace Adjekum, Norma Campbell, Hilary Robinson, Ruth Williams, Edna Henry, Myra Lea, Pat Nurse, Magdalen Octave, David Brown, Mary Edwards, Benjamin Browne, Hugh Davis, Ken Lovell, Joe Salmon, Pearl Welsh, Mary White, Franklin Farrington, Chanel Jones, Rheama Ivy Nhyira Wimfrey-Dallas, Ama Achiah, John Duah, Francis Layne, Olajumoke & Toyin, Charles Bryceland, Mary White, Cynthia Myers, Veta James, Henry Robinson, Tumpa Rahman, Denise Robotham, Cheryl Codrington, Baby Freddy Hearn, Jacob Sear, Shenelle Dyal, Florence Lan-George, baby Josh, Oliver Lewis, Patricia Salmon, Winifred Gordon, Sharon Roberts, Edward Agyeman, Shaun Tyrell, Selvin Grant, Elaine Mitchell.

*Please use the 'Prayer Request' card when commending someone for prayer.*

### Those who have asked for Prayers:

Olive Blagrove, Enid Davy, Jermaine, Sandra Davis, John Duah, Danah Grant-White, Sylvia Dabriel, Eunice Markum Riley, Marcia Ford, Hyacinth Brown, Gaynor Brown, Carl Sealy, Matilda-Owusu Ansah, Yvonne Tyrell, Stanley Hayes, Prince Lewis, Laura Regisford, Jurelle Hayles, Houston Jones, Daniel Stevens, Celis Jacobs, Kwame Fosu-Gyemsi, Cyril Layne, Mrs Ogunsian, Paula Simms, Kim, Charlene, Daphne Hayles, the Schroyögg family, Fedora Karoma, Frank Piper, Mr & Mrs J Atulomah, Yaw Antwi-Boasiako, Khalon Hayesman, Temitope Oluwa, Marietta Gilkes,, Elise Hayles, Ama Achiah, Kofi Appiah, Derrick McDonald, Suzanne McDonald, Pat Thompson, Christine Mullan, Anastasia Anstey, Sally Eyres, Zena Cudjoe, Osei Owusu, Brian Kennaby

**Faithful Departed:** Angela Bedford, Camillia Boll

**Anniversaries:** George Felstead (9<sup>th</sup>); Irene Burton, Areal Lambert (10<sup>th</sup>); Alastair Jamieson (11<sup>th</sup>); Gertrude Lingwood, Ethel Smith, Stanford Nelson, Ernest Julien (13<sup>th</sup>); John Pinkney, Doris Lewis (14<sup>th</sup>)