

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

20 AUGUST 2023

WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH! The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel enjoyed no status in the eyes of the Jewish people of her time. She was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, our hope and our love.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

## 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. O God, who have prepared for those who  
love you good things which no eye can see,  
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of  
your love, so that, loving you in all things  
and above all things, we may attain your  
promises, which surpass every human desire.  
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** Isa 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice,  
act with integrity, for soon my salvation will  
come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves  
to the Lord to serve him and to love his  
name and be his servants – all who observe  
the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to  
my covenant – these I will bring to my holy  
mountain. I will make them joyful in my  
house of prayer. Their holocausts and their  
sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my  
house will be called a house of prayer for all  
the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 8

**R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and  
let your face shed its light upon us. / So will  
your ways be known upon earth / and all  
nations learn your saving help. **R.**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for  
you rule the world with justice. / With  
fairness you rule the peoples, / you guide the  
nations on earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let  
all the peoples praise you. / May God still  
give us his blessing / till the ends of the earth  
revere him. **R.**



**SECOND READING** Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been  
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am  
proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is  
to make my own people envious of you, and  
in this way save some of them. Since their  
rejection meant the reconciliation of the  
world, do you know what their admission will  
mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from  
the dead! God never takes back his gifts or  
revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient  
to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their  
disobedience, so those who are disobedient  
now – and only because of the mercy shown  
to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually.  
God has imprisoned all men in their own  
disobedience only to show mercy to all  
mankind.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the  
Good News of the kingdom / and healed  
all who were sick. / Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mt 15:21-28

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.**

*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the  
region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came  
a Canaanite woman from that district and  
started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity



on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply. 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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 our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. 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 129:7

**With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Made partakers of Christ through these

Sacraments,

we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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

#### GOD OPEN TO NEW WAYS

For the people of Israel, Isaiah's words about all nations coming to worship in Jerusalem would have been a source of great disquiet, consternation, and surprise. Surely, they were the chosen people and as such stood apart from the nations that surrounded them. It is perhaps difficult for us to imagine their horror at the idea that Gentiles would have the effrontery to worship in the Lord's own temple in Jerusalem. Isaiah goes further and points out that all this will happen with God's blessing.

Paul speaks at a time when Gentiles had come to accept Jesus, but many Jews had not. His problem was to work out how this possibly fits into the tapestry of God's saving plan. He came to see that by means of Israel's non-acceptance, a way was opened for the Gentiles. This would serve as a prompt for other Jews to accept Jesus and so pave the way for the general resurrection of the dead.

The Canaanite woman shouting out to Jesus clearly unhinged the disciples. In the first place, they were in Gentile territory, in the second place she was advertising to all and sundry that Jesus and his companions were Jewish, in the third place Jesus seemed to be turning a deaf ear to the woman's request. Ultimately both the disciples, and Matthew's readers must come to terms with the fact that faith, and God's response to it, recognises no boundaries. The loving mother's persistence and faith will have its just reward.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

### 19/ 20 August 2023

#### Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

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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** (Tue/Thu 9:15 am St Kevin's)

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 9.30-11am. Or: before/after any Mass by request but allow time.

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isa 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

**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](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 Moira White, Maria Tomasello, Brian Croft, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Clifford Bunardi, Tom Moleta, Rosa Aloï, Umberto Gianello, Michael Mullens, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, 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, 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, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari and Dennis Clarke.

**And for those who died recently** Angelina Marisa Martin, **and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Yap Huat Goon, Lee Kim Heok, Rina Franceschini, Emmanuel Rusli Butiawan, Carmel Gazzo.

From the Desk of ... Fr Charles:

**Gates & Seniors Parking:** Yippee! The new gates are now functionally operative but are locked open until we can finalise some programming for access, who has access, how access is given. It's taken an age. The plan initially is to have the gates open 6 am—10:00 am and 2:00 pm to 10 pm during the week and open 6 am to 10 am on weekends—or times close to that. It will probably be another three weeks before we start actually closing the gates for periods.

As part of finishing the gates, we moved seniors parking. The two spaces immediately outside the church have been eliminated and two new spaces created just down hill of the main doors. Two additional general spaces have been created on the other side of the drive, retaining the accessibility spaces in the middle and the two seniors spaces at the top on the far side.

**Masks:** I have been wearing a mask during distribution of Communion and also encouraging others assisting with distributing Communion to do so. The reason: that is in my assessment a key contagion point. Recently most aged care facilities have moved to not requiring masks. This says to me that the risk profile has changed and my caution is no longer needed. Consequently: I shall no longer be wearing a mask during distribution of Communion, an probably other ministers will not wear them either. If you would rather that I/they continue wearing a mask—please speak up—let me know—and the masks will resume.

## Corner Stone Youth Group Updates!

Cornerstone Youth Group is a community designed for young individuals, specifically those in Year 6 to Year 10, who are looking for a place to belong, grow, and explore their faith. We meet every month on the third Friday, from 7pm to 9pm. It's an opportunity for us to come together, learn from one another, and have a great time.



Last month, the Group went on a excursion to the Indoor Roller Skate in Eltham. They had a blast and already looking forward to their next excursion. Watch this space for our next event! For more details contact please email: [Doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:Doncaster@cam.org.au)

**Thanksgiving statements for FY 2022/2023 are now ready! Please collect your statements from the table at the Church Narthex.**

*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:** Anne McGrath, Josie Masters

**LECTORS**

Rebecca Law, Peter Whiting  
Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis  
Erin Djukiadmojo, Tony Nimmo  
Isabelle Hii, Thomas Ong

Boris Klaric, Stephen Ma

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Karen D'Souza, Sharron Wilkinson  
Rachel Kay, Katica Puhaj  
Tina Paolino, Lucy Giardino  
Margaret O'Donnell, Viviana Pereira  
**MORNING TEA:** Karen Chay & Kai Leung

**COLLECTORS**

**FLOWERS:** Geraldina Donato  
Mary Piccoli

**NEXT WEEK 26/27 Aug**

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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Surin Fernando, Ray Lewis

**LECTORS**

Frank Ryan, Alvin Priyana  
Philip Dunlop, Queenie Wood  
Brian Tyedin, Jenny Tyedin  
Stephanie Ong, Alfred Ablaza

Andy Ng, Yvonne Tan

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Moira White, Lorna Philip  
Ray & Kay Lewis  
Fred & Agnes Fulia  
Seleana Ng, Judy Ablaza

**COLLECTOR**

Alfred Lee  
**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung

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.

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**

For a School Tour or next Open Day dates please contact the School Office on 98484483.



The next **Parish and School Working Bee** will be held on Saturday 26 August 9am - 11am.

The focus for this Working Bee will be attending to garden upkeep, in addition to other regular maintenance tasks. Please remember to bring your "Working With Children" checks and your own Gardening Gloves and any tools you can!

Upon Arrival: Please sign the Attendance Book. You will be assigned to one of the tasks to be completed. We thank you in anticipation for your support and cooperation.

**The Rosters are out!!**

The Liturgical Ministries, Flowers and Care for the Church Rosters are out and sent out to volunteers. Please contact the Office if you haven't receive yours or need to update your details. Thank you for your Ministries.



**Social Justice Action**

**St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe**

Yes or No? An Invitation to Connect with Aboriginal Spirituality. Sherry Balcombe, Coordinator of The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) is inviting up to four people from each Parish in Melbourne Archdiocese to explore Social Justice and Aboriginal Spirituality, in the light of the Uluru Statement of the Heart and the Voice Referendum.

There are limited spaces at ACM, 434 St George's Road Thornbury on: Wed 13th Sept, Fri 6th Oct, or Fri 13th Oct. Email odette.locastro@cam.org.au by 5th Sept latest. Start: 10:00am; End 2:30pm. Programme available on request. Lunch provided. - John Costa, St Kevin's Parish SJA

**HOUR OF GRACE**



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Spend a moment in front of Blessed Sacrament with hymns and worships

4th SUNDAY of THE MONTH  
(20 Aug, 24 Sept, 22 Oct, 26 Nov 2023)  
06.00 - 07.00 PM

(after 5.00 PM Sunday Mass)

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**Gratitude for Your Support!** We extend our heartfelt thanks



for your generous backing of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith. Thank you for the amount of \$985.00 raised by St Gregory's community for Catholic Mission. Through your help, Church workers in 1047

mission dioceses have been able to share the Good News within their local communities and help those most in need. One example is to help enable Sr. Carolina to continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being.

**Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria**



CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of St Greg's during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. The generosity of our parish community means CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have an opportunity to live life to the full. Information about CatholicCare Victoria, www.catholiccarevic.org.au

**Enneagram Day – Saturday, 9 September 2023, 9 am – 4.30 pm (in-person event)**

This one-day practical workshop offers an experience where you will gain insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our Program Director Dr Lynn Moresi, she will delve into topics of discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge; understanding/interacting with other Types; handling conflict; and effective communication. Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/enneagram-day/> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost: \$80 including notes (BYO lunch)

