

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

13 FEBRUARY 2022

TRUST IN A YEAR OF DROUGHT. It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight. Today's Scripture readings call for an heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

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 teach us that you abide in
hearts that are just and true, grant that we
may be so fashioned by your grace as to
become a dwelling pleasing to you.

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

Jer 17: 5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a
blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in
man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands;
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the
wilderness,

a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust
in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

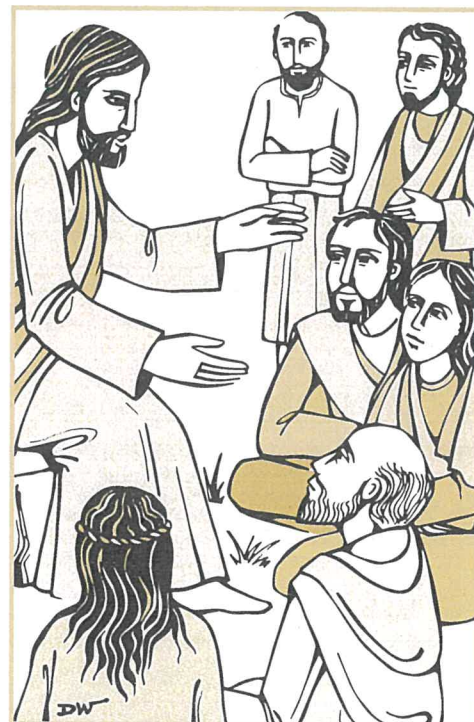
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 1: 1-4. R. Ps 39: 5

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man / who follows
not the counsel of the wicked; / nor lingers in
the way of sinners / nor sits in the company
of scorners, / but whose delight is the law of
the Lord / and who ponders his law day and
night. R.



2. He is like a tree that is planted / beside
the flowing waters, / that yields its fruit in
due season / and whose leaves shall never
fade; / and all that he does shall prosper. R.

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! / For they
like winnowed chaff / shall be driven away
by the wind. / For the Lord guards the way
of the just / but the way of the wicked leads
to doom. R.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

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

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith
is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been
preached, how can some of you be saying that
there is no resurrection of the dead? For if
the dead are not raised, Christ has not been
raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you
are still in your sins. And what is more serious,
all who have died in Christ have perished. If
our hope in Christ has been for this life only,
we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the
dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen
asleep.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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. May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having fed upon these heavenly delights,

we pray, O Lord that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

FAITH IN OUR RESURRECTION

All of us search for the path that leads to life and this search calls us to make decisions. Which path should we choose? Where are we to find the wellsprings that will give us living water? Jeremiah places the two paths before us by contrasting the shrub that dies in the desert with the tree that is planted by water. In a similar fashion, Jesus places two options before his listeners in the beatitudes and the woes. God's ways are often not ours and the path that leads to the living God may be marked by difficulty and persecution.

As far as Paul was concerned some of the Corinthian Christians had taken the wrong path because they did not understand that bodily resurrection is an essential element of Christian belief. Some of them had come to the mistaken belief that a consequence of their baptism was that they were already in their glorified bodies. Paul sets out to shock the Corinthians by showing them the consequences and inherent dangers of their point of view. He knew that our present body must be changed into a glorified one at the resurrection of the dead. How could he bring them to see the error of their point of view? He bases his argument upon the fact that just as Jesus' body was glorified at his resurrection, so it will be with those who follow him. Jesus is to be seen as the first fruits of a harvest that is to come at the fullness of time.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C—13 February 2022

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Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue :Nadia Bolzonello

Friday: Bernadine De Silva

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS

MASKS MUST BE WORN

SOCIAL DISTANCING DESIRABLE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 7th Sunday in Ord Time

Sam 26:2,7-9 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

RECONCILIATION: See notice in the body of this bulletin

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL: Principal: Michelle Verna

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: has restarted!!

Wednesdays at 9.45 am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: (on hold)

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

Once a month (as advertised) from 7pm—9.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: Third Monday of

the month at 7.30pm in Church meeting 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 Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Pat McLeod, Joe Dimech, Lilia Go, Ralph Caparello, Anna Girardi, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Tony Ryan, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Antoinette Tanzimat, Iris Henson Chan, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Rina Sacco, Wang Wei Qiao, Rob & Tilly Rukavina, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Nieva Bothe, Bernadette Sheridan, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo..

Those who died recently; Ivan Zmak, Chong Khean Foo, and for the repose of the souls of Members of the Caceres, Rios, Alonso and SantaCruz families, Nohad Assaad, Pasquale Salvatore, Francesco Salvatore, Michael Marrone and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from Fr Charles:

I am, deliberately, being a bit of a notice board this weekend. We are beginning to arise from the difficulties of Covid-19 and various things are beginning. Please, open your hearts and allow the Spirit to call you. How might you be newly or more involved in our Christ-centred community and it's ministries?

Communion to the Sick / Aged: Joan Dinneen is reactivating the ministry of taking communion at home to those who are sick. If you are a part of this you can expect or may have had a call. After discussion: if you are going to take communion to the sick you can get the consecrated hosts you need by coming forwards and stand next to the altar at the end of the distribution of Communion. Then I will come to each of you and give you the number of hosts you need. I will bless you and then you can go forth. You may come to any Mass to get the hosts you need, including during the week.

Children's Liturgy: will start up at the 10:30 am mass from 27th February just in time for Ash Wednesday. Please let others know, bring your children along, invite others to join. The liturgy will be run by Rob Rukavina and Dai Sim.

Caritas Ambassadors: Caritas are seeking a parishioner or two or more who will take a bit of a special interest in Project Compassion and help bring it to life so that we can more successfully help those in need. Are you interested? Call me. This is a marvellous way to deepen your faith and help others be generous.

World Day of Prayer: Each year the World Day of Prayer happens on the first Friday of March. This year's day comes out of England, Wales, Northern Ireland and happens on 4th March 10 am in Donvale and 8 pm in Bulleen (see the notice board for details).

But it is not that simple: I'd like to have St Greg's get involved again. Would you please put up your hand and help. Two meetings a year plus the day (a little more if we were to be hosts.)

Anzac Liturgy: I have been asked to host the Doncaster RSL Catholic Returned and Services people for a blessing during Mass. Who knows what has been done in the past?

Chaplaincy Appeal: please be generous (government funding has dried up)

Lent/Easter Services: We have finalised the timing of the various Holy Week services (still have to set the reconciliation service).

I have ordered Lenten discussion group books. They include elements of prayer/reflection about current issues in the context of faith and Jesus Christ. They should be well worth taking and making use of in whatever format of discussion/reflection you wish to use.

God bless, Father Charles



BAPTISM

Welcome to the families of **Michael Barban and Charlotte Guinea** who will be baptised at St Gregory's Church this Sunday.

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

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm

LECTORS

Ashley Ng, Ashton Ng
 Kay Lewis, Ray Lewis
 Sauro Antonelli, Amanda Stephanovski
 Rebecca Law, Viviana Pereira

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Lorna Philip, Margaret Kenshole
 Joan Dinneen, Terry Morton
 Tony Ting, Mary Stocco
 Nita Pereira, Caterina Gioffre Jane Ma, Alfred Lee (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Agnes Chee, Clelia Tedesco**FLOWERS:** (Fri 11 Feb) Cecilia and Stefanus Gunawan**NEXT WEEK**

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm

Anne Davine, Peter Whiting
 James Greg, Rachael Kay
 Mary Stocco, Tony Ting
 Jane Ma, Brenda Fearon

Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Margaret Wallace, Brian Setter
 Pierre Tanzimat, Nucca La Rocca
 Matthew Collins, Tina Paolino Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Dina Sardana, Yvonne Tan**FLOWERS:** (Fri 18Feb) Connie Amalfi**FACE MASKS:** Please adhere to the current government directives

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022—please be generous for this important appeal. Yes I have a vested interest as I worked in the area for some time celebrating Mass with prisoners. A wondrous ministry indeed. Fr C.

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This collection supports the vital work of our Catholic chaplains in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Confession: 1st Rite of Reconciliation: Fr Charles is available on Saturdays in St Greg's Church from 9-10am. If you come early before any Mass, Fr Charles is available for the Sacrament from 30 mins till 10 mins before Mass, or after Mass. If another priest is celebrating then approach and request the sacrament: it is up to him to decide.

Masses with congregations: You must QR-code in or write down your details. Parish staff and Volunteers must be vaccinated.

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS FOR YOUR SAFETY. And be sensible with physical distancing.

Masses next Sunday: as per the normal 6pm/8:30 am/10:30 am/5pm schedule.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tuesday, Thursday: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

Facebook: Keep an eye on your Facebook site – if you have 'friended' or 'like' the St Greg's or the St Kevin's Facebook page(s) it will tell you when we are on line: Sunday 10:00 am at St Kevin's.

Sympathy: to the members of the Foo family who mourn the passing of Chong Foo. His funeral will be celebrated at St Gregory's Church at 10:30 am on Fri 18th Feb by Fr. Charles. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Pilgrimage Statue: Over the next few weeks, Shirley Mullens and Dot Haynes are going to seek to get the pilgrimage of Mary re-started: she has been kept still and well cared for for two years but now is time to get the Statue of Our Lady moving. Call the office to let us know your desire to be a part of this prayer journey.

Invite a friend: Invite someone you know who is wondering about coming back to Mass. Invite someone you know who is toying with the idea of faith. Spend a little time with them, see if you can help – not forcing but offering to journey with them.

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students: Mercy Connect Melbourne is recruiting to assist refugee students and asylum seekers in school. About half a day / week for four terms. Contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM somml@bigpond.com or go to www.mercyworks.org.au

Lent 2022 : Lent offers an invitation to actively reorientate ourselves to God, because for Christians, God– and his Son, Jesus– is the heart and the soul of life. We are offered this gracious time, when we can reflect on what has formed us since we trod last year's Lenten path.

Ash Wednesday :2nd March

There will be 2 Masses at St Greg's. 9am (Parish and School Mass) & 6pm (Parish Mass).

**Parish Sacramental Program 2022
 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist/
 Confirmation**



We are now accepting registrations, which will commence on the 8th March with a general information evening (for Parents and Enrolment of Catholic students attending Government or Independent schools) and the first part of the Reconciliation program. The venue and the time of the information session will be notified soon. Please contact the Parish Office 9412 8425 / doncaster@cam.org.au for more information.