

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / A

11 JUNE 2023

FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD. When we eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood in Eucharistic communion, we share in his very life, a life poured out for all on the cross. As we gratefully receive this food of eternal life, we are called in turn to pour out our lives in loving service to our brothers and sisters.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

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 in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and to know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (or Alleluia!)

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! / Zion, praise your God! / He has strengthened the bars of your gates, / he has blessed the children within you. **R.**
2. He established peace on your borders, / he feeds you with finest wheat. / He sends out his word to the earth / and swiftly runs his command. **R.**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, / to Israel his laws and decrees. / He has not dealt thus with other nations; / he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 10:16-17

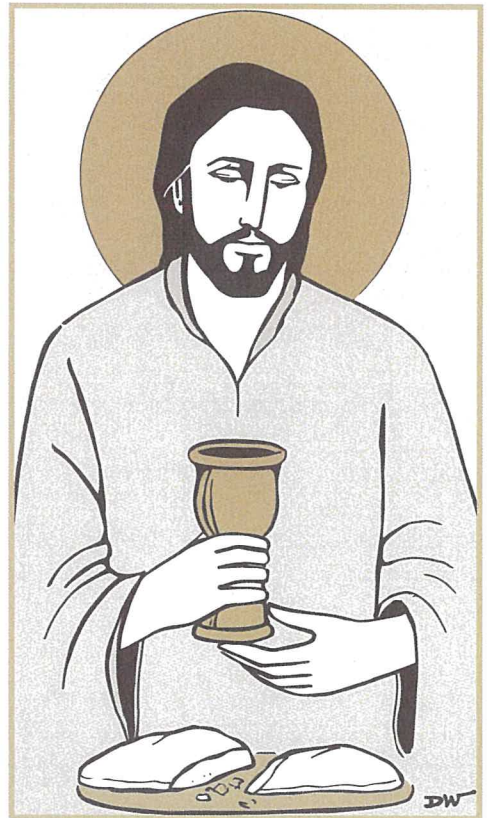
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God



SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:

Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; / whoever eats this bread will live for ever. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:51-58

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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 your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. 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 OR II OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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 Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign 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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A PROMISE OF LIFE

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are invited to consider the sustaining love of God in the past, present, and future. Deuteronomy calls us to remember how God nourished the people of Israel in the desert. Amid great hardship on that long journey to the land of promise, it was the living God who provided the people with the means to overcome thirst and hunger.

In trying to help the Corinthians address the division among them Paul stresses the role the Eucharist has in the present. United with Christ's great act of self-giving, Christians are called to celebrate the source of their unity. Moreover, their participation is a solemn pledge to overcome division by working to reflect who they are, the body of Christ Jesus.

The future aspects of the Eucharist become apparent in today's reading from John's Gospel. It reflects how the early church had come to understand that the Eucharist they celebrated was the most precious of gifts. Unlike the manna in the desert, it is a source of life that will carry us through all of life's journeys and is a reminder, promise, and preparation of the eternal life that awaits us.

The Eucharist prompts us to remember God's sustaining acts in the past as a source of encouragement for the present. We are called to continue Jesus' mission and message by working for unity in the present to be ready and worthy to share in eternal life which has been prepared for us in the future.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

10/11 June 2023

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue: Nadia Bolzonello

Wed-Fri: Vera Arief

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

Sacristan: Mary Stocco - Mob: 0412 742 657

MASS TIMES:

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

Wed 9:00 am & Fri: 9:00am (Tues & Thur 9:15 am St Kevin's)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex: 19:2-6, Roms: 5: 6-11, Matt: 9:26– 10: 8

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL: Principal: Michelle Verna Tel: (03) 9848 4483

Email: principal@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au

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 Umberto Gianello, Michael Mullens, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, Victor, Natalie, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Helen La Manna, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Sio Dewi, Pat McLeod, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Brian Croft, Chee Choong Seng, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Marisa Rodolfo, Angel Gustavo, Margaret Hansen.

And for those who died recently Gloria Benwell, Atala Ladd

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Pat LaManna, Angela LaManna

From the desk of Fr Charles:

Have you noticed that small things make a difference? I received a letter from Archbishop Peter, congratulating me on the 8th anniversary of my priestly ordination (27th June). I know it would have been typed up and mostly written by his office staff but ... the idea was his, and he made the time to sign it personally. Small things make a difference and open us to God's love.

The Parish Pastoral Councils of St Greg's and St Kevin's have had their meetings recently. There has been quite a gap because of lack of numbers, including my absence on holidays, and because of school holidays. We got to talking about the purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council, which leads me to wonder what you want your Pastoral Council to be.

Canon Law stops at recommending a body which can help advise the parish priest in the pastoral life of the parish. As we talked the members present (half were absent due to other commitments) clearly want to be a body that actively helps discern and steer parish life. Without being an operational body, the members can commit to discuss and discern and also help make things happen.

We need a few extra members for the Parish Pastoral Council and within that we desperately need someone for each parish who will take on the role of Chair – helping run meetings and helping draw together the priorities needed and the agenda. I consider the Parish Pastoral Council important, now and in the future. Can you help? I don't know you all, and certainly with most of you not well enough to know your gifts. Please! Pray! Discern! Take a risk! Catch me, come and see me! Jesus the Christ needs your hands!

In the letter he asked if I remember the moment of my first deep encounter with Christ, an encounter that noticeably changed my personal understanding of Jesus in my life: I can! It was the silent retreat in 1999 that I have mentioned often. There were many times of encounter before and since but that would be deepest.

God bless, Fr Charles

Important Notices:

- New Envelope Numbers for our Stewardship Contributions have now started. Please use your new envelope numbers so that we could record them correctly.
- Project Compassion Receipts are now ready for collection from the table in the Church narthex
- No Weekday Masses next week at both St Gregory's & St Kevin's as Father Charles will be away for a conference
- Words, Communion & Adorations on Wednesday, 14th June at St Gregory's
- Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass at 7pm at St Gregory's



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH
MONEY COUNTERS: TBA

LECTORS

Gerard O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell
Rachel Kay, Mary Stocco
Tony Ting, Erin Djukiadmodjo
Enza Scaffidi, Alfred Albaza
Carole Tang, Agnes Chee

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Peter Whitting, Sharron Wilkinson
Joan Dinneen, Margaret Wallace
Sauro & Lillian Antonelli
Mary Tonti-Filippini, Tina Paolino

MORNING TEA: TBA

COLLECTORS

Stephanie Ong
FLOWERS: Tessa Leung
Irene Dharmawan

NEXT WEEK 17/18 June

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

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Kay & Ray Lewis
Jenny & Brian Tyedin
Thomas Ong, Jane Ma
Mary Wilson, Leth Go

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Mary Stocco
Viviana Pereira, Judy Ablaza

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FLOWERS: Mary Piccoli
Geraldina Donato

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

Transport : Don't leave people stuck at home unable to come to Mass: offer a hand or let us know at the Parish Office.

Welcoming! We have a new Welcoming Group: but still: if you see someone you DON'T know? go up and have a chat and get to know them.

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.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

Next Open Day 9th Aug 9.30-11am, or for a School Tour please contact the School Office on 98484483.

Welcome to the family of

Aiden Hong Cai & Nicholas Wei Cai Soh
who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Sunday.



2023 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Each year at about this time we ask you, the parishioners of St Gregory the Great Parish, to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal. Inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings this is something you can do that will really make a difference to people in need.

As we enter this winter your commitment to help people who are experiencing disadvantage, poverty and homelessness is very much needed and appreciated. Requests for assistance has doubled this year as the cost of living has impacted everyone but especially those who might normally manage on a small income. If you are able to contribute to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- Donate online by visiting vinnies.org.au - Donors can allocate donations to St Gregory the Great, Doncaster, by putting the conference name in the comments field. The direct link to our Conference specific fundraising page is: <https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-winter-appeal-2023/doncaster-conference>
- Donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12 - Donors can allocate donations to St Gregory the Great, Doncaster, by giving the name of the conference over the phone.
- Make a cash donation using one of the Vinnies envelopes or placing cash in the Vinnies Winter Appeal Donation Box at the back of the church.

Donate to "Assist a student"- leaflet available in the foyer or buy a ticket in the raffle- funds going to "Assist a student" program.

This year the appeal will take place on the weekend of June 24th & 25th. Members of our Conference will be available after each of the Masses to collect donations or answer any questions about the Vinnies and their work. Thank you.

Lectors (Readers) & Special Ministers (Communions) Formation Sessions

Our next Formation Sessions for Lectors & Special Ministers will be held on below dates: (you are only required to attend 1 session per ministries)
Thursday: Lectors: 6.00-6.45pm; Special Minister: 6.45-7.30pm, or;
Saturday: Lectors:11.00-11.45am; Special Minister:11.45am-12.30pm.

These ministries are vital for the effective celebration of Mass. Please make sure you come along to one of the sessions. It is vital that we form ourselves for these ministries so that we can know Christ more fully.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Fr Charles' BIRTHDAY

SUNDAY 25 JUNE
AFTER 10.30AM MASS
St Gregory the Great Church
Doncaster

RSVP: Please email doncaster@cam.org.au or use sign up sheets at the church.

FRIDAY, 16th JUNE

CORNERSTONE

YOUTH GROUP

JOURNEY WITH US AND OTHER YOUTHS TO GROW CLOSER WITH GOD!
BRING A FRIEND!



3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7 PM

Contact: Vera Arief
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