

# Newtbec

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE AND GIVE

SCRIPTURE QUOTE  
TO MEMORISE:

"It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever; who is just to those who are oppressed"

(Ps. 145: 7)

The extraordinary generosity revealed the depth of her surrender to God and, indeed, her complete trust in God to provide for her. She had very little to give and, yet, she gave everything.

This passage prompts the question, "Where would Jesus recognise something of himself today?" The Gospel passage suggests that he would recognize himself most of all in those who, like the widow in the temple, mostly go unnoticed, but whose total trust in God enables them to give without counting the cost, without looking to see what they have left, without expecting anything in return. They don't just give of their possessions, but they give of themselves. **Jesus suggests that generosity is not so much measured by what we give but by what we have left after we give.**

The author of the letter to the Hebrews explains how Jesus Christ is the compassionate high priest who offers the gift of His own life for the salvation of humankind while the psalmist urges us to call on our innermost self, our soul to give praise to the God who has great concern for the poor, including the oppressed, widows and orphans.

The giving Jesus refers to is not only the giving of money. Our generous giving can take many forms. For some, it may take the form of forgiving someone who has done them wrong, for others it may take the form of serving people with whatever gifts and talents the Lord has given them. Whatever forms our giving takes, let both widows in today's readings be our teachers.

As disciples of hope, let us be known for our generosity, compassion and solidarity with all people, especially the poor and most vulnerable of today. ✦

SCRIPTURE  
of the DAY

1 Kings 17:10-16;

Ps. 145: 7-10;

Hebrews 9:24-28;

Mark 12:38-44 or  
(41-44).

MONTHLY THEME:  
**THE POOR,  
THE TREASURE  
OF THE CHURCH**

*To Give Until*  
**NOTHING IS LEFT**

**T**he first reading and the Gospel passage focus on two widows who had very little but gave a great deal.

The first reading tells us of a poor destitute widow who shows great generosity as she sacrifices her 'handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug' for the prophet Elijah when he asked for help. The widow in the Gospel reading had even less to her name. All she possessed was two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Yet, little as she had, she put the whole lot into the temple treasury.