



WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

30 September/ 1 October 2023

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MASS TIMES:

Sat: Vigil 6.00pm; **Sun 9:00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm**

Wed 9:00 am/ Fri 9:00am (Tue/ Thur 9:15 am St Kevin's)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am. Or: before/after any Mass by request but allow time.

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Common sense hygiene please: Masks, sanitising, isolating if testing positive for Covid-19, etc..

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isa 5:1-7, Phil 4:6-9, Mt 21:33-43

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at DoncasterRE@cam.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

Wednesdays at 9.45am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: Third Friday of the month from 7.00pm-9.00pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 4th Fridays 7:15pm—9.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: 3rd Mondays 7.30pm in the School Parish Room

ST GREGORY'S TENNIS CLUB: Membership enquiries: Gianna Alessio (President) 0438 410 506

Please pray for:

Those who are **sick** at this time including Jason Khoo, Michael Mullens, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Brian Cork, Vladimira Sabolic, Maria Tomasello, Brian Croft,

John Shew, Rena Sacco, Clifford Bunardi, Umberto Gianello, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, Natalie, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Sio Dewi, Pat McLeod, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Chee Choong Seng, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian and Eliseo Pardillo.

and for those who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about now

Deacon Charles English, Connie Failla Scalogna, Ong Kok Aun



From the Desk of Fr Charles,

Liturgy Conference: As I prepared for the Mystery and Mission Liturgy Conference in Brisbane, that I and six others from St Greg's and St Kevin's went to this past week, I wondered for myself what my expectations are, so I asked the others:

Bringing the Liturgy to life (my hope, expectation, but also for several others), make it more accessible and relevant to our lives; increase family friendliness; shifting to being participants rather than spectators or consumers; specifically how to enhance Good Friday liturgy and Reconciliation liturgies, evangelising through liturgy, re-engaging with the Mass / Liturgy / Eucharist seeking to become more fully engaged in being part of the liturgy, growing in capacity as the presider in the art of Celebrating the Mass, the role of the assembly and the presider, preaching as bridge building, growing the range and quality of lay participation, learning about the Eucharistic Prayer, enlivening the prayers of the faithful, doing the collection using EFTPOS machines (and other innovations), enhancing the range of hymns/music we use (new and old, classic and contemporary).

As you can see, we are very hopeful to return with some new ideas that will help bring you to greater depths of experience of Jesus Christ as we gather together in community to worship and meet with and consume his very self.

With your prayers, I am confident we will learn something to do with at least a few of these areas on interest.

Parish Forum: Keep your eyes peeled and ears open: we are planning a general parish forum (one at St Greg's 13th November, one at St Kevin's 26th October) to discuss our parishes, how they are faring, where they are heading, what I'm thinking about the future, what you'd like to see happen.

Baptisms, RCIA, people joining the church: please, encourage your friends, ask them to just come along and see how friendly Jesus is. We are not seeing many requests for baptism or much interest in RCIA. Please. Make an effort: suggest to your friends that baptising their children is vitally important; invite a friend to join you and come to the first session on becoming Catholic. Take a risk! What can go wrong? They say no. So you move on and ask someone else.

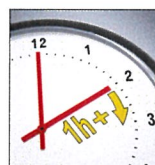
Gates: St Greg's: You will see the fabulous signage has gone up. Doesn't it look striking! This means we are essentially complete with the works for the gate. Early in Term 4 Michelle Verna and I will meet with others and confirm the initial gate settings and the list of people to whom we need to give codes/fobs for access when the gates are closed.

A reminder: the planned times are:

Mon-Fri: 6 am – 10 am; 2 pm -10 pm (closed over night).

Sat-Sun: open 6 am to 10 pm (closed overnight). I think this will be the case whether we are talking about during school terms or during school holidays. I will keep you posted.

God bless, Father Charles



Sunday 1 October 2023.
Move your clock forward one hour at 2am (AEST)

St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 9.00am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm

LECTORS

Joseph Philip, Lorna Philip
 Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis
 Jenny Tyedin, Brian Tyedin
 Thomas Ong, Jane Ma

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Carole Tang, Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Maria Verrochi, Marion See**NEXT WEEK 7/8 Oct**

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 9.00am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm

LECTORS

Catherine & Noel McClelland
 Chris Perera, Philip Dunlop
 Sauro Antonelli, Amanda Stefanovski
 Natalie De Silva, Dot Haynes

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mary Wilson, Leth Go**MONEY COUNTERS:** Ana Klaric, Boris Klaric**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Robert McHugh, Sharron Wilkinson
 Tony Nimmo
 Robert Rukavina, Dai Sim
 Judy Ablaza, Viviana Pereira

MORNING TEA: Jenny & Brian Tyedin**COLLECTORS**

Gerard O'Donnell

FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Karen D'Souza
 Tony Nimmo, Margaret Wallace
 Pierre Tanzimat, Mary Stocco
 Mary Tonti-Filippini, Alfred Lee

MORNING TEA: Lina & Don Pavone**COLLECTOR**

Seleana Ng

FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

For those who are Coeliac, we can provide low gluten (<20ppm) hosts or a separate chalice. Please let the priest of sacristan know your need.

Anointing of the Sick, can be provided before, during or after any Mass. Just let the Sacristan or the Priest know ahead of time.

Parish Facilities: The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are available. Room bookings can be made: st.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2023

Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest against the horrors of full-term abortion in Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life!

OCTOBER 7TH, 1PM START

Meeting at Treasury Gardens,
 corner of Spring Street and
 Wellington Parade



SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIAL TRAINING AND RISK ASSESSMENT - DELIVERED BY BRECH BURGESS

Venue- St Kevins Gathering Space,
 26 Herlihy's Road, Lower Templestowe

Date/Time - 3.30pm to 5.00pm Saturday October 7th.

Participants- Safeguarding Committee members; Children's Liturgy Leaders; Youth Group Leaders; Leaders from all other ministries.

Agenda: -

- 3.30pm - Registration
- 3.40pm - Training Part 1- Safeguarding Essentials - PowerPoint and hardcopy worksheets
- 4.35pm - Training Part 2- Risk Assessments - PowerPoint and hardcopy worksheets
- 5.00pm - Concluding Prayer

RSVP: Doncaster@cam.org.au

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

Save the Date!



You are invited to join us at our Annual BBQ on the 29th October after the 10.30am Mass.
 More details to come! Watch this space!

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

For a School Tour or next Open Day dates please contact the School Office on 98484483.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT CATHOLICISM? LEARNING MORE ABOUT JESUS?

Are you, or is someone you know, curious about this?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will soon begin its next series of meetings for St Gregory's & St Kevin's parishes at St Gregory's Church. For more information, phone Cathy (0431 748 898) or leave contact details with the parish office (9412 8425) or speak with Fr Charles. Warm welcome assured.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

ST CHARLES TURNS 40!

We invite St Charles Families and Friends to come & celebrate with us.

St Charles Borromeo
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday, 14th October 2023 at St Charles School,
 230-234 Serpells Road, Templestowe.



Starts 10am until 4pm.

There will be Sausage sizzle,
 Kaboom Sports and DJ in the Hall.
 RSVP by scanning the QR Code.

Waiting at the Well -**4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am-12.30pm (in-person event)***Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam*

This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/>, info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

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Are you interested in thinking a little more deeply about your faith?

Evangelisation Brisbane's 'Going Deeper' weekly podcast is all about getting to the heart of what it means to be Catholic. "Beneath what we do and what we say (as Catholics), and beneath all the tenets of the Catholic faith... at the core of it is a 'why', and a reason, and the reason is a person and the person is Jesus"

The last four podcast conversations have been with Bishop Tim Norton (Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane). Bishop Tim originally trained as a physiotherapist. The podcast conversations, hosted by Shane Dwyer, are relaxed and organic and most enjoyable!

<https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/going-deeper/id1632984729>

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

1 OCTOBER 2023

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. We cannot spend all of our lives blaming others for what has happened to us. At a certain stage we must accept responsibility for our own lives and deeds. Sometimes we need to admit, 'I have done wrong. I am sorry. God, help me to do right in future.' Change is always possible. If we have the desire, God will guide us in the right path.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*striking the breast*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the

sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezek 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

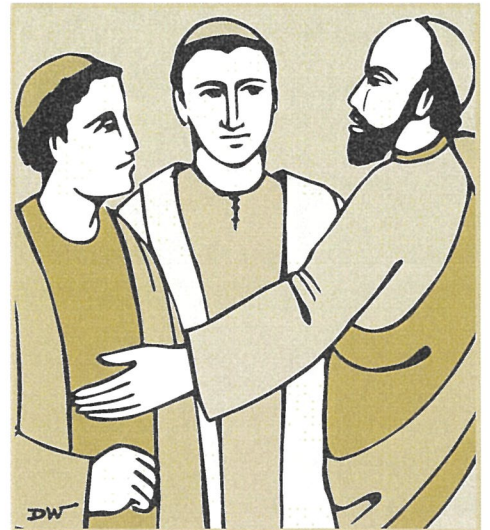
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. R.

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / Do not remember the sins of my youth. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path / he teaches his way to the poor. R.



SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! / My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and they follow me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 21:28-32

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,

by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose

suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

While we are familiar with the notion of personal responsibility, it may come as a surprise to learn that it took some time to fully develop in the Old Testament. While the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel were not the first to invent the concept, they are major contributors to its development. In Ezekiel 18, the prophet is trying to convince the people of Israel that while it might seem harsh that each person is held responsible for their sins, there is also the possibility to change one's life. God will respect this change of heart and reward it. As Jesus teaches in the Temple, he challenges the Jewish authorities to understand that what Ezekiel had spoken of continued to be true. Tax collectors and prostitutes took the opportunity that John the Baptist's preaching provided – to take responsibility for their lives and change. The parable of the two sons is a pointed commentary not only on the openness of sinners to John the Baptist but also on the opposition of the Jewish authorities. In the next few weeks, the lines of demarcation between Jesus and the authorities will continue to intensify. The Christians of Philippi are encouraged by Paul to take responsibility for the building up of their community, a community which is to be marked by unity, and a profound valuing of the other person. He reminds them of a hymn they know well, a breathtaking hymn that talks of the sublime example of Jesus' humility and love which is the model for all Christian life.

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