# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

22 May 2022

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU. Shortly before his death Jesus assured his disciples that he would not abandon them. In his name, the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them. The early Christian community experienced the Spirit's presence as they sought to discern God's will on various issues: 'it has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves', the apostles and elders would say. As we face difficult decisions today we also can be at peace, confident that God's Spirit is with us.

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

cf. Isa 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

#### 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, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

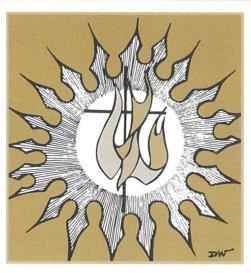
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.



## RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. v. 4 R. O God, let all the nations praise you! (or Alleluia!)

- 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.  $\bf R$ .
- 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 Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23 A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL**

In 14:23-29

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 Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. 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: 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 Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

## **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

## **CHRIST OUR LIGHT**

'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and the Father will love him.' Put like that it sounds so simple and yet in the life of the early Church one of the burning issues was what it meant to keep Jesus' word. For Jewish Christians being faithful to Jesus entailed keeping the Law of Moses and requiring Gentile Christians to do the same. The Acts of the Apostles describes how Jewish Christians who came from Judea to Antioch were firmly convinced that keeping the law was the principal way that a person could love Jesus.

The response of the apostles and elders in Jerusalem, after heated debate and lengthy consideration, was to propose a compromise that was hoped would enable both Jewish and Gentile Christians to live in peace with one another and to partake in table companionship.

The life of the early Church was by no means without conflict, misunderstanding, or difficulties. Like us, they had to work hard to see the signs of the times and to discern what it was that the Lord was asking of them. In the midst of all this Jesus' promise of the Spirit and of his peace is no small comfort. Jesus is with us, there is no reason to let our hearts be troubled or afraid. John's vision of the heavenly Jerusalem is meant to give us heart knowing that the goal of our journey is in sight. With Christ as our light there is no need to fear.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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## WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

Parish Office:

Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm

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Website: www.stgregs.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue : Nadia Bolzonello

Wed-Fri: Vera Arief

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

MASS TIMES: Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

MASS OPEN TO ALL: MASKS / DISTANCING BE SENSIBLE & CARING / ALWAYS SANITISE;

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 9am

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future

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: has restarted!

Wednesdays at 9.45 am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP:

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: (has restarted)

Hopefully monthly on a Friday 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 Chee Choong Seng, Chee Mee Lian, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Lilia Go, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloi, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Bernadette Sheridon, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodofo, Angel, Gustavo, Margaret Hansen, Fati, Patricia McLeod, Angelique Giacomin, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently, Maria Piccolo and for the repose of the souls of Ken Mullens, Yoo Fat Wong, Josephine Sabina Victoria Silvapulle, Gabriel Silvapulle, and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

## Words from Fr Charles:

## "Reconciliation"

9:00 am—10:00 am on most Saturday mornings are, for me, very quiet: beyond welcoming the wonderful parishioners who provide the beautiful flowers or who dust/clean St Greg's church I have been sitting quietly and praying.

But!!

I have actually set aside this time for you, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, vet there has been no-one who has come along in a month. While I am at St Greg's for this hour, the time is open for anyone. St Greg's and St Kevin's to receive the Sacrament.

Which leads me to ask: what time would suit you? Are you put off coming for the sacrament because of the time? If so, please catch me before/after Mass, email the parish Doncaster@cam.org.au or Templestowe@cam.org.au or leave a message on the phone at the office 9412 8425 or 9850 5983.

## "Healing Mass" / Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Two people at St Greg's have recently asked me if we can re-institute a "Healing Mass" on a regular basis. I am perfectly happy to do so at St Kevin's and St Greg's.

Perhaps on a monthly basis if it is part of a regular weekday Mass? Perhaps on a quarterly basis if we institute a special extra Mass—maybe on a Saturday at 10:00 am?

When people have said 'Healing Mass' I am guessing they mean provision of the Sacrament: if you are thinking of something more in the vein of a Charismatic Healing Mass let me know—I know little of what extra might be needed but am open to what might be possible.

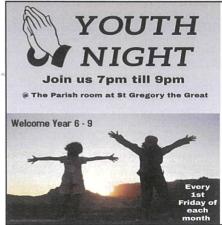
Also! You may request the Sacrament of Anointing at any time, just ask.

## JOBS!! CatholicCare Victoria

## There are several jobs/roles with CatholicCare Victoria.

If you are interested in a challenging and rewarding role, helping some of the people in our society who are most in need, you can view the list of vacancies on the Bulletin Board in the Church Foyer or on our website under Parish News.

God bless, as we approach Pentecost, Alleluia Alleluia!!!



Inviting Youths in grade 6 to year 9 to join us for our Cornerstone youth group meeting on the first Friday of June (3rd of June) from 7pm to 9pm. We will be playing games and having a discussion on the Sacred Heart of Jesus that falls on June 11th.

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm Sun 8.30am Sun 10.30am 5.00pm

**LECTORS** 

Rebecca Law, Ian Barnes Angela Molinari, Peter Molinari Sauro Antonelli, Karen Chay Viviana Pereira, Jerard Sardana

CARE OF THE CHURCH Leth Go

**NEXT WEEK 28-29 May** 

Sat 6.00pm Sun 8.30am

Sun 10.30am 5.00pm

CARE OF THE CHURCH

**LECTORS** 

Robert McHugh & Frances Cannizzo Rachael Kay, Tony Nimmo

Erin Djukiadmodjo

Mary Tonti-Filippini, Margaret Wheatley

Andrew Khalil, Lisa Moule

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Robert & Dianne McHugh Tony Nimmo, Katica Puhali Nuccia La Rocca, Brendan Pon Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng

Francis Yim, Seleana Ng (Ctrs)

FLOWERS: (Fri 20 May) Geraldina Donato

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Iris O'Farrell, Lorna Phillip Brian Setter, Margaret Wallace

Edith Ma, Tony Ting

Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira

Stephanie Ong, Nita Pereira (Ctrs)

FLOWERS: (Friday 27 May) Irene Dharmawan

## FACE COVERINGS / DISTANCING: be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tue/Thurs: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wed/, Fri: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

Masses with congregations: No check-in, no vaccination checks. Still we should hand sanitise and we are encouraged to wear masks if we feel the situation demands it. Parish staff & volunteers within the Parish setting and its outreach are still required to be up to date with their vaccination.

Facebook: Live-streaming: Normally 9:15 am from St Kevin's Tu/Th; Sunday morning 10:00 St Kevin's or 10:30 St Gregory's (alternating). Mass with children participating will generally not be life streamed.

People You haven't Seen?: as you sit reading this notice, ponder for a moment: who haven't you seen for a while? Give them a call, see how they are, invite them for a coffee/tea; see if there is something you can do to walk with them in re-joining our community.



Congratulations to Tilly Rukavina who is receiving her First Communion this Sunday



Welcome to the families of Adeline McAllister who will be baptised at St Gregory's Church this Sunday

## Parish Pizza and Wine Celebration

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to a Parish Pizza and Wine social gathering on Saturday 28th May after the 6.00pm Mass.

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church. Please add your name if you intend to come along to

this celebration, so that we can cater for the appropriate number.

## Morning Tea Roster:



In June 2022, we will resume morning tea after the Sunday 10.30am Mass and we warmly invite volunteers to host these sessions. Hosting is a great way to be more involved again in our wonderful parish community and to reconnect with everyone. If you are interested, please sign up on the roster on table in the foyer. Any questions, please call Karen on 0412 402 426. Thank you for your support!



Parish Stewardship: Please pick up your Stewardship envelopes for May 2022 to 2023 and and your receipts from the church foyer today. If you are missing your envelopes please let us know. If you have been supporting us through Direct Debit throughout the lockdowns and want to return to envelopes contribution please let us know as well.

Your regular financial support of our parish is

vital for us to achieve our mission and we sincerely thank you.

Anyone who is not in our program and regularly attend Mass here, is cordially invited to contribute to St Gregory's Stewardship Program. Sign -up cards are available in the foyer. Please complete one and deposit in the Stewardship Pledge Box.

## St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School - Open Days In 2022

Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/ events If you would like to have a School Tour prior to this date please contact the School Office on 98484483.

Parish Facilities: The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are becoming 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. Thinking of a gathering? Think of us.

FLORIST WANTED- Our church has been adorned by beautiful flower arrangements done by a very small team of volunteers. And due to several reasons we are now down to one person. If you are good with flowers and would love to help please ring the Parish Office 03 9412 8425 or email doncaster@cam.org.au.

## BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.







Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



Easter Offering Envelopes: are in the Stewardship sets or on the pews or the tables in the Church foyer. In addition to your regular giving, the Easter offering directly supports the clergy as follows: 5% to the Archbishop, 12.5% to support priests in poorer parishes, 12.5% to support the

retired and sick priests, the remainder supports the lease and running expenses of the priest's car, plus the running and hospitality of the presbytery and your parish priest, who thanks you very much.

## You are warmly invited to pray the Rosary, on Zoom, with other parishioners and friends during May

The Zoom Rosary (with Art works to help meditation) will be from Wednesday 4th-25th May at 7pm.

If you would like to join below is The Zoom link for all 4 sessions.

Topic: Zoom Rosary

Time: May 25th, 2022 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney Every week on Wed, 4 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86904156568

Meeting ID: 869 0415 6568

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If you would like a copy of the readings to accompany each mystery, email margaretodonnel@gmail.com and they will be forwarded to you.