

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

12 NOVEMBER 2023

**KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING.** We human beings need fuel to keep going. Without food and drink we become weak and eventually die. Our spiritual life also needs fuel, namely the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We are nourished also by prayer, the Scriptures, the community and by loving others. If we seek this nourishment regularly our light will be shining brightly when Christ comes in glory.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 87: 3

**Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**

## 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. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as  
the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You have poured out on your people the  
Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to  
eternal life: 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. Almighty and merciful God, graciously  
keep from us all adversity, so that,  
unhindered in mind and body alike, we may  
pursue in freedom of heart the things that  
are yours. 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

Wis 6: 12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her,  
she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no  
trouble;

you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding  
fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will  
quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those  
who are worthy of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they  
go.

in every thought of theirs coming to meet  
them.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62: 2-8. R. v. 2

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord  
my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

### SECOND READING

1 Thess 4: 13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
the Thessalonians.

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to  
life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers,  
about those who have died, to make sure that  
you do not grieve about them, like the other  
people who have no hope. We believe that  
Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be  
the same for those who have died in Jesus:  
God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own  
teaching, that any of us who are left alive until  
the Lord's coming will not have any advantage  
over those who have died. At the trumpet of  
God, the voice of the archangel will call out  
the command and the Lord himself will come  
down from heaven; those who have died in  
Christ will be the first to rise, and then those  
of us who are still alive will be taken up in the  
clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord  
in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for  
ever. With such thoughts as these you should  
comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

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*Shorter form, 1 Thess 4: 13-14*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24: 42, 44. R. v. 2

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Be watchful and  
ready: / you know not when the Son of  
Man is coming. / Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Mt 25: 1-13

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.**

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*



Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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. Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. 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: 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 cf. Ps 22: 1-2

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

**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

### BEING ON THE ALERT

Some thirty years of Christian life and experience separate the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians and the writing of Matthew's Gospel. When Paul wrote in the late Forties and early Fifties there was a keen sense and expectation that the Lord was going to return at any moment. These earliest Christians were so convinced that this was the case that they were unprepared and ill-equipped to deal with the death of other Christians before the Lord's return. It is not as though Paul himself had foreseen this difficulty and, as is often the case in his letters, we see how a concrete problem prompts him to further reflection. It is important not to press Paul's description of the return of the Lord too far. This is theology in the making and Paul himself will continue to develop his thought on these matters (see 1 Corinthians 15).

If Paul's Christians faced the problem caused by assuming the Lord would return soon, Matthew's community had to confront another set of circumstances. The fact that by the early to mid-Eighties the Lord had not returned placed another dilemma before them. For Matthew, the problem was that of a community becoming apathetic and seeing its initial enthusiasm and commitment wane. The parable of Jesus about the bridesmaids who fell asleep and missed their opportunity was the perfect means to stress the need for Christians to be prepared as they waited for the Lord's return.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

11/ 12 November 2023

## Parish Office:

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Charles Balnaves

**Parish Secretary:** Mon & Tue: Nadia Bolzonello

Wed-Fri: Vera Arief

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

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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 9.30-10am. 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:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thess 5: 1-6, Jn 15: 4, 5

**BAPTISMS:** Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

**ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY**

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

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## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at [DoncasterRE@cam.org.au](mailto: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 Enzo Galota, 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 Pardo.

**and for those who died recently**  
Gino Vittorio, **and for those whose**  
**anniversaries occur about now**  
Maria Uehla



In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers

Queenscliff – Santa Casa – From the PP

By the time you are reading this I am back from Queenscliff. I've been on retreat. When I first heard of going on retreat I thought of it as a moment to run away from the world (like an army in rout from the loss of a battle) but actually these retreats that I go on are about stepping back from the activities of the world to regroup (which is what an army does when it retreats as opposed to being in rout). Regroup with Jesus – spend some time where my primary focus is not Mass or parishioners or Parish Forums or planning the future or aged care or staff development. Some time where all I've been doing is spending time with my friend Jesus. Renewing and growing our friendship. It's marvellous. I am starting these words on Tuesday evening, preparing for Adoration, and I am beginning to relax and let go.

You will, I hope, see some tangible benefit from the retreat in that I will be more relaxed and also that the retreat leader, Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, is leading us through some reflections on the Gospel of Mark – reflections which should help me in my homily preparations when we move into Year B of the three year Sunday Mass cycles. Leaving behind Matthew and embarking on the shortest and most focussed of the four gospels.

I am hoping you already have next Monday 13/11 6:30 pm-8:30 pm in your calendars: for the Parish Assembly. This is an important moment as we seek to grow as a Parish in faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

I am hoping you also have Wednesday 22/11 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in your calendars – an evening with Ron Huntley – to help us put flesh to the reality that we can be disciples even more fully than we are already.

Remembrance Day: Saturday 11th November was remembrance day – we have members of our Returned and Services League with us for the 10:30 am Mass this weekend along with many members of our Manningham City Council, including our new Mayor Carlie Lange and councillors including Dierdre Diamante.

My memories of Remembrance Day mean that I still call it Armistice Day because that is what my parents called it: we stop at 11 am on the 11th day of the 11th Monday because that was the moment when the guns fell silent for World War 1 – and for my parents that was recent history as they grew up. The minutes silence at that moment of 11 11 11 does more than just remember a moment, and now it remembers moments from many wars. That minutes silence brings to the forefront of our minds the truth that peace is possible. Beyond all hope: peace is possible.

As we gather this weekend, to celebrate in Word and in Eucharist, let us remember that because of Jesus Christ true peace is possible even when things seem darkest. Fr Charles.



## Vibrant and Vital Parish Communities

An evening with Ron Huntley

Wednesday, 22 November 2023

6 pm – 8 pm

Dinner provided.

St Gregory the Great

71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster



Ron Huntley is an international expert on parish renewal. He has helped parishes worldwide to build passion and get results.

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**THIS WEEK**

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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Stephen Ma, Boris Klaric

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Josie Masters, Surin Fernando

**LECTORS**

Robert McHugh, Ian Barnes  
 Philip Dunlop, Margaret Wallace  
 Veterans and/or their families  
 Dot Haynes, Natalie De Silva

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Noel & Cathy McClelland  
 Ray & Kay Lewis  
 Robert Rukavina, Dai Sim  
 Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng

**MORNING TEA:** Seleana & Thomas Ong

**COLLECTORS**

Alfred Lee

**FLOWERS:** Geraldina Donato  
 Mary Piccoli

**NEXT WEEK 18/19 Nov**

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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Andy Ng, Yvonne Tan

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Maggie Yong, Christopher Lim

**LECTORS**

Frank Ryan, Margaret O'Donnell  
 Chris Perera, Tony Nimmo  
 Amanda Stefanoski, Brendan Pon  
 Jane Ma, Mary Tonti-Filippini

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Karen D'Souza, Iris O'Farrell  
 Nuccia La Rocca, Margaret Wallace  
 Sauro & Lilian Antonelli  
 Seleana Ng, Alfred Lee

**MORNING TEA:** TBA

**COLLECTOR**

Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell

**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung

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.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Parish Secretary:** For Job description please go to: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/parish-secretary-st-gregory-the-great-catholic-parish>. Opens until Nov. 27th.

**Mission Support Leader, Operations.**

The parishes of St Kevin and St Gregory the Great are looking for a Mission Support Leader - Operations. The MSLO is co-responsible with the Parish Priest and the leadership team of the parishes to ensure that the operational elements of parish life are carried out effectively to meet the pastoral needs of <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/mission-support-leader-operations-st-gregorys-the-great-doncaster-and-st-kevins-templestowe>



St Gregory the Great School and Church Working Bee is on the 18th November at 9-11 am.

A focus for this Working Bee will be attending to garden maintenance & to other regular maintenance tasks.

Please remember to bring your "Working With Children" checks and your own Gardening Gloves and any tools you can! Please meet at the BBQ area upon arrival on Saturday.



Welcome to the family of  
**Santino Latina & Marcel Ilesh Jeganathan-Tang**  
 who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Sunday.

**DRIFTED AWAY?**  
**LANDINGS LAUNCHES EARLY 2024**

A program to welcome back Catholics who are feeling lost.

**Landings**  
 ON 13 NOV 11.00AM

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

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

**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](mailto:st.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com) and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.

**Our Memorial Book** is now available at the table in the Church Narthex and throughout the month of November.

**November Offering Envelopes** are in the gathering space and in the Stewardship packs of envelopes. These are for requesting Masses for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of the Holy Souls. Many requests will be sent to Tarrawarra Abbey and Aide to the Church in Need. The guide for November Mass Offerings given by the Archdiocese is \$20 per Mass. Larger offerings are applied to additional Masses.

**Parish Open Forum. Monday, November 13th, 6.30-8.30pm**

At St Gregory the Great Church/ School Hall Sign Up Sheets is available at the Church Narthex or email the office [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au). Dinner is provided. Please email

**Remembrance Day.** A warm welcome to our Veterans and their families. And to Carlie Lange, our new Mayor and Deidre Diamante, our former Mayor and councillors of Manningham at our Remembrance Day Mass this weekend. A special welcome to Dennis Clarke 2023 Victorian Veteran award winner and 2023 Manningham Citizen of the year.



**ST GREGORY THE GREAT DONCASTER & ST KEVIN'S TEMPLESTOWE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR**

**Christmas Party 3 DEC**

**AFTER THE SUNDAY 5PM MASS AT THE PARISH HALL, CHURCH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT DONCASTER**

**RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD BEFORE THE EVENT AND DRAWN ON THE NIGHT. PROCEEDS GO TO NUNGALINYA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.**

**FOOD AND DRINKS ARE PROVIDED. PARENTS AND CARERS ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES.**

**PROGRAM FOR THE NIGHT INCLUDES SING-ALONG CAROLS AND FUN ACTIVITIES PLUS A SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY SANTA WITH TREATS FOR KIDS!**

**RSVP: Please use sign up sheets at church or email [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au) or [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au).**