

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

25 JUNE 2023

DO NOT BE AFRAID. In the face of many attacks Jesus courageously proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom. His courage stemmed from his firm belief in the Father's love for him. Likewise, the prophet Jeremiah was not destroyed by intense opposition because he knew that his cause was with God. May we also be courageous witnesses to the values of the Gospel knowing that God's love for us far outweighs any opposition we may encounter.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 27: 8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

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. Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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 20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,

“Terror from every side!”

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends

watched for my downfall,

‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!’

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

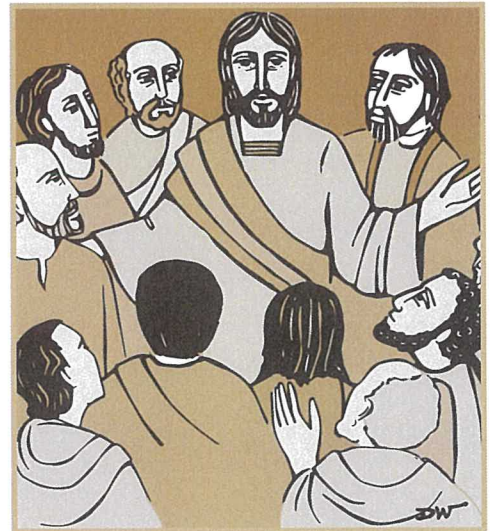
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that shame covers my face, / that I have become a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my own mother's sons. / I burn with zeal for your house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**



2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: / Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 5: 12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15: 26-27

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 26-33

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.

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. 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 144: 15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished

by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,

we ask of your mercy, O Lord,

that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

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

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

St Anselm defined theology as faith seeking understanding. As people of faith, we seek to understand and respond to how God's plan is unfolding in our own lives. One of the most difficult hurdles for a person of faith to overcome is coming to terms with the fact that proclaiming the will of God can lead to persecution and suffering. The first reading and the Gospel address this challenge calling us to be steadfast and faithful in times of persecution and rejection. Jeremiah's natural response to persecution was calling on God to intervene and avenge him in the present. When Jesus commissioned the disciples, they were invited to respond in a different way. Disciples of every age are called to trust that our present faithfulness in times of persecution will not be forgotten or go unrewarded.

One of the tasks that faced Paul was teasing out and explaining to his contemporaries how Jesus' suffering and rejection fitted into God's saving plan. What looked like disaster and failure he had come to see as the dawn of a new age. Comparing Jesus to Adam provided Paul with the means to share his understanding that what had been lost by Adam's sin had now finally been regained, and more than regained, through the death of Jesus. God did not avenge Jesus' death but transformed a moment of violence into the most extraordinary moment of grace. Disciples are called to not only understand this mystery but let it penetrate our lives in times of suffering and rejection.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

24/25 June 2023

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

Email: Doncaster@cam.org.au

Follow us on: [@StGregsDonny](https://www.facebook.com/StGregsDonny)

www.facebook.com/StGregsDonny

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)

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

(Tues & Thur 9:15 am St Kevin's Templestowe)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16, Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11, Mt 10: 37-42

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL: Principal: Michelle Verna Tel: 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:

Umberto Gianello, Michael Mullens, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, Victor, 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, Brian Croft, 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, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Marisa Rodolfo and Angel Gustavo.

and for those who have died recently: Tony Caparello

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Francesco Carfi, Benito Pegorin, Lorna Balnaves, Jean White, John Dineen (12 years).

Many Things From the Desk of the PP:

New Gates: much progress but still not finished! By the start of term 3 (10th July) we anticipate being well into the commissioning phase of works. Once the gates are operating, you will nearly always arrive to see the gates open. We will give you the details of operation before beginning their use.

Morning Teas: These are a great opportunity to catch up. Please read the notice! 30 mins after 10:30 Mass. And: It's easy! A parishioner did the tea recently: no training: it worked! Not difficult. She said! Please volunteer!

Childsafe/Safeguarding: Are our safeguarding requirements onerous to meet? Or at least do they seem onerous? If they are or if you think they are then please let us know: email or call the office.

Yes, we expect far more than ten years ago—but once initial checks are done (yes, that can be a little tortuous), the load drops dramatically to be a routine—small effort to engender a deeply child-safe culture./

St Vinnies Winter Appeal: we left out their AD last week—don't miss the **link** that is included so you can donate on line.

Support Group: I put out a report before I went on holidays. That was two and a half months ago. We have not been sitting idle in the intervening weeks. We have been discussing how we might seek to better organise the work of the parish to enable me to focus my time more effectively for you and for the future. We have had one consultation session and we will have a joint Parish and Finance council gathering on 25th July to discuss our ideas. Then we'll be having broader discussions—with you. Two parishes: more effectively operating—more focussed on being disciples of Jesus Christ.

Ukrainian Refugees: Archbishop Peter has asked parishes if they might contribute some money (perhaps \$10,000/yr for 3 yrs) to help refugees of the Ukrainian Catholic Church with their mental health and employment training. Government funding has stopped now the media coverage has dropped. I think this is a good idea: **what do you think? Please let me know.**

The Voice—please be open to the Holy Spirit calling in this crucial referendum. **God bless, Fr Charles**

Days of Solemnity

This **Saturday, 24th June**, we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist with Mass at 9 am on Saturday morning. (sorry, not announced last week) This Thursday, 29th June, We celebrate the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul Apostles. Mass will be celebrated at St Kevin's Templestowe at 9.15am. All welcome.



MULTICULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023. After the 10.30 mass to 3pm

The social committee are hosting another Multicultural Day. This has become our annual fundraising event. Last year the silent auctions and raffles raised \$3408. This enables the social committee to fund events held during the year, such as pizza nights, barbeques lunches, Christmas parties and Chinese New Year celebrations without using parish funds. These events are so important to keep the community connected.

Donations needed:

Look in your cupboards for any new or unused items or unwanted gifts that we can auction off or put together as part of a hamper.

Some ideas of items are;

- Cane baskets, chocolates, sweets and savory items (long shelf life)
- Candles. Diffusers, body care products
- Houseware, electrical appliances, (hair dryer, waffle maker, popcorn maker) towels, Kitchen items and baking tools
- We also accept donations in the form of vouchers for stores, movies, accommodation or restaurant vouchers.

All items can be left at the church office by the 7 July 2023. Should you have any queries please contact Yvonne 0421788413 or Pia 04095482029.

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:** TBA**LECTORS**

Robert McHugh, Ian Barnes
 Queenie Wood, Sauro Antonelli
 Karen Chay, Aidan Leung
 Enza Scaffidi, Natalie De Silva
 Boris Klaric, Stephen Ma

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Cathy & Noel McClelland
 Ray & Kay Lewis
 Robert Rukavina, Dai Sim
 Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng

MORNING TEA: TBA**COLLECTORS**

Alfred Lee

FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi**NEXT WEEK 1/2 July**

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH**MONEY COUNTERS:** TBA**LECTORS**

Frank Ryan, Margaret O'Donnell
 Joan Dinneen, Tony Nimmo
 Amanda Stefanovski, Brendan Pon
 Dot Haynes, Gerard O'Donnell
 Boris Klaric, Stephen Ma

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Karen D'Souza, Iris O'Farrell
 Mary Stocco
 Tony Ting, Pierre Tanzimat
 Judy Ablaza, Seleana Ng

MORNING TEA: TBA**COLLECTOR**

Gerard O'Donnell

FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan
Tessa Leung

Anointing of the Sick, can be provided before, during or after any Mass.
 Just let the Sacristan or the Priest know ahead of time.

Transport : Don't leave people stuck at home unable to come to Mass:
 offer a hand or let us know at the Parish Office.

Welcoming! We have a new Welcoming Group: but still: if you see
 someone you DON'T know? go up and have a chat and get to know them.

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

Next Open Day **9th Aug 9.30-11am**, or for a School Tour please contact
 the School Office on 98484483.

Thanksgiving offering

Thank You to all our generous and faithful parish givers.

You would have received your 2023/24 thanksgiving envelopes with
 your **new** numbers. Please use these and discard any old thanksgiving
 envelopes you may still have.

EOY Parish financial contributions statements will be issued as soon
 as possible after 1st July. We have moved to a new system and giving
 the Caritas receipt with the statement is proving a challenge,
 please bear with us.

Morning Tea Roster: We are seeking volunteers to host
 morning tea after the Sunday 10.30am Mass. This is a wonderful
 ministry to be involved in, as you will be bringing smiles (and food
 and beverages!) to parishioners and friends after the Mass. If you
 would like to help and extend our hospitality to our community,
 please sign up on the roster on the noticeboard in the foyer, or call
 Karen (0412 402 426) or Seleana (0435 080 078). Many thanks for
 your generous support in hosting these sessions!"

"Come to me, all you who are weary
 and burdened, and I will give you rest"

-Matthew 11:28-

CHARISMATIC MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Gregory the Great Church
 71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

FRIDAY, 7th July 2023
7.00-8.15PM

ALL ARE WELCOME**FOR INFO:****Vera: Doncaster@cam.org.au**

Lectors (Readers) & Special Ministers (Communions)

Formation Sessions

Our next Formation Sessions for Lectors & Special Ministers will be held on
 below dates: (you are only required to attend 1 session per ministries)
13th July, Thursday: Lectors: 6.00-6.45pm; Special Minister: 6.45-
7.30pm, or;

15th July, Saturday: Lectors: 11.00-11.45am; Special Minister: 11.45am-
12.30pm.

These ministries are vital for the effective celebration of Mass. Please
 make sure you come along to one of the sessions. It is vital that we form
 ourselves for these ministries so that we can know Christ more fully.



to our wonderful and hard-working
 Parish Priest, Fr Charles Balnaves
 who celebrates his 71st birthday
 on Monday, 26th June.

All are welcome and invited to attend a special Birthday Morning
 Tea Celebration after the 10.30am Mass Sunday morning.

ALSO

to Fr Charles on the occasion of
 his 8th Anniversary of Ordination
 to Priesthood on Tuesday, 27th
 June.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations Fr Charles!
Thank you for all that you do for us and for our parishes.

2023 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Each year at about this time we ask you,
 the parishioners of St Gregory the Great
 Parish, to donate to the **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**.
 Inspired by the joy of the Gospel and our Catholic social teachings,
 this is something you can do that will really make a difference to
 people in need.

As we enter this winter your commitment to help people who are
 experiencing disadvantage, poverty and homelessness is very much
 needed and appreciated. Our requests for assistance with food,
 clothing and paying bills has doubled this year, as the cost of living
 has impacted everyone, but especially those who might normally
 manage on a small income.

If you are able to contribute to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, you may
 do so in one of the following ways:-

- Donate online by visiting vinnies.org.au—Donors can allocate
 donations to St Gregory the Great, Doncaster, by putting the
 conference name in the comments field.

The direct link to our Conference specific fundraising page is
<https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-winter-appeal-2023/doncaster-conference>

Receipts will be automatically emailed out to donors.

- Donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12 —
 donors can allocate donations to St Gregory the Great, Doncaster,
 by giving the name of the conference over the phone.

- Make a cash donation using one of the Vinnies envelopes or
 placing cash in the Vinnies Winter Appeal Donation Box at the
 back of the Church.

Members of our Conference will be available after each of the
 Masses to collect donations or answer any questions about the
 Vinnies and their work. Thank you.