

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

18 JUNE 2023

THE HARVEST IS RICH. Aware of the vast numbers of people who were harassed and dejected Jesus called twelve apostles to share in his mission. They were to do the same works as Jesus, healing the sick and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. Christ still needs helpers to share in his mission. At the end of each Mass Christ sends us out to love and serve God and one another.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

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. O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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

Ex 19: 2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus.

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 99: 2-3, 5. R. v. 3

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

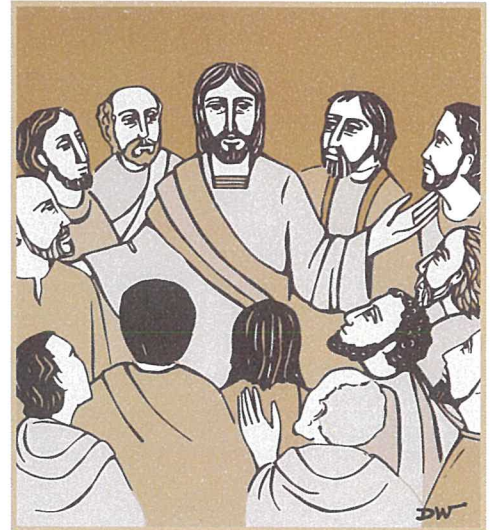
1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. / Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.



We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1: 15

Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near; / repent and believe the Good News! / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 9:36–10:8

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.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with

power to cast them out and cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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 in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. 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 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

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

SIGNS OF GOD IN THE TIMES

Reading accurately the signs of the times and then responding appropriately is seldom an easy matter. In coming to Mount Sinai, the people of Israel have arrived at a decisive moment, as today's first reading notes. They are called to remember how God rescued them and to pledge themselves to be faithful to their covenant relationship. By doing this each member will share in the priestly duties of bringing others to encounter the living God. Faced with the needs of so many people Jesus had also arrived at a moment of decision. The people were in desperate need of shepherds to care for them. His response was to appoint the Twelve to share in his ministry of healing and proclaiming the reign of God.

For Paul, the most important sign of the times was not the fact that all humanity deserved to be condemned as falling short of the mark. Rather, it was God's unexpected response to our need and powerlessness. Paul stresses our desperate plight in order to emphasise the marvellous gift we have been given in the saving death of Jesus. No greater proof could be found to show us God's love for all people than Jesus dying for us while we were yet sinners. From Paul's perspective, there was never a question of us meriting such an act of self-sacrifice. The death of Jesus is an invitation to wonder, hope and joyfully trust that whatever has ruptured our relationship with God has been healed.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

17/18 June 2023

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue: Nadia Bolzonello

Wed-Fri: Vera Arief

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 9:00 am & Fri: 9:00am (Tues & Thur 9:15 am St Kevin's)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Common sense hygiene please: Masks, sanitising, isolating if testing positive for Covid-19, etc..

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer: 20:10-13, Roms: 5: 12-15, Matt: 10: 26-33

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

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 Umberto Gianello, Michael Mullens, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, Victor, Natalie, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Helen La Manna, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Sio Dewi, Pat McLeod, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Brian Croft, Chee Choong Seng, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Marisa Rodolfo, Angel Gustavo, Margaret Hansen.

And for those who died recently

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now

Angela Formica, Michele Rocco, Lucia Marrone, Giovanni & Rosa Savino, Mary & Arthur Fitzgerald.

Words from Room 5036 – Cape Schanck Resort Clergy Conference
Jude!

Do you remember him? Our 4th year seminarian from 2022? Someone asked me why Jude isn't listed among the seminarians on the new Vocations Poster: he is! But he is listed under his birth name Tuong, instead of his preferred baptismal name of Jude.

I texted Jude to see how he is and (6th June) he says "I have not forgotten my time with you and the parishioners last year. At the moment I am doing my revision week. Please ask them to keep me in their prayers. My regards to all the parishioners!"

Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

The missing dates are 13th July and 15th July (you can see all the details in the proper notice). If you missed one of the previous sessions or are new since then or just want another moment of formation: please put aside the time to come along. These ministries are an important element of making Jesus Christ fully present in our Liturgies.

Receipts for Project Compassion – yes they actually are out this week – please collect yours.

Clergy Conference 2023:

I am preparing these words as the second day of the Clergy Conference draws near. The first day was focussed on the art of celebrating the Liturgy, the Mass. It took me a moment to remember the Latin term "Ars Celebrandi" but the speaker, Abbot Paul Gunter OSB, was excellent – bringing an inspired clarity to the reality that the Mass is more than saying, more than performing, more than celebrating, more than presiding, more than what is written in the prayers and the instructions in the Missal and Lectionary. In last Sunday's Homily I pointed to all the ways that Jesus the Christ is present to us. Abbot Paul drew these together even more closely than I did pointing out that in the Mass, in the Liturgy, all the things you and I do is an integral part of bringing Jesus Christ to be truly and fully present, with the culmination of course being that we receive the body and blood of Jesus the Christ.

It was a challenge to follow the breadth of what Abbot Paul presented – but well worth the concentration required. I am looking forward to the rest of the conference, especially the items named "Is a Homily a Speech" and "Nurturing Parish Musicians."

God bless, Fr Charles



MULTICULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023. After the 10.30 mass to 3pm

The social committee are hosting another Multicultural Day. This has become our annual fundraising event. Last year the silent auctions and raffles raised \$3408. This enables the social committee to fund events held during the year, such as pizza nights, barbeques lunches, Christmas parties and Chinese New Year celebrations without using parish funds.

These events are so important to keep the community connected.

Donations needed:

Look in your cupboards for any new or unused items or unwanted gifts that we can auction off or put together as part of a hamper.

Some ideas of items are;

- Cane baskets, chocolates, sweets and savory items (long shelf life)
- Candles. Diffusers, body care products
- Houseware, electrical appliances, (hair dryer, waffle maker, popcorn maker) towels, Kitchen items and baking tools
- We also accept donations in the form of vouchers for stores, movies, accommodation or restaurant vouchers.

All items can be left at the church office by the **7 July 2023**. Should you have any queries please contact Yvonne 0421 788 413 or Pia 0409 5482 029.

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH

MONEY COUNTERS: TBA

LECTORS

Cathy & Noel McClelland
Kay & Ray Lewis
Jenny & Brian Tyedin
Thomas Ong, Jane Ma
Mary Wilson, Leth Go

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moira White, Lorna Philip
Rachel Kay, Katica Puhaj
Mary Stocco
Viviana Pereira, Judy Ablaza
MORNING TEA: Belinda Maniscalco

COLLECTORS

Gerard O'Donnell
FLOWERS: Mary Piccoli
Geraldina Donato

NEXT WEEK 24/25 June

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH

MONEY COUNTERS: TBA

LECTORS

Robert McHugh, Ian Barnes
Queenie Wood, Sauro Antonelli
Karen Chay, Aidan Leung
Dot Haynes, Natalie De Silva
Boris Klaric, Stephen Ma

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

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

COLLECTOR

Alfred Lee
FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

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.

Transport : Don't leave people stuck at home unable to come to Mass: offer a hand or let us know at the Parish Office.

Welcoming! We have a new **Welcoming Group**: but still: if you see someone you DON'T know? go up and have a chat and get to know them.

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.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

Next Open Day **9th Aug 9.30-11am**, or for a School Tour please contact the School Office on 98484483.

Lectors (Readers) & Special Ministers (Communions) Formation Sessions

Our next Formation Sessions for Lectors & Special Ministers will be held on below dates: (you are only required to attend 1 session per ministry)

13 July, Thurs: Lectors: 6.00-6.45pm; Special Minister: 6.45-7.30pm, or;

15 July, Sat: Lectors: 11.00-11.45am; Special Minister: 11.45am-12.30pm.

These ministries are vital for the effective celebration of Mass. Please make sure you come along to one of the sessions. It is vital that we form ourselves for these ministries so that we can know Christ more fully.

We invite you to pray for St Gregory The Great Primary School and neighbouring school children who are making their commitment for their Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday.



Last Sunday, two St Gregory's Parish children were Baptised at the 10.30am Mass. We welcome **Aiden** and **Nicholas** into our Catholic Faith Community. Thank you to the parents, Kevin and Sandra for bringing your children to be Baptised. And to Godparent, Chris Anggoro for her support and prayers for the boys.



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Fr Charles' BIRTHDAY


SUNDAY 25 JUNE
AFTER 10.30AM MASS

St Gregory the Great Church
Doncaster

RSVP: Please email doncaster@cam.org.au or use sign up sheets at the church.

Cake and coffee/tea provided. Please be mindful of food intolerances or allergies, as food and drinks may contain allergens. Parents and carers are requested to please supervise their children at all times.

FRIDAY, 23rd JUNE

CORNERSTONE 

YOUTH GROUP

JOURNEY WITH US AND OTHER YOUTHS TO GROW CLOSER WITH GOD!
BRING A FRIEND!

3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7 PM

Contact: Vera Arief Doncaster@cam.org.au

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