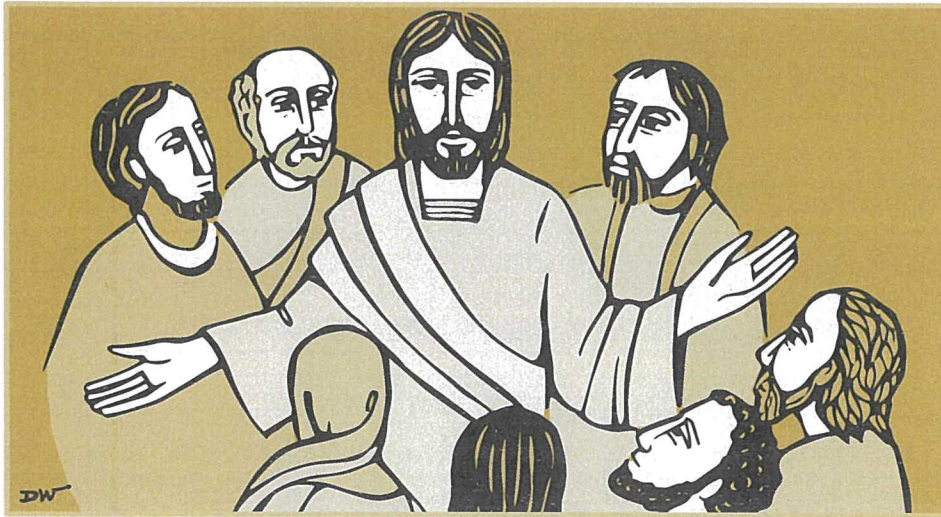


OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

15 MAY 2022



LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Today's Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Supper discourse. He is about to die. His final words to his beloved disciples are: 'as I have loved you, you also must love one another'. In the end, all that matters is love, a love that is expressed most purely when we sacrifice ourselves for the well-being of others. When we love in this way we show that we are disciples of Jesus who laid down his life for us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97:1-2

**O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, 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.

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.

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. Almighty ever-living God, constantly
accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in
Holy Baptism may, under your protective
care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of
life eternal. 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 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*They assembled the church and gave an account
of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra
and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh
heart into the disciples, encouraging them
to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to
experience many hardships' they said 'before
we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these
churches they appointed elders, and with
prayer and fasting they commended them to
the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached
Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word
at Perga they went down to Attalia and from
there sailed for Antioch, where they had
originally been commended to the grace of
God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church
and gave an account of all that God had done
with them, and how he had opened the door
of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my
king and my God. (or Alleluia!)**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, /
slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good
is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his
creatures. **R.**

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, /
and your friends shall repeat their blessing. /
They shall speak of the glory of your reign. /
They shall declare your might, O God, / to make
known to men your mighty deeds / and the
glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; / your rule
lasts from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 21:1-5

**A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse**

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the
first heaven and the first earth had disappeared
now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw
the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming
down from God out of heaven, as beautiful
as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then
I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You
see this city? Here God lives among men. He
will make his home among them; they shall be
his people, and he will be their God; his name
is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears
from their eyes; there will be no more death,
and no more mourning or sadness. The world
of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke:
'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.
Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my
disciples.’

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. O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice have made us
partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to
know your truth, we may make it ours by a

worthy way of life. 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 cf. Jn 15:1, 5

**I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have
imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from
former ways to newness of life. 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

ENCOURAGED BY LOVE

It is the theme of encouragement offered
and received which binds together the
readings for today. As they make their
way back to Antioch, Paul and Barnabas
encourage the communities they have
established among the Gentiles. On
their return, they give an account to the
community in Antioch of the fruitful
ministry in which they have been engaged.

The reading from the Apocalypse is
a vision that functions to encourage,
comfort, and bring hope to a group of
Christians who wondered whether God's
plans for them and the world would ever
reach fulfilment. Persecution had sapped
their energies. Christians who had lost
their initial fervour could not be blamed
for wondering whether Jesus' death and
resurrection had really changed the shape
of the world. John's vision is a powerful
answer to the questioning of Christians in
every age.

One of the startling statements of Jesus in
John's Gospel is that it is at the moment
when he is betrayed, and seemingly
powerless in the face of the forces of evil,
that he is glorified. No one takes Jesus'
life from him; it is freely offered out of
love (John 10:18). It is precisely this love
that serves as the foundation for the life of
the Church, and as the means that leads
to his glorification. It is our love of one
another that gives us the encouragement
we need and serves as the most powerful
expression of our Easter faith for others.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue : Nadia Bolzonello

Wed-Fri: Vera Arief

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

MASS OPEN TO ALL; MASKS / DISTANCING BE
SENSIBLE & CARING / ALWAYS SANITISE;

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29, Apo 21:10–14, 22–23, Jh 14:23–29

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9am (but NOT on Sat 21st)

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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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: has restarted!

Wednesdays at 9.45 am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP:

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: (has restarted)

Hopefully monthly on a Friday 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 Chee Choong Seng, Chee Mee Lian, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Lilia Go, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Bernadette Sheridon, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo, Margaret Hansen, Fati, Patricia McLeod, Angeliqne Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently, and for the repose of the souls of Rosa Bartone and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from Fr Charles:

“Breakthrough”

The Parish Pastoral Council at St Gregory the Great is undertaking a strategic planning effort. We are looking to understand all the things that have been happening in the parish, to find whether they are still active/need to be re-started, to find if they are sufficiently supported, to find how they might be improved.

At the same time we are looking to find ways forward so that the parish can thrive and grow as a parish of missionary disciples.

If we are to respond to Jesus call, it is not possible that we stay as we are. We must seek to be well formed disciples, supporting each other. Disciples who are willing to look outwards and forwards.

To this end in our discussions we were asked to each bring along five “Breakthrough” ideas that would either improve our current situation greatly or provide ways in which we can become a parish which has an attitude of mind, heart and action which seeks to invite people to come to know Jesus Christ.

It is really hard to come up with “Breakthrough” areas a couple I felt might be appropriate are:

- Grow our music ministry to be even more alive and engaging across a broader swath of people.
- Grow our welcoming to go beyond “hello” and a cuppa after 10:30 am Mass –grow welcoming to be the start of a journey with people

Then I find it gets more difficult—and even those are easy to say but hard to do in a substantial way.

What are your thoughts? What practical things would you like to see to see happen and would be willing to help with? How can your efforts be better supported by the parish more broadly?

Seminarian:

Tuong? Ah! No, Jude.

If you remember in our newly arrived seminarian mentioned a week ago that his professed name, I guess we would say his Christian name, is Jude.

Initially Jude had asked to be named by his birth name, because that is what he consented to when there were a lot of men at the seminary named Jude. With us he would like to us to use his preferred name: Jude. So we will.

PS: Eucharist: there are now children preparing for to receive this beautiful sacrament: please pray for them each day—praying that their hearts will be open to knowing the love of Jesus Christ every day, and especially when they do receive Eucharist.

The Resurrection! With us every second of every day! Alleluia, Alleluia!

God bless, Father Charles

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

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
Sun 8.30am
Sun 10.30am
5.00pm

LECTORS

Joseph Philip, Lorna Philip
Ray & Kay Lewis
Luisa Yambao, Chris Anggoro
Stephanie Ong, Nita Pereira

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Noel & Cathy McClelland
Ray & Kay Lewis
Lucy Giardino, Ivan Ivas
Judy Ablaza, Matthew Collins
Michael Ong, Viviana Pereira (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Agnes Chee, Boris Klaric

FLOWERS : (Fri 13 May) Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli

NEXT WEEK 21-22 May

Sat 6.00pm
Sun 8.30am
Sun 10.30am
5.00pm

LECTORS

Rebecca Law, Ian Barnes
Angela Molinari, Peter Molinari
Sauro Antonelli, Karen Chay
Viviana Pereira, Jerard Sardana

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Robert & Dianne McHugh
Tony Nimmo, Katica Puhali
Nuccia La Rocca, Brendan Pon
Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng
Francis Yim, Seleana Ng (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

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FLOWERS : (Fri 20 May) Geraldina Donato

FACE COVERINGS / DISTANCING: be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tue/Thurs: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wed/, Fri: 9:00 am St Gregory's Doncaster.

Masses with congregations: No check-in, no vaccination checks. Still we should hand sanitise and we are encouraged to wear masks if we feel the situation demands it. Parish staff & volunteers within the Parish setting and its outreach are still required to be up to date with their vaccination.

Facebook: Live-streaming: Normally 9:15 am from St Kevin's Tu/Th; Sunday morning 10:00 St Kevin's or 10:30 St Gregory's (alternating). Mass with children participating will generally not be life streamed.

People You haven't Seen?: as you sit reading this notice, ponder for a moment: who haven't you seen for a while? Give them a call, see how they are, invite them for a coffee/tea; see if there is something you can do to walk with them in re-joining our community.

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

Morning Tea Roster:

In June 2022, we will resume morning tea after the Sunday 10.30am Mass and we warmly invite volunteers to host these sessions. Hosting is a great way to be more involved again in our wonderful parish community and to reconnect with everyone. If you are interested, please sign up on the roster on table in the foyer. Any questions, please call Karen on 0412 402 426. Thank you for your support!

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School - Open Days In 2022**

Tue 17th May & Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm.

Register at www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/events

Parish Facilities: The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are becoming 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. Thinking of a gathering? Think of us.

FLORIST WANTED— Our church has been adorned by beautiful flower arrangements done by a very small team of volunteers. And due to several reasons we are now down to one person. If you are good with flowers and would love to help please ring the Parish Office 03 9412 8425 or email doncaster@cam.org.au.



Welcome to the families of **Jacob Antonio Gheris** who will be baptised at St Gregory's Church this Sunday

**Parish Pizza and Wine Celebration**

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to a Parish Pizza and Wine social gathering on **Saturday 28th May after the 6.00pm Mass.**

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Please add your name if you intend to come along to this celebration, so that we can cater for the appropriate number.



Easter Offering Envelopes: are in the Stewardship sets or on the pews or the 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, who thanks you very much.



Parish Stewardship: Please pick up your Stewardship envelopes for May 2022 to 2023 and your receipts from the church foyer today. If you are missing your envelopes please let us know. If you have been supporting us through Direct Debit throughout the lockdowns and want to return to envelopes contribution please let us know as well.

Your regular financial support of our parish is vital for us to achieve our mission and we sincerely thank you.

Anyone who is not in our program and regularly attend Mass here, is cordially invited to contribute to St Gregory's Stewardship Program. Sign-up cards are available in the foyer. Please complete one and deposit in the Stewardship Pledge Box.

You are warmly invited to pray the Rosary, on Zoom, with other parishioners and friends during May

The Zoom Rosary (with Art works to help meditation) will be from Wednesday 4th-25th May at 7pm.

If you would like to join below is The Zoom link for all 4 sessions.

Topic: Zoom Rosary

Time: May 18, 2022 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Every week on Wed, 4 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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If you would like a copy of the readings to accompany each mystery, email margaretodnel@gmail.com and they will be forwarded to you.