

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

21 JANUARY 2024

THE TIME HAS COME. These are the first recorded words of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. In a variety of contexts we have probably used them ourselves when we felt that an important decision could be delayed no longer. At some point in our life, the decision in question will be whether to follow Jesus wholeheartedly or in a superficial way.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Ps 95: 1, 6*

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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. Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

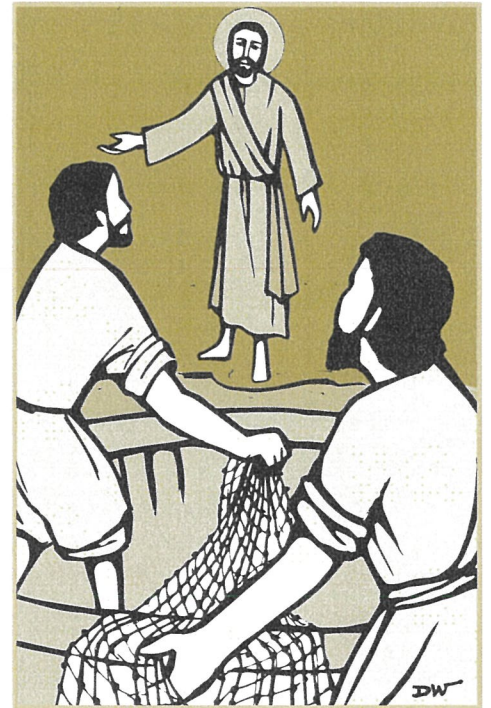
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24: 4-9. R. v. 4

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**



3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 29-31

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1: 15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 14-20

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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. Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them, grant that they 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

cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

or

Jn 8: 12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. 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

METANOIA

"Repent" rings out in our readings today. Jonah, sent by God to Nineveh, delivers the message that they will be destroyed in only forty more days. "They believed God" and, with no hint that they may be reprieved, set a fast and put on sackcloth and ashes (3:5). We miss the details of this reaching the King who, joining in, makes a declaration that everyone and their animals will fast and put on sackcloth and ashes, with the hope that God might relent (vv. 6-9). God repents, changes heart and mind (Greek: *metanoëō*). This metanoia, is found in the Gospel of Mark as Jesus moves from the wilderness, after forty days, to Galilee and begins his public ministry. The call to "repent" (metanoia) is couched in his declaration that "the time is fulfilled" and "the kingdom of God has come near" and is accompanied with "believe the Good News" (1:15). We know from the first verse of this Gospel that Jesus, the anointed one, the Christ and Son of God is the Good News unfolding. Our gaze is taken to Jesus in this area calling people to follow him and leave everything to do so.

Paul writing to the Corinthians further awakens our senses declaring "our time is growing short" (v. 29) and "this world is passing away" (v. 31). Sadly, we can imagine this in our time where war, famine, climate change, pandemics and much more wreak havoc. Amid this cacophony, can we hear our call to a change our heart and mind, to believe the Good News and follow Jesus?

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B


20/21 January 2024

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

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 www.facebook.com/StGregsDoncaster

Website: www.stgregs.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

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 before/after any Mass by request but allow time)

CHILDREN LITURGY: **closed January**

Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Communicable Diseases are around: be hygienic.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 18:15-20, Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, 1 Cor 7:32-35, Mk 1:21-28

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 Balwinder Kaur, Michael Mullens, Enzo Galota, Jason Khoo, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Vladimira Sabolic, Brian Croft, Maria Tomasello, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Judy Jones, Clifford Bunardi, 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

Tim Percy-Dove, John Goold, Mary Spizzica, Topsy Castelow

and for those whose

anniversaries occur about now:

Domenico Antonio Bellissimo,

Guiseppe Verrocchi, Nikola Rukavina



Words from PP,

Office Days For Rest of January:

With school holidays and other things the normal Monday to Friday operation of the Parish Office remains rather non-standard. Luisa will be 'holding the fort' for me, for us:

22nd-26th January: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

Then we should be back to the full five day coverage with Vera and Luisa.

Australia Day: Friday 26th January

We will celebrate Australia Day at the usual 9:00 am Mass.

I am hoping to be able to get something organised for a morning tea after the Friday Mass. Something simple. A volunteer or two to help on short notice?

Our Gates (again)

I met with Michelle Verna and the people who installed the gates. As a result there are three actions planned to try and remove all problems with the gates:

1. Put in some painted markings for entry / exit / location of the loop that opens the gate and add a couple of signs too.
2. Increase the sensitivity of the loop so it responds more easily to vehicles.
3. Install two additional loops: one to ensure the gate will open when cars try to exit from the top parking spaces and one to cater for people who don't drive up to the loop fully.

Hopefully this will cure all exit problems. There will be some other minor repainting of markings and making the pedestrian gate exits a little more visible.

Air-Conditioners:

They have been installed and we've been trying them out. They work quite effectively but we haven't had sufficient really hot weather to get a proper test. Please let me know, or the Sacristan of the day know, if you think the church is too hot/stuffy and we should have the A/C's on. We are trying to gauge when we need the A/C's and develop some guidelines.

Receiving Communion:

Receiving communion on the hand, or on the tongue (standing or kneeling) are all acceptable modes of receiving the Blessed Eucharist, as is letting the sacristan or priest know you are Coeliac / Gluten intolerant and we can provide a suitable low-gluten (<20ppm) host or a separate chalice with no host (but we need to know in advance please).

If you wish to receive on the tongue please go to the priest celebrant.

When receiving in the hand: please make sure you present your hands clearly with one on top of the other so the minister knows where to place the host.

When receiving on the tongue: please walk up, come to a complete halt, put out your tongue a suitable distance and wait for the host to be placed—don't try to move to take the host—that movement often results in the minister having to sanitise their hands before continuing distribution.

When kneeling to receive: please stop a step and a half back and 'kneel forwards' this separates you from others behind you and they know not to crowd you as you rise, and a traffic jam is avoided.

Ordinary Time: We have finished the Christmas Season and rushing towards Lent (begins 14th February with Easter on 31st March). Ordinary time is the liturgical time where we take the journey of life into the Second Coming, the time when we open our hearts especially to doing the things that lead us deeper into love of Christ Jesus.

God bless, Fr Charles

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: Carol Tang, Agnes Chee MONEY COUNTERS: Surin Fernando, Maggie Yong	LECTORS Ashton Ng, Ashley Ng Rachel Kay, Tony Nimmo Gril Job, Rob Rukavina Isabelle Hii, Benedicta Wong	MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST Noel & Cathy McClelland Ray & Kay Lewis Sauro & Lillian Antonelli Alfred Lee, Seleana Ng MORNING TEA: N/A	COLLECTORS Alfred Lee FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi
NEXT WEEK 27/28 Jan Sat 6.00pm Sun 9.00am Sun 10.30am Sun 5.00pm CARE OF THE CHURCH: Andy Ng, Yvonne Tan MONEY COUNTERS: Marion See, Marisa Maiolo	LECTORS Frank Ryan, Alvin Priyana Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis Jenny Tyedin, Bryan Tyedin Mary Tonti-Filippini, Jane Ma	MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST Peter Whiting, Sharron Wilkinson Tony Nimmo, Nuccia La Rocca Edith Ma, Dai Sim Judy Ablaza, Alfred Lee MORNING TEA: N/A	COLLECTORS Gerald O' Donnell FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan

For those who are Coeliac, we can provide low gluten (<20 ppm) 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 Notice – Lenten Groups 2024

As in previous years we are seeking parishioners who are willing to lead Lenten Groups this year, either evening or afternoons, in your own home or in the meeting room of the church.

Parishioners will then be invited to join one of these groups to assist in prayerfully journeying through the season of Lent.

Please contact Fr Charles if you may be able to lead a Lenten group or have further questions.



St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

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.

Lourdes Day Mass

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS

Parishioners are invited to attend the annual Lourdes Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, on Saturday, 10th February 2024 at 10.30am. This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them. The principal celebrant at the Mass will be His Grace, Archbishop Peter Comensoli. Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer material. Tell your friends about the Mass, especially those who aren't well. A poster about the Mass is on display in the narthex of the church.



UPDATE FROM PARISH GROUPS:

RESTARTING FEBRUARY 2024

Charismatic Adoration

Cornerstone Youth Group

Children Liturgy

Christian Meditation Group restart on Wed, 7 February

Thank you for your participation and support.

We look forward to seeing you this year!

Sacramental Preparation Classes 2024

Catholic children who do not attend our parish school are invited to participate in programs to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation.

All information and registration/payment forms are available in our website. For further information parents may contact the parish office on 9412 8425 or by email on DoncasterRE@cam.org.au. There will be an information evening on **Tues, 20 Feb at 5pm**, in the Parish room at St. Gregory's school. Please bring this information to the attention of any families you know who may wish to avail of this opportunity.

The First Quarter Liturgy, Flowers and Morning Tea Rosters for 2024 were already sent out. Please notify the Office if you are away during certain period this quarter. We are also in urgent need for Readers & Special Ministers for our Sunday 9am, Minister of the Eucharist for our Sunday, 5pm Masses and Morning Tea Hosts for our 10.30am Masses. Please email the office doncaster@cam.org.au if you can help. Training will be provided.

Thank you for your continuous support.

POHSEPT24- PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE, EUROPE

Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23rd September 2024.

This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email

us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims/survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and/or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).