

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 JANUARY 2024

**CALLED BY NAME.** It can be hard to believe that God knows each of us by name. Sometimes we need the help of a wise guide, like the old priest Eli or John the Baptist, to recognise the voice of God in our life. Let us try to hear God's personal call to us in this Mass and in the events of this day, a call which says in different ways, 'come and dwell with me, share my life'.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 65: 4

**All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

### 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. Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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

1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19

**A reading from the first book of Samuel**

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*

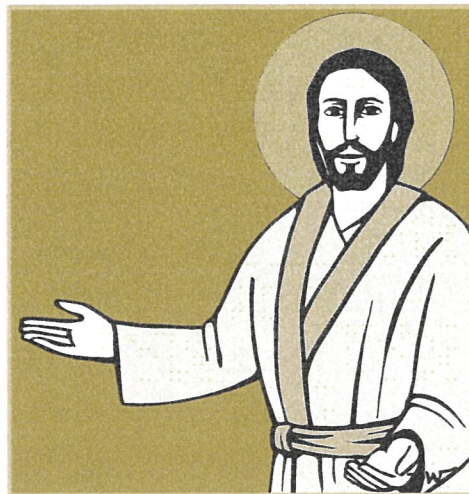
Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening".' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**



### RESP PSALM

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. **R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. **R.**

### SECOND READING

1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

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

*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 1: 41, 17

**Alleluia, alleluia! / We have found the Messiah: / Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. / Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Jn 1: 35-42

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.**

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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 Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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 Ps 22: 5

**You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have

nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. 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

### COME AND SEE

Samuel, in the first reading, hears a call in the night which he doesn't recognise. He is lying in the sanctuary of the Lord when his name is called. He is in the place where God dwells. He goes to Eli not once, but three times. Eli advises him to reply, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:9). Samuel had replied thrice to Eli, "Here I am", but the response to God was about listening.

The refrain of the Psalm (39:2), and a favourite hymn, echoes "Here I am." It renews our response to God as the psalm alerts us to God inclining and listening to us (v. 2).

The Gospel opens with John the Baptist and two of his disciples. John "looked at" Jesus walking by and said "See this is the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Together the disciples follow Jesus. His turning around to ask what they want reveals that they seek to know where he abides. Jesus' reply, "Come and see", completes three versions of seeing. John's looking at and inviting others to see with him and Jesus also inviting them to come and see. Having seen and stayed with Jesus, one of them, Andrew, became a follower and brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. This coming, seeing and abiding with Jesus is the portrayal of the call and the mission. The invitations today to listen, to come, to see and abide with Jesus are possible for each of us everyday as we turn our minds and hearts to the Word, our attention to God.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

13/14 January 2024

## Parish Office:

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Website: [www.stgregs.org.au](http://www.stgregs.org.au)

Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

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 before/after any Mass by request but allow time)

CHILDREN LITURGY: closed January

Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

**Communicable Diseases are around: be hygienic.**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps 24:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**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](mailto:principal@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au)

**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 Balwinder Kaur, Michael Mullens, Tim Percy-Dove, Enzo Galota, Jason Khoo, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Vladimira Sabolic, Brian Croft, Maria Tomasello, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Judy Jones, Clifford Bunardi, 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** Franco Luca, Damian Clarke, Mgr. Gerard Diamond PE, **and for those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Paul and Ruth Leung, Ivan and Karolina Mohar, Joseph Sant, Gerald Sant, Francis Mânv Br. Gunn



Words from PP,

## Stewardship / Thanksgiving

The Finance Group met on 10th January to start putting some flesh on a Stewardship/Thanksgiving campaign. Stewardship is about actively caring for the parish in all its facets. Thanksgiving is recognising God's gifts of faith and love and acting to support and grow those gifts.

Overall, our objective is to provide an opportunity for three things:

1. For you to have a chance to look into your heart, with Christ, and see how you are offering your talents for the greater glory of God. There are a lot of volunteer roles we need to fill: Parish Pastoral Council members and chair; Parish Finance Group; Members and Leaders for RCIA; Members for all ministry groups; People to start a Liturgy Group to help me devise and present the Mass and other liturgies in as Christ filled as possible.
2. For you have a chance to review how you are allocating your time: how much time is the 'right amount' now to consciously offer for our faith. Perhaps some might go to volunteering for the parish.
3. For you to have a chance to review your giving in money or giving as in-kind to support of the parish.

We published the Parish Report before Christmas, including a financial statement showing we are in a good financial situation for today. But ... we need to do more, hire staff to help us enact the things we want to do: on-going Alpha and Landings programs, better communications and reaching out to bring people to Jesus.

**The start of this campaign will be in February** with four weekends allocated for you to help update our database. You will be asked to fill in a Census card—the effort will be repeated for the four weeks so we cover as many people as possible. Once that is done, we hope to use other methods (e-mails, phone calls) to update the entire database (I am an optimist). This process will take a couple of months. The actual campaign proper won't start until August/September when we are coming out of Winter.

I look forward to your help to make this a successful campaign: first by being ready when February comes to fill in the Census card quickly, clearly, accurately.

## God's Providence

A story! It happened to me last Thursday: I turned up at an aged care facility to celebrate Mass: mistaken arrangements had left me high and dry I wasn't expected, so I came back home early. Because I was home early, I responded to a call and went down early to open up for a funeral. Because I was there, I could also let in a family of three. Nothing to do with the funeral. All to do with ... needing Anointing and blessing because of a (sudden) major health crisis in the young man. I was there! Therefore, I was able to provide the Anointing and blessing and pray over the young man, and his family.

Random chance? Hmmm! No, not to me! That sequence is what I call "Providence", God's providence: I had to respond to the call but it was God's call, from what I had planned to what was needed for others.

*God bless, Fr Charles*

*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**

Frances Cannizzo, Ian Barnes  
Margaret Wallace, Philip Dunlop  
Jenny & Brian Tyedin  
Stephanie Ong, Thomas Ong

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Mary Wilson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Anne McGrath, Josie Masters**NEXT WEEK 20/21 Jan**

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

**LECTORS**

Ashton Ng, Ashley Ng  
Rachel Kay, Tony Nimmo  
Gril Job, Rob Rukavina  
Isabelle Hii, Benedicta Wong

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Carol Tang, Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Surin Fernando, Maggie Yong**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Karen D' Souza, Iris O'Farrell  
Rachel Kay, Katica Puhaj  
Fred & Agnes Fulia  
Selena Ng, Mary Tonti-Filippini

**MORNING TEA:** N/A**COLLECTORS**

Cathy McClelland, Iris O'Farrell

Stephanie and Michael Ong

**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Noel & Cathy McClelland  
Ray & Kay Lewis  
Sauro & Lillian Antonelli  
Alfred Lee, Seleana Ng

**MORNING TEA:** N/A**COLLECTORS**

Alfred Lee

**FLOWERS:** Connie Amalfi

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.

**Parish Notice – Lenten Groups 2024**

**As in previous years we are seeking parishioners who are willing to lead Lenten Groups this year, either evening or afternoons, in your own home or in the meeting room of the church.**

**Parishioners will then be invited to join one of these groups to assist in prayerfully journeying through the season of Lent.**

**Please contact Fr Charles if you may be able to lead a Lenten group or have further questions.**

**UPDATE FROM PARISH GROUPS:****RESTARTING FEBRUARY 2024**

Charismatic Adoration

Cornerstone Youth Group

Children Liturgy

Christian Meditation Group restart on Wed, 7 February

Thank you for your participation and support.

We look forward to seeing you this year!

The First Quarter Liturgy, Flowers and Morning Tea Rosters for 2024 were already sent out. Please notify the Office if you are away during certain period this quarter. We are also in urgent need for Readers & Special Ministers for our Sunday 9am, Minister of the Eucharist for our Sunday, 5pm Masses and Morning Tea Hosts for our 10.30am Masses. Please email the office [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au) if you can help. Training will be provided.

**Thank you for your continuous support.**

**We have some reports that there were emails pretending to be from Doncaster Parish and containing a link.**

**Our systems/email has not been compromised. Please do not click on the link as this can be harmful. Please be aware of the sender email. It will be different from our email addresses. Our email is [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au) or [doncasterparish3108@gmail.com](mailto:doncasterparish3108@gmail.com)**

**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.

**Lourdes Day Mass****ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS**

Parishioners are invited to attend the annual Lourdes Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, on Saturday, 10th February 2024 at 10.30am. This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them. The principal celebrant at the Mass will be His Grace, Archbishop Peter Comensoli. Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer material. Tell your friends about the Mass, especially those who aren't well. A poster about the Mass is on display in the narthex of the church.

**Sacramental Preparation Classes 2024**

Catholic children who do not attend our parish school are invited to participate in programs to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation.

All information and registration/payment forms are available in our website. For further information parents may contact the parish office on 9412 8425 or by email on [DoncasterRE@cam.org.au](mailto:DoncasterRE@cam.org.au). There will be an information evening on **Tues, 20 Feb at 5pm**, in the Parish room at St. Gregory's school. Please bring this information to the attention of any families you know who may wish to avail of this opportunity.

**NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?**

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims/survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and/or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon ([frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or [adam-kaali@hotmail.com](mailto:adam-kaali@hotmail.com)).