



LENT

Giving

WORD OF THE WEEK

MARK 12: 41-44

The Widow's Offering

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few pennies. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

THIS LENT HELP US JOURNEY WITH YOU LORD, BUT HELP US TO ALSO JOURNEY WITH OTHERS.
AS WE WALK THESE 40 DAYS HELP US TO BE AWARE OF THE PEOPLE AROUND US, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT NEED OUR HELP. HELP US TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS THE BEST WE CAN, AND HELP US SHARE WHAT WE HAVE SO OTHERS CAN BENEFIT.
AMEN

We have heard this Gospel already this year. But it is such a powerful, moving and inspiring story it is very much worth repeating. This Gospel gives us a great lesson about giving during Lent. What do you think this Gospel teaches about giving to others?

POPE FRANCIS ON GIVING

In an interview a few years ago Pope Francis said that we should always give to people on the streets who ask us for spare change, and no worry where the money will be spent.

- Why do you think we so often walk past and ignore people who beg on our streets?
- Do you agree with Pope Francis?
- Why do you think he said this?



ANOTHER OF THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT IS ALMSGIVING/GIVING. BY GIVING WHAT WE CAN WE CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF OTHERS. DURING LENT WE TRY TO THINK LESS OF OURSELVES AND MORE ABOUT THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

THREE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER



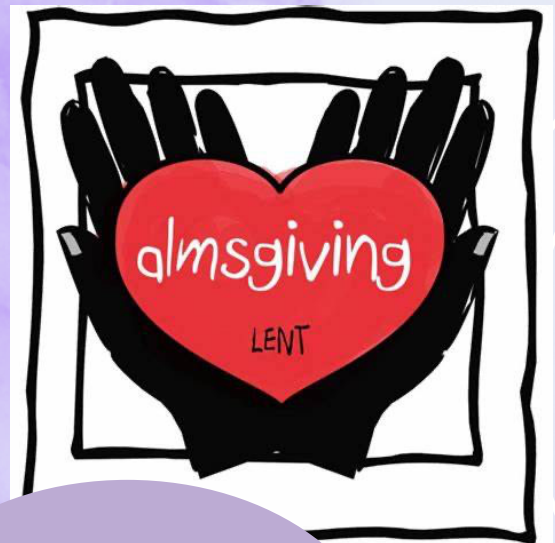
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ALMSGIVING

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Almsgiving is such an important part of our Lenten journey. Giving is a form of prayer, it is an act of love for God and our neighbour and is about putting out faith into action. Giving is also about fasting, going without something ourselves so that someone else can benefit or share in what we have. During Lent we are called to try and think less of ourselves and more about the needs of others.



SOMETHING TO WATCH...



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Generous Giver
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"No one has ever become poor by giving."
Anne Frank

Giving is not all about money. What else might we give this Lent? How else can we give if we haven't got money to spare? What could you give to others this week?

