

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / A

26 NOVEMBER 2023

WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU. Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and 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. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may

render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. **R.**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. / He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has



come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

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.

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a

stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you,

we humbly pray that your Son himself may

bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. 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 OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

One of the duties of a king in the ancient world was that of being the judge of the highest court in the land and the last court of appeal for anyone seeking justice. In the readings for today, we are invited onto a large stage to witness a drama in which the lives of individuals, nations, and all forms of authority and power, must stand before God's judgement.

In Ezekiel, the cries and suffering of the people have not gone unnoticed by God. The religious leaders had proved themselves to be unworthy and God will now provide the care and leadership that had been entrusted to them. Using the beautiful image of the shepherd who shelters, comforts, and heals, Ezekiel shows how God's judgement and rule are accompanied by loving care for those who suffer.

For his part, Paul reflects on the role of Jesus in the larger scheme of salvation history. The resurrection of the Lord had convinced him that a new age, a new creation was dawning. Jesus had been exalted as Lord and King and his rule would last until death had been conquered. Then he will offer a renewed creation back to God the source of all.

The fascinating development in the Gospel passage is that we are called to share in the development and growth of the kingdom by means of our loving concern for others. The responsibility of caring for the flock is one in which we are all called to share, and it is on this basis that we will be judged.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Christ the King, Year A

25/26 November 2023

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

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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 9.00 am/ Fri 9.00am (Tue/ Thur 9.15 am St Kevin's)

Reconciliation: NO CONFESSIONS 25/11 (usually Saturdays 9.30-11am). Or: before/after any Mass by request but allow time.

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 1st Sunday of Advent

Isa 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37

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

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 Tim Percy-Dove, Enzo Galota, Jason Khoo, Michael Mullens, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Brian Cork, Vladimira Sabolic, Maria Tomasello, Brian Croft, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Clifford Bunardi, Umberto Gianello, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, Natalie, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Chee Choong Seng, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian and Eliseo Pardillo. **and for those who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Ljubica Ficovic, Cico Ficovic, Jenny Chang, Gwenda Fitzgerald, Bernard Perera.



From the PP:

Advent:

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King – the culmination of 34 weeks of journeying from Christmas through Easter to the end of times – the resurrection – the second coming. And so the cycle begins again. We aren't going in a circle though – it seems that way as we go through the years but in reality we are on a continual journey with Christ towards the fullness of the Kingdom of God. Each and every day we all move along the trajectory set by Jesus away from living in a world lost to sin and towards living in a world filled with God's love. Advent begins the liturgical cycle again – we move into the Gospel of Mark – the shortest, the first of the Gospels. The most urgent! The most incisive! The most challenging!

This is the Gospel which begins the Good News of Jesus Christ, Son of God and ends ... handing the story on to you and I to continue.

We've set the times for an advent Reconciliation Service (at St Kevin's, with priests to provide absolution) and for all the Christmas Masses. The calendar will be published next week.

Please join me on this part of our journey – hopefully I won't catch Covid-19 on Christmas Eve this year (what a blow for me, though also what a moment of grace because it reminded me strongly how important it is to me to celebrate Christmas with you.)

Bringing People to Jesus - Ron Huntley

Over sixty people gathered on 22nd November to listen to Ron Huntley and discuss what it means to be disciples and to be disciples who go and make disciples. Attendance was 1/3rd St Kevin's and 2/3rd St Greg's. To have this many people turn up is amazing: thank you to everyone who came and made the evening such a success.

We had allowed for 40% Ron talking and 60% discussion and questions: it wasn't enough. We sought permission to go beyond our planned finish time of 8:00 pm. And that wasn't enough. Tiziana as MC had to call a halt or I think we would have been there till 10:00 pm. We ended with Ron praying for all of us in St Greg's and St Kevin's parishes and closed at 8:20 pm but ... people wanted to talk and share and find out more so my support team and I were only able to start de-briefing with Ron at 8:50 pm and didn't finish that till 9:20 pm. There was so much to share and discuss.

The night was a success – thank you to all who made it so.

Three actions from the Parish Assembly (a report is in preparation) and the night with Ron are:

- We will go forwards with seeking to hire a couple of extra staff to help ensure that all the work of the parishes can be led effectively. Advertising will resume in the New Year as we have missed the window and Advent/Christmas/Holidays get in the way till then.
- We will go forwards with a pilot of the Alpha program in February/ March to build our knowledge so we can run Alpha on an on going basis from next year. Alpha seeks to help people share a meal for a few weeks and in the process open themselves to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ – it's fun and friendly and enlivening and over time we will invite everyone to participate—we regulars, those who are less connected, those who have no faith, even those who are maybe a bit anti-faith: everyone!
- We will go forwards with a Landings effort in February – Landings seeks to give people who are pondering a return a safe, gentle, open space to discuss why their faith has wavered or fallen away and perhaps how to return to faith and to the faith community

There will be lots more action required as we seek to both draw people to Jesus and to enliven even further all our existing amazing ministries.

PS: you will receive more detail about Alpha over coming months. You can go to www.alpha.org.au, set yourself up with a free account and investigate to your heart's content. You can find out more about Ron Huntley and his wisdom at Huntley Leadership

God bless, Fr Charles

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

LECTORS

Rebecca Law, Patrick Soosay
Angela & Peter Molinari
Bryan and Jenny Tyedin
Stephanie Ong, Viviana Pereira

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Carole Tang, Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Marisa Maiolo, Philip Dunlop**NEXT WEEK 2/3 Dec**

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

LECTORS

Ashely Ng, Ashton Ng
Rachel Kay, Sauro Antonelli
Erin Djukiadmodjo, Gril Job
Natalie De Silva, Mary Tonti-Filippini

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mary Wilson, Leth Go**MONEY COUNTERS:** Marion See, Maria Verrocchi**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Robert & Dianne McHugh
Tony Nimmo, Rachel Kay
Tony Ting, Edith Ma
Margaret O'Donnell, Mary Tonti Filippini

COLLECTORS

Stephanie Ong

MORNING TEA: Jenny Tyedin & Maggie Yong **FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Katica Puhali, Sharron Wilkinson
Ray & Kay Lewis
Maggie Yong, Lucy Giardino
Seleana Ng, Tina Paolino

COLLECTOR

Seleana Ng

MORNING TEA: N/A**FLOWERS:** Connie Amalfi

For those who are **Coeliac**, we can provide low gluten (<20ppm) hosts or a separate chalice. Please let the priest or sacristan know your need.

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



Welcome to the family of
Archie Jude Voglis & Eloise Sophia Voglis
who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Sunday.

**2023 VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Each year we ask you, the parishioners to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. As we enter Advent, we focus our thoughts prayers & actions on preparing for the coming of Jesus & the joy of Christmas. Inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings, donating to the Vinnies Christmas appeal is something we can do that will make a difference to people in need. If you are able to contribute to the Vinnies Christmas 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. Receipts will be automatically emailed out to donors and all donations are tax deductible.
- 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 Appeal Donation Box at the back of the church.
- donate a toy or gift card for a needy family by taking a request label from the Christmas tree & buying a gift relevant to that label. Please do not wrap gifts.

This year the appeal will take place on November 25th & 26th. Members of our Conference will be available after each Masses to collect donations or answer any questions about the Vinnies & their work. We are looking to recruit new members so if you have a few hours a month to spare & you would like to directly help those in need, please speak to one of our members. We would welcome you to the Conference meeting and invite you to see if this work is something you might consider.

Landings Program begins February 2024!

If you or someone you know is thinking of returning to church regularly after a time away, please let us know. **LANDINGS** is an eight-week program that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as

an adult. We begin our first session at St Kevin's on 21 February 2024. If you or someone you know are interested, please leave a message for the Landings Team at the parish office on 03 9412 8425 or doncaster@cam.org.au for more information.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

For a School Tour or next Open Day dates please contact the School Office on 98484483.

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.

COME AWAY DAY AT HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE, TEMPLESTOWE

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross on **Tuesday 28 November**. The theme of the day is, "**Bring forth hope.**" The days program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and group interaction in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. What a wonderful opportunity such days offer us to prepare for the Advent season and the gift of Christmas. You are invited to support the day financially according to your means, using \$25.00 per person as a guide. All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The day concludes after lunch with a celebration of the Eucharist. For further details contact Frank Burke, burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au or 0407998781.

Together we can keep the faith alive -Aid to the Church in Need

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

This weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



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ST GREGORY THE GREAT
DONCASTER &
ST KEVIN'S TEMPLESTOWE
INVITE YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR



Christmas

Party

3 DEC

AFTER THE SUNDAY 5PM MASS
AT THE PARISH HALL, CHURCH OF
ST GREGORY THE GREAT DONCASTER

FOOD AND DRINKS
ARE PROVIDED.
PARENTS AND
CARERS ARE
REQUESTED TO
PLEASE SUPERVISE
YOUR CHILDREN AT
ALL TIMES.

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TICKETS
WILL BE SOLD
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EVENT AND
DRAWN ON
THE NIGHT.
PROCEEDS GO TO
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