

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

14 APRIL 2024

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES. The disciples of Jesus had great respect for the Jewish Scriptures: the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms. They came to full belief in the resurrection of Jesus only after he had opened their minds to see that his shameful death and glorious resurrection were prefigured in the sacred texts. The ancient Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament provide valuable witness for us also, strengthening our faith.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 65: 1-2

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

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. May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that,
rejoicing now in the restored glory of our
adoption, we may look forward in confident
hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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 Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised
him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites,
and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
the God of our ancestors, who has glorified
his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed
over and then disowned in the presence of
Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him.
It was you who accused the Holy One, the
Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of
a murderer while you killed the prince of life.
God, however, raised him from the dead, and
to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you
nor your leaders had any idea what you were
really doing; this was the way God carried out
what he had foretold, when he said through
all his prophets that his Christ would suffer.
Now you must repent and turn to God, so
that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
(or Alleluia!)**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of
justice; / from anguish you released me, have
mercy and hear me! **R.**

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to
those whom he loves; / the Lord hears me
whenever I call him. **R.**



3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many
say. / Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. **R.**

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes
at once, / for you alone, Lord, make me
dwell in safety. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our
sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,
refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 24: 32

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Lord Jesus, make your
word plain to us: / make our hearts burn
with love when you speak. / Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk 24: 35-48

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.

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on
the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had
happened on the road and how they had
recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them. 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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. Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant

also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. 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-V OF EASTER

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 Lk 24: 46-47

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; / in his name repentance and remission of sins / must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. 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

YOU ARE WITNESSES

What was it like in the aftermath of Jesus' death and the joy of the good news of the resurrection? As we hear more accounts and reflections on the resurrection in today's readings, we also understand something of the dilemma of the early witnesses as to how to pass on this experience.

Luke is writing the Gospel and Acts at least 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection. There are no photographs, no hard evidence, only the testimonies of those who were there.

Today's Gospel opens with the returnees from Emmaus telling their story and then Jesus appearing among them. The Gospel ends reminding the audience 'you are witnesses' (v. 48). It is not only to the first century audience that this is addressed. We too are witnesses. This is the term we find in Acts, the second volume of the Lukan narrative: the apostles, disciples, believers are witnesses. We are witnesses to the faith and belief of those gone before. We cannot touch and see Jesus for ourselves, but we can engage the scriptures. We can see in Luke's account Jesus' appearance among them, speaking to them, taking some food, inviting them to touch him. Luke's comment that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' (v. 45) repeats what was heard by those on the road to Emmaus. It is our reading and contemplation of the Word that deepens our faith and belief as witnesses and calls us forward in the transformation of our lives in the light of the resurrection.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

13/14 April 2024

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.00am to 3.30pm**

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Assistant Priest: Fr. Isaac Zaki

Parish Secretary: Mon & Wed: Vera Arief

Tue, Thurs & Fri: Luisa Yambao

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 & Fri 9.00am (Tue & Thur 9.15am @ St Kevin's)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11.00am (or by appointment or before/after any Mass but allow time)

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Hygiene: common sense health measures in a world of many diseases.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4: 8-12, Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29, 1 Jn 3: 1-2, Jn 10: 11-18

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

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 Carmela Amato, Senthil Mani, Lily Lee, Giovanna Bernadeo, Tony Aloï, Clifford Bunardi, Sarina Louise Walker, Nancy Au, Elsie Poon, Patricia Luk, Shirley Freeman, Balwinder Kaur, Michael Mullens, Enzo Galota, Jason Khoo, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Brian Croft, Maria Tomasello, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Judy Jones, Umberto Gianello, Luke Kakoschke, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Gilbert De Claro, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Gabrielle Byrne, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Chianna Sacco, Chee Choong Seng, Roy Dos Santos, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian and Eliseo Pardillo.

and for those who died recently

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Marg Chin Mooi, Tom Perrin, Grazia Gatti



From the desk of your PP:

Easter is still with us; Easter is always with us! Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Thank you again for gathering in joyful praise and opening your love of Christ to the sharp focus of the Resurrection: He IS Alive! And we are saved! Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Alpha: In February/March, we provided the Alpha Experience for about 20 people as a 'pilot' to get to know how to run it effectively. Based on that learning, we will be providing the Alpha Experience again from May 30th. Alpha is a series of gatherings that explicitly walk through the journey from wondering about the meaning of life to knowing about Jesus Christ, who he is, and what he means for us. I found the journey wonderful, even though I've known Jesus all my life—sitting down with others and talking through the journey was a great grace.

If someone invites you to come along, please be open to taking a risk and saying yes. If you're interested, call the office and let us know.

Safeguarding:

Fr Isaac and I spent most of Thursday at a Clergy Day focused on two new documents and along side them a third:

1. Integrity in our Common Mission: National Code of Conduct for those exercising pastoral ministry in the dioceses of the Catholic Church in Australia.
2. Safeguarding & Wellbeing of Children & Young People Policy.
3. Safeguarding Children and Young People: Code of Conduct.

The first document marks the first time that the Catholic Church in Australia has developed a common national code of conduct for all of us: lay and ordained and religious—a code grounded in the Gospels, the life of Jesus, the Catholic Social Teaching that helps us understand appropriate behaviours.

The other two documents relate to Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable people. They are updated versions of the policy and code you are familiar, modified to allow for changes in legislation and simplification of language. All three documents are available on the parish website and hardcopies are available in the Narthex.

The most challenging part of the day was working through three case studies. One dealt with a parish priest and keeping appropriate boundaries when financially challenged. A second was about parishioners being overbearing with a parish employee; and we discussed responsibilities for how to behave appropriately. The third was grounded in effective youth group leadership: being enthusiastic and engaging without breaching good practice in caring for children.

Take a copy of the documents, read, ponder: tell me your thoughts.

Business Manager: there is a position open. Copies of the position description are available in the gathering space.

I need help for St Greg's and St Kevin's. Someone to take a holistic view and help make sure that administration, maintenance, safeguarding, etc are done well. All those practical things that go beyond what the parish secretary does—the things that help ensure that the operation of the parishes fully supports our mission of spreading the Good news.

God bless, Fr Charles

St Gregory's Child Safety Culture—Help us live it! Give us your thoughts.

THIS WEEK

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Carole Tang, Agnes Chee

MONEY COUNTERS: Anne McGrath, Josie Masters

LECTORS

Rebecca Law, Peter Whiting
Ray & Kay Lewis
Karen Chay, Sauro Antonelli
Jane Ma, Noel Anthony

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Robert & Dianne McHugh
Margaret Wallace & Joan Dinneen
Edith Ma, Lilian Antonelli
Alfred Lee, Seleana Ng
MORNING TEA: Brian & Jenny Tyedin

COLLECTORS

Gerard O'Donnell
FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

NEXT WEEK 20/21 April

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Andy Ng, Yvonne Tan

MONEY COUNTERS: Surin Fernando, Maggie Yong

LECTORS

Frances Cannizzo, Ian Barnes
Margaret Wallace, Mary Stocco
Jenny and Bryan Tyedin
Stephanie Ong, Thomas Ong

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Rachel Kay, Katika Puhaj
Fred & Agnes Fulia
Viviana Pereira, Mary Tonti-Filippini
MORNING TEA: N/A

COLLECTORS

Cathy McClelland, Iris O'Farrell
Stephanie and Michael Ong
FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan

For those who are Coeliac, we can provide low gluten (<20 ppm) 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.



Thank you to those who have already given generously.

Easter Offering Envelopes are in the **Stewardship Sets** and are placed on the pews and tables in the Church foyer. In addition to your regular giving, the Easter offering directly supports the clergy as follows: 5% to the Archbishop, 12.5%

to support priests in poorer parishes, 12.5% to support the retired and sick priests, the remainder supports the lease and running expenses of the priest's car, plus the running and hospitality of the presbytery and your parish priest and assistant.



Anzac Commemoration



Defence services invitation

Sunday 21st April 2024 @ 10.00am

At – St Kevin's Parish. 26-44 Herlihy Road. Templestowe Lower.



All welcome to this special Mass service.

Lest We Forget!



World Day of Prayer for Vocation

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.



Welcome to the family of Zayden King Rome Poon who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Saturday.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

School Open Day 26th March 2024, 9.30-11am. 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 and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.

Cornerstone Youth Group

PIZZA & GAMES NIGHT

19 APRIL 2024
7pm - 10pm @ St Gregory School hall
\$5 Entry!

Activities

Pizza & Drinks
Fun Activities: Dodgeball, Scavenger Hunt and more

RSVP by 15th April: Contact Vera - Doncaster@cam.org.au

Job Vacancy – Parish Business Manager

Ongoing position; 21 hours per week with growth to full time if the role works as hoped.

The vision of the St Gregory's the Great and St Kevin's Parishes is to be a vibrant and vital community of two parishes that intentionally reaches out to bring people to Jesus. The Business manager ensures all the operational elements of parish life are executed strategically in support of realising the vision.

Applications to be sent to doncaster@cam.org.au by Monday 22 April 2024. Please submit a cover letter along with a current resume. For further information, contact Fr Charles Balnaves, PP, on 0417 319 556.