

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

9 JULY 2023

MY YOKE IS EASY. During the Vietnam war a soldier once saw a boy carrying a child on his back. 'He must be heavy,' the soldier remarked. 'He's not heavy,' the boy replied, 'he's my brother.' Hopefully, we experience the yoke of Jesus as light and easy. Serving others and living the Gospel can be burdensome at times but it also brings freedom and joy to our hearts and rest for our souls.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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. O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

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 Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

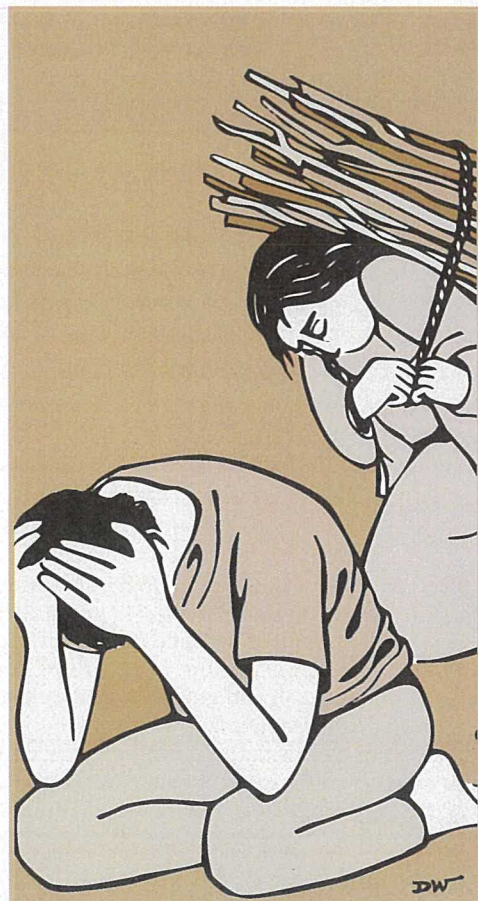
**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, /
I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless
you day after day / and praise your name for
ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, /
slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good
is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his
creatures. **R.**

3. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their
blessing. / They shall speak of the glory
of your reign / and declare your might,
O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and
loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports
all who fall / and raises all who are bowed
down. **R.**



SECOND READING Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

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.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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 this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. 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: 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

Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. 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

THE GOD OF SURPRISES

In a time of rapid change in the Church one of our community members lamented the fact that 'Just as I got it all worked out, they changed what it was!' Often the word of God has a way of turning our world and expectations upside down. After the exile, the hope for a king from the line of David was rekindled. Zechariah agrees with this hope but his vision of the kingdom that God will establish would have come as a surprise to his contemporaries. Peace will come, but not through the force of arms. Jesus' own life and message were no less paradoxical. Those who would have been expected to understand were left floundering and confused by his message. On the other hand, those open to the surprising ways of God find in Jesus the one who will gently carry their burdens if they will take on the task of becoming disciples.

Much of Paul's energy was devoted to the formation of Christian communities and it was not uncommon for them to become discouraged when they failed to live up to the demands of the gospel. In the coming weeks, the readings taken from Romans 8 show how Paul both challenges and revitalises the Christian community of Rome. He calls them to live spiritual lives, while also making sure they hear his message of encouragement. There is a firm basis for hope since the Spirit is in us, empowering, enlivening, and transforming us.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7/8 July 2023

Parish Office:

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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'S LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isa 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23, Mt 13:1-23

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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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:

Third 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 Rosa Aloj, Diana Carnell, 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 Aloj, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari and Dennis Clarke.

and for those who have died recently:

Tae Yeon Kim, John Boxshall, Rev. Austin Cooper OMI

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now

Ignatius See, Antonio & Rosaria De Vincentis, Elena Toh, Thomas McManus, Leo Scaffidi, Fr Bernie Maxwell OP, and Ida Molinari

From the desk of the Parish Priest ...

John Boxshall (RIP 4/7/2023) Funeral Wed 12th July 10:30 am St Gregory the Great Church

NAIDOC week ends this Sunday. NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee) has its roots in a day of mourning in 1938 for the harms done to our first nations people. This was also when our celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday began.

This year, there is an understandably strong focus on the upcoming referendum for a voice to parliament but a glance at the NAIDOC website shows dozens of different events: life is not all about the voice!

The Vicar General's letter this week included, in part, these words:

"Many of the faithful are enquiring about the position of the Catholic Church in Australia in relation to The Voice and the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution.

While there is no doubt that there is a diversity of opinion amongst Australian Catholics and indigenous people themselves, clear guidance has been given in relation to these important matters from the recent Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). ...

More recently, on 11 May 2023, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference issued a statement regarding an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament ... <https://bit.ly/BishopsVoice> ... "

I have placed copies of the bishop's statement in the gathering space. In essence the bishops say: "... approach this debate productively, respecting each other, ... with a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples."

PS: for me: I keep an open mind, listen to discussion but plan to vote Yes, accepting the uncertainties that exist but seeing justice as paramount.

Passing of An Era:

A few people have died in recent months who have a history with the parish going back into the 1960's. Most recently, and by no means all, are John Boxshall and Karolina Mohar and Betty Natoli (may they rest in peace).

We are going through a change of era for our parishes. The strong faith and leadership and voices and active contribution of the beginnings of the parishes of St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's are becoming voices of history, though some remain and are active still. It behoves us to thank them all for their faith: a thanks I give most deeply.

For those newer to the parish: there will be a call for you to step in, take up the calls of faith and walk the paths of leadership in faith today. Please be open to this call when you hear it. It may come from me, it may be a direct call from the Holy Spirit.

God bless, Fr Charles.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Be still and know that I am God

Ps 46:10

Invitation to an INFORMATION EVENING at

St Gregory the Great Parish Meeting Room On

Tuesday 18th July at 7.30 pm

Pope Francis says we should all spend some time each day in silence with our loving Lord who is dwelling within our hearts.

Christian Meditation is an ancient form of prayer which is simple and peaceful and aims to bring our distracted minds to silence and stillness and make our awareness of this presence central to our lives.

The Christian Meditation community meeting at St Gregory the Great is a member group of the World community for Christian Meditation.

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:****LECTORS**

Ian Barnes, Patrick Soosas
Angela & Peter Molinari
Aditya Hendarto, Sauro Antonelli
Stephanie Ong, Viviana Pereira
Carole Tang, Agnes Chee
Ana & Boris Klaric

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

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

MORNING TEA: TBA**COLLECTORS**

Steehanie Ong
FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi
Mary Piccoli

NEXT WEEK 15/16 July

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

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

Ashley Ng, Aston Ng
Rachel Kay, Philip Dunlop
Erin Djukiadmodjo, Chris Perera
Jane Ma, Gerard O'Donnell
Mary Wilson, Leth Go
Lina & Don Pavone

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Peter Whiting, Sharron Wilkinson
Ray & Kay Lewis
Lucy Giardino
Mary Tontii-Filipini, Tina Paolino

MORNING TEA: TBA**COLLECTOR**

Seleana Ng
FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan

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.

**Confirmation
Commitment****We pray for sisters**

Niquel Anne Anthony
and

Juana Dashny Morgana Dass

whose Confirmation Commitment Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 9th July @ 10.30am.

We pray that our Lord will bestow upon them strength and guidance as they prepare for their Confirmation.

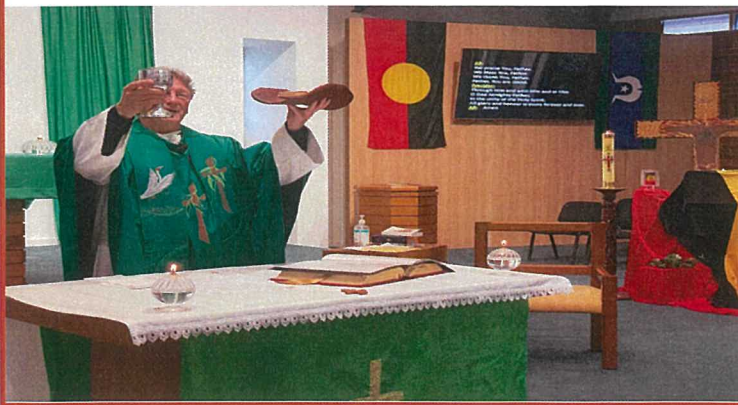


The Sacrament of Confirmation for all eligible children of St Gregory the Great Parish will take place in the afternoon of Sunday, 23rd July, 2023.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI)
Sunday - Before, Last Weekend, and Beyond**

It was noticeable at St Kevin's last weekend that many celebrating ATSI Sunday Masses left afterwards visibly uplifted. The very active Parish Liturgy group put enormous effort into producing a liturgy enabling us to reflect with new freshness and openness on rich spirituality and symbolism that can be shared, and the lives and traditions of all peoples involved. What's Mass for if not for bringing people together in communion? The liturgy was supported by an excellent Resource Kit produced as usual by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. This year was special because it's the 50th Anniversary of the First National Aboriginal Liturgy in Australia. That occasion was the first time many people witnessed Aboriginal people expressing their Catholic faith in culturally significant ways, and it was the first public and National Aboriginal Liturgy in Australia. The Liturgy was a new attempt by the Catholic Church to help re-shape the ancient Catholic ritual of the Mass by incorporating the faith experiences of those belonging to an even more ancient culture, the Aboriginal cultures.

John Costa Social Justice Action

**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 ministry)

13th July, Thursday: Lectors: 6.00-6.45pm;

Special Ministers: 6.45-7.30pm, OR;

15th July, Saturday: Lectors: 11.00-11.45am;

Special Ministers: 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.



**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.

