

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

2 JULY 2023

**HARD SAYINGS.** Today's Gospel includes a number of so-called 'hard sayings' of Jesus. They identify the basic paradox of our Christian faith: it is only by emptying ourselves in imitation of Jesus (Phil 2: 7) that we can receive the fullness of life which is his gift (Jn 10: 10). There can be no real growth in the Spirit if self-interest prevails.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

### 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.

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

Gloria 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. O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.  
*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

### RESP PSALM

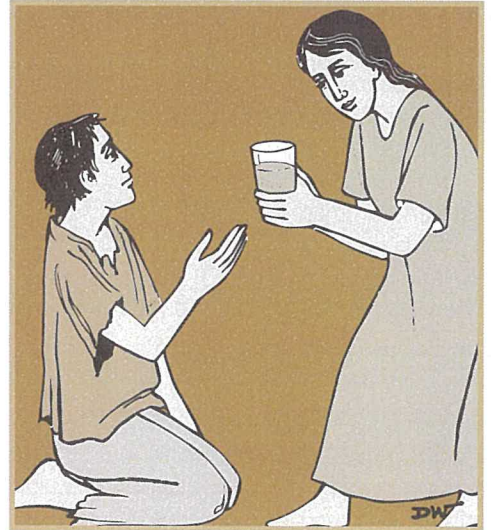
Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R.

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. R.

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. R.



### SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 2: 9

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

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.

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone

who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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. O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. 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 102: 1

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received

fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.

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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### GOSPEL MESSAGE BEFORE ALL ELSE

Anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of gracious hospitality in a time of need knows how marvellous it is to be trusted by a stranger. To be treated with respect by someone who does not know us is not something to be overlooked. In the case of Elisha, a woman's generous and attentive hospitality reaped a most unexpected reward, the promise of a child. In its early years, the Christian movement was going through a period of rapid growth and expansion. This meant that preachers were required to move from one community to another passing on the traditions of Jesus' sayings and teachings. To sustain such endeavours a network of hospitality was required. Today's Gospel reflects that situation. Both the missionaries, and the communities that would welcome them, were instructed about their responsibility for the Gospel message, and for each other. Jesus' call may sound harsh and uncompromising but what is being communicated is the need to put the Gospel message before all else, to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to share in his life.

After some twenty years of missionary work, of preaching, catechesis and founding communities, Paul reflects with the community in Rome on the meaning of our baptism as Christians. It is not simply a sign of entering a new community of faith but, at its deepest level, being brought into the saving life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The events of that first Easter are not simply foundational events to be gratefully remembered but must transform every aspect of our lives.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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**THIS WEEK**

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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

**MONEY COUNTERS:**

**LECTORS**

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

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

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

**MORNING TEA:** TBA

**COLLECTORS**

Gerard O'Donnell  
**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung

**NEXT WEEK 8/9 July**

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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

**MONEY COUNTERS:**

**LECTORS**

Ian Barnes, Patrick Soosay  
Angela & Peter Molinari  
Aditya Hendarto, Sauro Antonelli  
Stephanie Ong, Viviana Pereira  
Andy Ng, Yvonne Tan  
Ana and Boris Klaric

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Robert & Dianne McHugh  
Tony Nimmo, Rachel Kay  
Mary Stocco, Lillian Antonelli  
Margaret O'Donnell, Viviana Pereira

**MORNING TEA:** TBA

**COLLECTOR**

Stephanie Ong  
**FLOWERS:** Connie Amalfi  
Mary Piccoli

**A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2nd July**

This weekend we are called, asked, encouraged to allow our first peoples to make a special place for us. To open our hearts to hear the love and deep deep connection they have to the Holy Spirit through their belonging to land that has arisen over their 65, 000 year presence as part of the fabric of this great south land. Back in 2013 I took a leap of faith and went to Lake Mungo for an immersion week "on country" - as we walked through the lands I was shown a depth of understanding which went beyond anything I expected. Seeing differently. A Christ filled week. As we open ourselves to the future of our parish, of our church, of our faith, and open ourselves to the impending vote on A Voice to Parliament—perhaps we need to take a step into the Aboriginal way of seeing and being. Perhaps we need to open ourselves to what Pope John Paul II was pointing at when he said that the Aboriginal People had to be allowed and enabled to make their contribution before we can be the Australia and the Church in Australia that Christ wants us to be.

**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.



**The Parishes of St Gregory the Great Doncaster and St Kevin's Templestowe warmly invite parishioners and friends to our**

**Multicultural Day**

Multicultural food and drinks will be provided (please do not bring food to share). Outdoor games and activities will also be available.

Silent auction and raffle will be held on the day, to raise funds for our social activities. Please come along, to bid for items and buy tickets.



**Sunday 30 July after 10.30am Mass Church of St Gregory the Great Doncaster**

**RSVP: Email doncaster@cam.org.au or use sign up sheets at church**



*Come in your cultural costumes or colours, and join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun!*

Please be mindful of food intolerances or allergies, as food and drinks may contain allergens. Parents and carers are requested to please supervise their children at all times.

**Lectors & Special Ministers**

Formation Sessions 13th July, Thursday: Lectors: 6.00-6.45pm; Special Ministers: 6.45-7.30pm, OR 15th July, Saturday: Lectors: 11.00-11.45am; Special Minister: 11.45am-12.30pm.

*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,

**10:30 Mass—need a cuppa after?**

**Get in first: join the Morning Tea Roster!**

We are seeking volunteers to host morning tea after the Sunday 10.30am Mass. A Ministry of smiles, and thanks and warmth (and food and beverages!). Please help extend hospitality to our community: sign up on the roster on the noticeboard, or call Karen (0412 402 426) or Seleana (0435 080 078). Thank you!

**CHARISMATIC MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

St Gregory the Great Church  
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

**FRIDAY, 7th July 2023  
7.00-8.15PM**





# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1/2 July 2023

### Parish Office:

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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 9:00am & Fri: 9:00am

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

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11.00am

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9, 11-13, Mt 11:25-30

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](mailto:principal@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au)

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at [DoncasterRE@cam.org.au](mailto: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, Diana Carnell, Rosa LaManna

and for those who have died recently:

Karolina Mohar and Aladino Ingles

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Praema & Jovita Fernando, Judith Morton, Tae Yeon Kim, Jessica Lindner, John Au Yong and Mary Chek, Ernest Balnaves, Charels & Florence Weiland, Reg White

*Again*

From the desk of your very spoilt Parish Priest:

### **Thank you!!!**

My birthday celebrations started on the 21st and continued till the 26th of June and along with that were congratulations on the anniversary of my ordination. You are wonderful people. How do I thank you enough for the grace you have brought to my life by recognising both moments in such special ways.

Chocolate, wine, chocolate, scarf, jumper, chocolate, (you got the sense I like chocolate), mandarins, chestnuts, sponge cake, layered chocolate cake, rich chocolate cake, whisky, vouchers for books and things. You are most generous indeed. Thank you, everyone.

### **Safeguarding Training:**

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

At our safeguarding meeting last week, we put in place plans for getting the leaders of all our organisations up to speed with the requirements for each of us to undertake some on-line training.

You can go to the link above and have a look—at the training and the e-learning and get a step ahead. If you actually undertake the training—please send us a copy of the details of having completed the training.

### **Multicultural Day 30 July (At St Greg's but for St Kevin's & St Greg's):**

This day is primarily about gathering as a community with origins in dozens of countries and celebrating our one-ness in Jesus Christ and our diversity of cultures. Celebrating this event across both St Greg's and St Kevin's allows us to pool our resources and provide a richer experience. Food if provided. Perhaps dress up as well. Bring something that shows off your culture, your country, your background in some way.

We are also asking (see below) for donations to raise money—but that is secondary to our desire to celebrate a little of the tapestry of faith and culture we bring from across the world. PS: Deadline for donations: Friday 7th July.

God bless, Fr Charles



### **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 0421 788 413 or Pia 0409 5482 029.

*St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love*