

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 FEBRUARY 2022

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 12: 6

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me.**

### 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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

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. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that,  
always pondering spiritual things, we may  
carry out in both word and deed that which  
is pleasing to you. 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 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
A reading from the first book of Samuel.

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will  
not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness  
of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men  
chosen from Israel to search for David in the  
wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made  
their way towards the force, where they found  
Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in  
the ground beside his head, with Abner and  
the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God  
has put your enemy in your power; so now  
let me pin him to the ground with his own  
spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike  
him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not  
kill him, for who can lift his hand against the  
Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David  
took the spear and the pitcher of water from  
beside Saul's head, and they made off. No  
one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they  
were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord  
had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted  
on the top of the mountain a long way off;  
there was a wide space between them. David  
then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let  
one of the soldiers come across and take it.  
The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness  
and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my  
power, but I would not raise my hand against  
the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my  
being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give  
thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his  
blessings. **R.**



2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who  
heals every one of your ills, / who redeems  
your life from the grave, / who crowns you  
with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow  
to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not  
treat us according to our sins / nor repay us  
according to our faults. **R.**

4. As far as the east is from the west / so far  
does he remove our sins. / As a father has  
compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity  
on those who fear him. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 15: 45-49

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

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we  
must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says,  
became a living soul; but the last Adam has  
become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the  
one with the soul, not the spirit, and after  
that, the one with the spirit. The first man,  
being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the  
second man is from heaven. As this earthly  
man was, so are we on earth; and as the  
heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And  
we, who have been modelled on the earthly  
man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 13: 34

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**GOSPEL** Lk 6: 27-38

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.**

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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. As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

### 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 9: 2-3

**I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### A HEAVENLY IMAGE

Both today's first reading and Gospel passage deal with what is the appropriate response to those who seek to harm us. Saul set out to destroy David and now as he sleeps his life is in David's hands. Will David return violence for violence, death for persecution? Everyone can cite the wounds they have received, the wrongs they have endured as a justification for retaliation and vengeance. The problem with giving violence in response to violence is that the vicious cycle never finishes – one violent act leads to another. Like David, Jesus knew that it is only by being able to forgive that this cycle can be stopped. At the heart of the Gospel is the call to a love that counters hurt, misunderstanding, oppression, and persecution with forgiveness and generosity.

As Paul continues to unfold his arguments for the bodily resurrection of Christians, he compares two Adams. The first Adam is found in the book of Genesis and the second is the risen Lord Jesus. For Paul, it is eminently reasonable that since we have borne the image of the first Adam by having a body, we will also bear the image of the second Adam by sharing in the bodily resurrection. The Corinthians knew that they had been baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus, but Paul knew that they had not fully entered into the life of the resurrection. This would only come about when they had received their glorified bodies at the end of time.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C—20 February 2022

### Parish Office:

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue :Nadia Bolzonello

Friday: Bernadine De Silva

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am

**NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS**

**MASKS MUST BE WORN**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING DESIRABLE**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 8th Sunday in Ord Time**

Sir 27:4-7, 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

**RECONCILIATION:** See notice in the body of this bulletin

**BAPTISMS:** Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

**ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY**

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**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:**

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at [DoncasterRE@cam.org.au](mailto: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: (on hold)**

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:**

Once a month (as advertised) 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 Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Pat McLeod, Joe Dimech, Lilia Go, Ralph Caparello, Anna Girardi, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Tony Ryan, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Antoinette Tanzimat, Iris Henson Chan, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Rina Sacco, Wang Wei Qiao, Rob & Tilly Rukavina, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Nieva Bothe, Bernadette Sheridan, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo.

Those who died recently; Lina (Lavinia) De Napoli, and for the repose of the souls of Monica Sonya See, Natalia Pigatto, Nevio Pigatto, Marie Fearon and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

### Words from Fr Charles:

**Ash Wednesday** in just over a week! Then ... a little later is the equinox, then a new moon, then Easter. Lent will fly by! Don't let it escape you.

We have purchased a Lenten Reflection book called "Restoring Freshness in the time of Lent." For those with a long history of the area I understand the author, Fr Michael Elligate, was an assistant priest in Bulleen some (many) years ago.

The week by week reflections are strongly based around the Gospel and also based around issues of substance today. An opportunity to reflect and pray 'in context.'

At St Greg's we're forming groups with a leader who can gather. Sign up sheets are available at the church this weekend.

At St Kevin's the Friday Communion Service will be re-cast around the Lenten discussions week by week, with Communion embedded within the discussion.

Lent calls us to pray, fast and give mercy (alms).

**Covid-19:** I have been advised that government officials are turning up with no notice at Catholic Churches and many other places to check on our implementation of a Covid-Safe-Plan. We are doing well with the routine. An excellent job I think overall with signing in with QR code and mask wearing / sanitising / spacing sensibly / not sharing food.

I take this moment to remind you to wear your mask properly if possible and to hand sanitise before receiving communion as well as on entry to the church.

We checked on vaccination status (double or triple vaccinated) for employees and volunteers some time ago (these are mandated to be at least double vaccinated). But! There have been some additions to the ranks and some re-establishment of groups: Covid-marshalls, sacristans, flowers, cleaning, children's liturgy, meditation, leading liturgies, visiting aged care (triple vaccination). If you are in one of these groups please email or call the parish and confirm your current vaccination status.

**Movements of Grace:** two meetings have happened in the past week that reveal God's grace working with us.

A discussion session at St Greg's where we developed a tool to help us understand our organisation, it's needs and challenges and lacks. This tool will be used by the parish council to provide context for any plans for growing in faith in ourselves and inviting and journeying with others to become followers of Jesus Christ.. A discussion at St Kevin's highlighted the relevance of the thinking and processes for the Plenary Council and the Synod on Synodality in Rome: their relevance in informing approaches to the organisational challenges we face.

We are loved and there is nothing we can do about it. Give Glory to God.

**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  
 Sun 5.00pm

**LECTORS**

Anne Davine, Peter Whiting  
 James Greg, Rachael Kay  
 Mary Stocco, Tony Ting  
 Jane Ma, Brenda Fearon

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Noel & Cathy McClelland  
 Margaret Wallace, Brian Setter  
 Pierre Tanzimat, Nuca La Rocca  
 Matthew Collins, Tina Paolino

Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Ctrs)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:**

Dina Sardana, Yvonne Tan

**FLOWERS:** (Fri 18Feb) Connie Amalfi**NEXT WEEK**

Sat 6.00pm  
 Sun 8.30am  
 Sun 10.30am  
 5.00pm

Patrick Soosay, Frances Cannizzo  
 Queenie Wood  
 Paola Villanueva, Luisa Yambao  
 Dot Haynes, Benedicta Wong

Moira White, Peter Whiting  
 Ray & Kay Lewis  
 Sauro Antonelli, Ivan Ivas  
 Margaret O'Donnell, Judy Ablaza

Gerard O'Donnell, Nita Pereira (Ctrs)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:**

Dina Sardana, Yvonne Tan

**FLOWERS:** (Fri 25th Feb) Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli**FACE MASKS:** Please adhere to the current government directives**BAPTISM**

Welcome to the family of  
**Henry Ettore Mackellin** who will be  
 baptised at Marcellin Chapel this Saturday.

**Chaplaincy Appeal 2022**

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

**Confession: 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation:** Fr Charles is available on Saturdays in St Greg's Church from 9-10am. If you come early before any Mass, Fr Charles is available for the Sacrament from 30 mins till 10 mins before Mass, or after Mass. If another priest is celebrating then approach and request the sacrament.

**Masses with congregations:** You must QR-code in (we can help) or write down your details. You must wear a mask and hand sanitise. Parish staff and volunteers must be vaccinated.

**FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS FOR YOUR SAFETY. And be sensible with physical distancing.**

**Masses next Sunday:** as per the normal 6pm/8:30 am/10:30 am/5pm schedule.

**Weekday Mass times in the coming week:** Tuesday, Thursday: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

**Facebook:** Keep an eye on your Facebook site – if you have 'friended' or 'like' the St Greg's or the St Kevin's Facebook page(s) it will tell you when we are on line: Sunday 10:00 am at St Kevin's.

**Parish Sacramental Program 2022  
 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation**

We are now accepting registrations, which will commence on the 8th March with a general information evening (for Parents and Enrolment of Catholic students attending Government or Independent schools) and the first part of the Reconciliation program. The venue and the time of the information session will be notified soon. Please contact the Parish Office 9412 8425 / doncaster@cam.org.au for more information.



**Sympathy:** to the members of the De Natoli family who mourn the passing of **Lina De Natoli**. Her funeral will be celebrated at St Gregory's Church at 9:30 am on Mon 21st Feb by Fr. Charles. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



**Lent 2022 :** Lent offers an invitation to actively reorientate our selves to God, because for Christians, God-and his Son, Jesus is the heart and the soul of life. We are offered this gracious time, when we can reflect on what has formed us since we trod last year's Lenten path.

**Ash Wednesday 2nd March. There will be 2 Masses at St Greg's 9am & 6pm.**

**Invite a friend:** Invite someone you know who is wondering about coming back to Mass. Invite someone you know who is toying with the idea of faith. Spend a little time with them, see if you can help – not forcing but offering to journey with them.

**Pilgrimage Statue:** Over the next few weeks, Shirley Mullens and Dot Haynes are going to seek to get the pilgrimage of Mary re-started: she has been kept still and well cared for for two years but now is time to get the Statue of Our Lady moving. Call the office to let us know your desire to be a part of this prayer journey.

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

**Open Days in 2022**

Tuesday 22nd February 9.00am-1.00pm & Twilight Session: 5.30-7.30pm  
 Tuesday 1st March Twilight Session - 5.30pm-7.30pm  
 Tuesday 15th March 9.00am-1.00pm  
 Tuesday 29th March 9.00am-1.00pm  
 Tuesday 3rd May 9.00am-1.00pm  
 Tuesday 17th May 9.00am-1.00pm  
 Tuesday 8th Nov 9.00am-1.00pm

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