

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

23 JANUARY 2022

THIS TEXT IS BEING FULFILLED TODAY. The Sacred Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass recall incidents from the past and point to the future but most especially they affirm the presence of God among us now. This day we are called to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to all who are bound up in any way. Today we are called to be the Body of Christ in our world. The Sacred Scriptures have meaning when we can say with Jesus: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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 *Neh 8:2-6, 8-10*

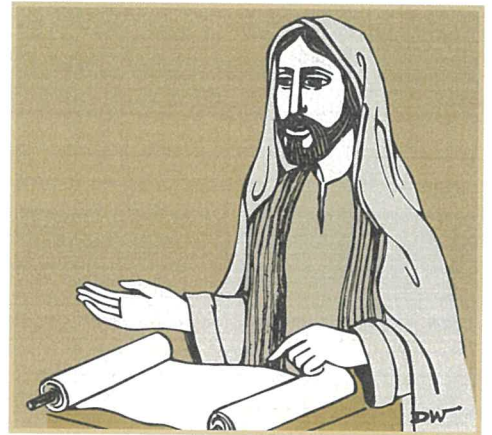
A reading from the book of Nehemiah
They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day



is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM *Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. Jn 6:63*

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear, / it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, / the thoughts of my heart, / win favour in your sight, O Lord, / my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Cor 12:12-14, 27*

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

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:12-30.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf. Lk 4:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

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.

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

JESUS OUR GUIDE

Often it can be difficult to know how to read the signs of the times. In our search, we naturally turn to the scriptures but often we find that we need a guide in order to fully understand them. The first reading from Nehemiah comes from a time when the people of Israel shared some of the same difficulties. The Hebrew scriptures needed to be interpreted for the people in their own language of Aramaic. One of Paul's strengths as a pastor was that he was tireless in searching for ways to explain the nature of Christian life in language that his Christian converts could understand. How was he going to show the divided community of Corinth that they needed each other? How could he bring them to see that the variety of gifts within the community was a blessing rather than a source of division? To answer this vexing problem, he drew upon the image of the community as a body where every member of the body depends on every other member. He knew all too well that separated from Christ our head, and divided from one another, we are nothing.

For Luke, Jesus is the one who can best explain the meaning of the scriptures and the signs of the times. As Jesus begins his ministry the new age promised by Isaiah is dawning. Jesus comes among us bringing new sight to the blind, freedom to captives, and good news to the poor.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C—23 January 2022

Parish Office:

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue :Nadia Bolzonello

Friday: Bernadine De Silva

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 23rd 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS

MASKS MUST BE WORN

SOCIAL DISTANCING DESIRABLE

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

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

RECONCILIATION: See notice in the body of this bulletin

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future 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 9.45 am until Christmas recess.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: (on hold)

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

Once a month (as advertised) 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 Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Benito Pegorin, Pat McLeod, Joe Dimech, Lilia Go, Ralph Caparello, Anna Girardi, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Tony Ryan, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Antoinette Tanzimat, Iris Henson Chan, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Rina Sacco, Wang Wei Qiao, Chen Shao Jioa, Bernie Keating, Rob & Tilly Rukavina, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Nieva Bothe, Bernadette Sheridan.

Those who died recently; Mario Vecciato, Irena Tamosaitis, Greg Shiel, Chen Shao Jioa and for the repose of the souls of Giuseppe Verrochi, Teresa Pavone, Giuseppe Marcello, Tessie Lotho, Paul Leung, Ruth Leung, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from Fr Charles:

Distribution of the Bulletin:

The bulletin is now regularly available on the parish website: www.stgregs.org.au
After feedback from about 100 parishioners we will continue to email the bulletin because of its convenience arriving in your inboxes.

The Spirit of the Lord in 2022:

There is a seemingly trite saying that our role in Jesus' mission is to put aside our desires and be open to the unexpected directions in which the Holy Spirit is calling us.

Except it isn't a trite phrase it is a deep insight. It is this openness of heart and mind which is behind the 'synodal' approach which is being put forwards by Pope Francis. It is this openness which being used as the basis for discussion during the Plenary Council. It is this openness which we are called to have as we seek to find new ways of being disciples, of being church, of being parish communities: new ways which bring new life to sustain the communities of faith in which we live.

During my four months as shepherd for St Gregory's and St Kevin's I have pondered much about how to lead, where to guide. The only thing that is really clear is that St Gregory's has more people who come to Mass than does St Kevin's. Beyond that ...: Both parishes have strengths (possibly complementary) in ministries that reach out to help others and that support the operation of the parishes. Both are financially viable. Both have a range of active, engaged, capable people. Both have some younger people seeking to be involved in parish life. Both were formed out of the same 'suburban diaspora' that was the eastern suburbs boom of the 1970's and both carry the consequences of that in a massive shift in demographics (age, wealth).

The other thing both parishes have in common is that neither has a clear 'missionary' outreach effort. We are ageing communities that need renewal.

As we slowly come through Covid-19 and become able to gather in a relatively normal way we will need to learn to gather again, to get to know each other again. But we also need to do more: we need to seek ways to be 'missionary.' I have some ideas based on my observations about the parishes and sourced from experience of other parishes. But that will not be enough. The future needs to be our future, your openness to the Spirit along with mine will mean we can be open to the surprises the Spirit can bring. This won't happen immediately, but will happen as the year progresses. Start thinking, start opening your heart and listening to and making space for the Holy Spirit.

God bless,

Father Charles



BAPTISM

Welcome to the families of **Amelia, Declan & Hailey Lew, Murphy Jayne O'Donnell, Ella Margaret Irvine and Sienna Lisa Corney** who will be baptised at St Gregory's Church this weekend.

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

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm

LECTORS

Cathy McClelland, Noel McClelland
 Rachel Kay, Philip Dunlop
 Joseph Fernandez, Chris Anggoro
 Benedicta Wong, Nita Pereira

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Robert & Dianne McHugh
 Katika Puhaj, Margaret Wallace
 Ivan Ivas, Lucy Giardino
 Viviana Pereira, Mary Stocco Jane Ma, Alfred Lee (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH:**FLOWERS:** (Fri 28 Jan) Connie Amalfi**NEXT WEEK**

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm

LECTORS

Frank Ryan, Ian Barnes
 Terry Morton, Tony Nimmo
 Aidan Leung, Karen Chay
 Dot Haynes, Mary Tonti-Filippini

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moira White, Peter Whiting
 Rachael Kay, Brian Setter
 Sauro Antonelli, Robert Rukavina
 Viviana Pereira, Caterina Gioffre Sardana Family (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH: (Fri 4 Feb) Agnes Chee, Clelia Tedesco**FLOWERS:** (Fri 4 Feb) Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli**FACE MASKS: Please adhere to the current government directives**

Confession: 1st Rite of Reconciliation: Fr Charles will be available in St Greg's Church from 9-10am for the 1st Rite. And if you come early before any Mass, Fr Charles will also be available for the Sacrament from 30 minutes before Mass starts up till 10 minutes before Mass. If another priest is celebrating then you may approach and request the sacrament but it is up to him to decide.

Masses with congregations: As per current regulations, there is no requirement of checking for status of vaccination at Mass. Parish staff and the Volunteers must still be fully vaccinated. You must check in via the Services Vic app or write down your details, for contact tracing purposes.

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED INDOORS FOR YOUR SAFETY.

Masses next Sunday: as per the normal 6pm/8:30 am/10:30 am/5pm schedule.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tuesday, Thursday: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

Facebook: Keep an eye on your Facebook site – if you have 'friended' or 'like' the St Greg's or the St Kevin's Facebook page(s) it will tell you when we are on line: Sunday 10:00 am at St Kevin's

Statue of Our Lady: We are opening so ... the Statue of Our Lady is much loved and is kept safely at the home of Shirley Mullens but you now can make arrangements for it to start travelling. Contact the office to make arrangements. Offer a prayer of thanks and praise each day.

Friends Not Joining Yet? Do you have a friend who hasn't come back to Mass yet? Perhaps spend a little time with them to see if you can help them re-join the community in person – not forcing, merely offering to journey with them.

Going away in January? Please remember your commitment to our Parish Stewardship Program and put your contributions in before you leave or make them up when you return home safely. Over January, our parish has to make its regular payments for utilities, repairs, levies and salaries. Thank you.

**Heart of Life****Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation—2022 Program****Seminars**

All seminars are available in-person or online via Zoom. Please book and pay at least one week in advance for all Seminars and Reflection events. This can be done by credit card via tel 03 9890 1101 www.heartoflife.melbourne or email info@heartoflife.melbourne

Religious Experience

Peter Malone msc 14 x Mondays, 9.15am–11am, 14 Feb to 20 Jun
 The varieties of religious experience, Biblical and theological foundations, symbols and storytelling, as well as religious experience as the focus of spiritual direction, are examined and reflected upon. Cost: \$475

Discernment*

Jeff Hood 14 x Mondays, 9.15am–11am, 14 Feb to 20 Jun
 This seminar focuses on the movements of God's Spirit and spirits not-of-God in our lives and in our ministry. Discernment of spirits and discernment of God's will are explored. Cost: \$475

The Human Experience of God*

Robyn Reynolds olsh 14 x Mondays, 2.30pm–4.15pm, 14 Feb to 20 Jun
 Through guided reflection on our human experience of God, we grow in appreciation of both our own experience and the experience described in classical writings about God and prayer. Cost: \$475

Spirituality of Human Life Stages B*

Lynn Moresi 14 x Mondays, 2.30pm–4.15pm, 14 Feb to 20 Jun or 14 x Tuesdays, 9.15am–11am, 15 Feb to 31 May
 This seminar examines the role of emotions in forming healthy self-awareness and development; processing anger; acknowledging shame; recognising our moral agendas; the core virtues of faith, hope and love. It also examines a spiritual director's understanding of how the range of both painful and affirming emotions contribute to a person's self-engagement and relationships with others. The following fundamental human experiences will be explored from the developmental perspective: painful emotions; grief and loss; gender identity and sexuality; love and friendship. Cost: \$475 for either Monday or Tuesday stream.

* recommended as professional development for spiritual directors and others in ministry