

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

21 APRIL 2024

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. Though few shepherds remain in our modern world, the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to bring comfort to us. It reminds us that we are not alone. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, watches over us always. He lays down his life for us. He leads us to pasture, to water, to safety. He searches for us when we stray and bandages our wounds. Today, let us listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; / by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

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. Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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 4: 8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v. 22

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (or Alleluia!)

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / It is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to trust in men: / it is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to trust in princes. **R.**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer / and you are my saviour. / The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord / is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; / I will thank you for you have given answer / and you are my saviour. / Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; / for his love has no end. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; / I know my sheep, and mine know me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 10: 11-18

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.

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the
sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given
by my Father.'

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, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these
paschal mysteries,

so that the renewal constantly at work
within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
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: When we eat this Bread and drink
this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
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 20:27

**The Good Shepherd has risen, / who laid
down his life for his sheep / and willingly
died for his flock, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed by the

Precious Blood of your Son. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

One of the recurring themes in Acts is that
of the apostles and disciples being 'filled
with the Holy Spirit' which, in turn, finds
expression in the boldness of their speech.
As Peter addresses the rulers and elders,
we observe his boldness in answering their
query concerning the healing of a disabled
person. Peter qualifies that he does this
'in the name of Jesus Christ the crucified
one whom God raised.' He acknowledges
that his power and authority come from
God through Jesus Christ. He acts in the
name of Jesus Christ; he heals as he did.
His actions, and not just his words, are
testament and witness to the one whom
God raised.

The Gospel of John speaks of Jesus as
the good shepherd, 'the one who lays his
life down for his sheep.' This image of
Jesus contrasts with that of the shepherds
mentioned in the Old Testament who
were bad leaders who led the people of
Israel astray. It also interacts with New
Testament writings that warn of false
shepherds. Jesus, the good shepherd, can
be trusted. He is the Son of God and not
a hired hand. The focus of the passage
is on Jesus as the one who laid down his
life freely. In John's account, we hear
that Jesus has the power to take up his
life again. This is possible, Jesus says, as
it is 'the command I have been given by
my Father' and it offers strong assurance
of God's power in Jesus, of his complete
trust in the love of God and his own love
for his sheep.

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

20/21 April 2024

Parish Office:

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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 by appointment or before/after any Mass but allow time)

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Hygiene: something my mother taught to be applied all the time to control disease spread.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31, Ps 21 : 26-28, 30-32, 1 Jn 3: 18-24, Jn 15: 1-8

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

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 Carmela Amato, Senthil Mani, Lily Lee, Giovanna Bernadeo, Tony Aloï, Clifford Bunardi, Sarina Louise Walker, Nancy Au, Elsie Poon, Patricia Luk, Shirley Freeman, Balwinder Kaur, Michael Mullens, Enzo Galota, Jason Khoo, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Brian Croft, Maria Tomasello, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Judy Jones, 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

Marselinus Djukiadmodjo, Kathleen Wheeler

and for those whose anniversaries

occur about now Shirley Fitzgerald, Elena Toh, Raffaella Gattino, Antonino Ferraro



Thoughts from your Parish Priest,

Finance Group: The Finance Group met on Thursday evening to discuss our finances, physical plans and needs for the parish.

The Annual Financial Statement was submitted recently. Thank you Ray and Bernadine for getting this report finalised.

There are many maintenance issues requiring attention. The most immediate two items are replacing the high windows in the church and renovating the toilets. You know about the windows: they need replacement to stop leaks and cut out noise. We will then look at what else is needed to improve overall good audio clarity for you. The toilets have needed work for a decade but we now urgently need to bring them up to standard for you, the people who attend our parish today. It will be quite a job but manageable.

The Stewardship / Thanksgiving campaign planned for August was discussed and we began to put in place our plans. Thank you to Luisa who is now 80% of the way through entering your details from the Parish Census in February.

Parish Pastoral Council: Your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet on April 30th to begin a process of coming together as a team and working out the role of the PPC in more detail than is given in the Charter that was agreed last year. The PPC members now are: Fr Charles; Alfred Ablaza (interim Chair); Michelle Verna (School Principal); Marcello Diamante; Yvonne Tan; Mary Tonti-Filippini; Margaret O'Donnell; Dot Haynes; John Mabilia. I am looking for one or maybe two extra people to round out the group. If you know anyone who might suit—let me know.

We want this group to be effective in helping lead and guide our parish towards a future that is vibrant, vital and viable, where everyone feels they belong and have a strong faith role to play in the parish. It will be amazing to be part of the work on the 30th.

Prayers: Assyrian Orthodox Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel is in my prayers, our prayers, as are the others stabbed in this attack that has been called a terrorist attack. Following the Bondi Junction Westfield stabbing just a few days earlier, it is easy to become fearful. We could extend these thoughts to all involved in conflicts around the world.

A better response than to remain in fear is to do four things:

1. Recognise fear for what it is: an emotion calling us to open our hearts to God's love.
2. Pray – for those injured and their families and friends. That they will find peace, not hate.
3. Pray – for the Holy Spirit to speak into the hearts of those contemplating violence. That they will find love.
4. Look into our lives and seek where we can bring the joy of the Gospel, the positives and love of Jesus Christ. Find those times and places in our days where we can do our little bit to witness the opposite of violence: the peace, joy and love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

We can do no better than this.

So we pray with Our Lady, pondering these things in our hearts: **Hail Mary, Full of Grace, ...**

Fr Charles

Stewardship Contributions- New Set of Envelopes

The New Set of Envelopes are almost ready. Due to a large decrease in our Cash Stewardship contributions, we have to once again re-number your Stewardship Envelopes. This is done so we reduce the cost of set of envelopes and paper waste as we could only order consecutive envelope numbers through our suppliers. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. If you would like to move to Direct Debit or Credit Card Contributions please fill in the Pledge Card with your direct debit or credit card details or let the Office know as soon as possible as this will assist us in renumbering the envelopes.

St Gregory's Child Safety Culture—Got some thoughts? Let us know, we want to hear.

THIS WEEK

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

LECTORS

Frances Cannizzo, Ian Barnes
 Margaret Wallace, Chris Perera
 Jenny and Bryan Tyedin
 Stephanie Ong, Thomas Ong

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Andy Ng, Yvonne Tan**MONEY COUNTERS:** Surin Fernando, Maggie Yong**NEXT WEEK 27/28 April**

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

LECTORS

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Ma, Boris Klaric**MONEY COUNTERS:** Marion See, Marisa Maiolo**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Moir White, Iris O'Farrell
 Rachel Kay, Katica Puhaj
 Fred & Agnes Fulia
 Viviana Pereira, Mary Tonti-Filippini

MORNING TEA: N/A**COLLECTORS**

Cathy McClelland, Iris O'Farrell

Stephanie and Michael Ong

FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Rebecca Raymond
 Sauro & Lillian Antonelli
 Dot Haynes, Caterina Gioffre

MORNING TEA: N/A**COLLECTORS**

Alfred Lee

FLOWERS: Geraldina Donato
Mary Piccoli

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Anointing of the Sick, can be provided before, during or after any Mass.

Just let the Sacristan or the Priest know ahead of time.

Job Vacancy – Parish Business Manager

Fixed term position; 21 hours per week.

The vision of the St Gregory's the Great and St Kevin's Parishes is to be a vibrant and vital community of two parishes that intentionally reaches out to bring people to Jesus. The Business manager helps make this real.

Applications to doncaster@cam.org.au by 22/4/24 with a cover letter and current resume. Call Fr Charles Balnaves, Parish Priest, on 0417 319 556.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

School Open Day 1st May 2024, 9.30-11am. 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 and Jess will get back to you.

Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocation**

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



Mature aged 61 year old woman looking for another person to share with me, in a 3-bedroom fully furnished, rented unit in Donvale. Would possibly suit other mature aged woman, or young working person, or student. For further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Lina on 0409-983-796.

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Veterans Mass St Kevin's 10 am Sunday 21st April.

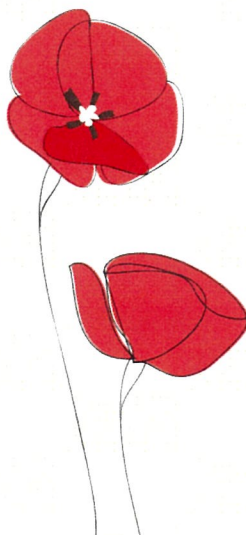
All welcome. Lest we forget.

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.

We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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