

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

28 JANUARY 2024

A TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY BEHIND IT. Power and authority usually go together and are often confused. If Jesus exercised authority it was not in the oppressive fashion of many earthly rulers but in service of the poor. His power was directed towards liberating people from unjust laws, evil spirits, debilitating illnesses and the slavery of sin. It is this power that is at work in us.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 105: 47

**Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.**

## 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.

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

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. Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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** Deut 18: 15-20

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.**

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die." '

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

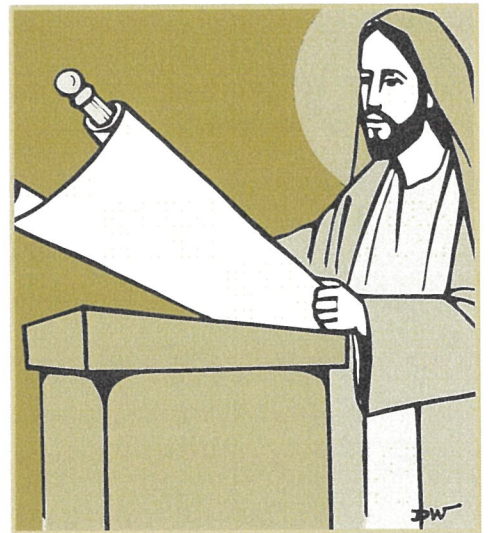
**RESPONSORIAL PS** Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

**R. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;/hail the rock who saves us./Let us come before him, giving thanks,/with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low;/let us kneel before the God who made us;/for he is our God and we/the people who belong to his pasture,/the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!/'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,/as on that day at Massah in the desert/when your fathers put me to the test;/when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 7: 32-35

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

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 4: 16

**Alleluia, alleluia! / A people in darkness have seen a great light: / a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. / Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Mk 1: 21-28

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep



impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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 Lord, we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. 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

 cf. Ps 30: 17-18

**Let your face shine on your servant. Save  
me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me  
never be put to shame, for I call on you.**

or

Mt 5: 3-4

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs  
is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the  
meek, for they shall possess the land.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. 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

### LISTEN

Listening is a central part of being a follower of Christ: listening to the Holy Spirit, to the Word, and to each other. Today we are called to listen and give undivided attention to the Lord, to a prophet like Moses, and to Jesus in the Gospel.

Moses reveals that "God will raise up a prophet like myself from among yourselves, from your own people ... to him you must listen" (Deut 18:15). He reminds the people that this is what they have asked for. In the letter to the Corinthians Paul addresses the anxieties of the community as "the present form of the world is passing away" (1 Cor 7:31). Paul expresses his wish that they be free from anxieties by giving attention to the Lord.

The Gospel continues the beginning of Jesus ministry in what I call "Jesus Central" – Capernaum (Kefar Nahum). It is where Jesus made his home during his Galilean ministry. We notice it is Shabbat, the sabbath, and Jesus is in the synagogue teaching. "They" (those in the synagogue) are astounded by his teaching. "They" are listening as he teaches with authority. Juxtaposed with this is the exorcism of an unclean spirit which brings both amazement and the question: "what is this? A new teaching with authority" (v. 27). We hear that his fame spreads, but are they truly listening, and do they recognise who he is? Jesus proclaims the good news in word and deed and expects a change of heart. How are we listening today?

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

27/28 January 2024

## Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.00am to 3.30pm**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Charles Balnaves

**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Isaac Zaki

**Parish Secretary: Mon & Wed:** Vera Arief

**Tue, Thurs-Fri:** Luisa Yambao

**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 & Fri 9.00am** (Tue & Thur 9.15am @ St Kevin's)

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 9.30-11.00am

(or before/after any Mass by request but allow time)

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** **closed January**

Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

**Communicable Diseases are around: be hygienic.**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7, Ps 146:1-6, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk 1:29-39

**BAPTISMS:** Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

**ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY**

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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 Sarina Louise Walker, Huan Sun, Nancy Au, Elsie Poon, Patricia Luk, Shirley Freeman, Balwinder Kaur, Michael Mullens, Tim Percy-Dove, Enzo Galota, Jason Khoo, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Vladimira Sabolic, Brian Croft, Maria Tomasello, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Judy Jones, Clifford Bunardi, Umberto Gianello, Luke Kakoschke, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Gilbert De Claro, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Gabrielle Byrne, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Chianna Sacco, Chee Choong Seng, Roy Dos Santos, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian and Eliseo Pardo.

**and for those who died recently**

Joseph Wadley, Cecilia Falzon

**and for those whose anniversaries**

**occur about now:** Benito Pegorin,

Frank Formica, Imad Naffah



Words from PP,

**The Song:** I encourage you to search on line for a poem by Bishop Geoffrey Robinson—written in 2015 is it called “The Song” - it is an amazing lyrical ode to the beauty of the Good News, expressed through the image of Song. Search for: Bishop Geoffrey Robinson The Song.

I had never thought of Christ's love of us being a song he sings for us and that we are called to sing for others. I present the beginning and end of the poem. Thank you Fr Terry Kean for introducing it to me via your homily at St Kevin's Templestowe.

In everything he did  
and in everything he said,  
Jesus Christ sang a song.

Sometimes, when he cured a sick person,  
he sang softly and gently,  
a song full of love.

Sometimes, when he told one of his beautiful stories,  
he sang a haunting melody,  
the kind of melody that,  
once heard, is never forgotten,  
the sort of melody you hum throughout the day  
without even knowing you are doing it.

...

The Song must not stop with our generation,  
and we in our turn must hand on its beauty  
to those who come after us.

And as we do we should always remember that this song has two  
special characteristics.

The first is that, while we too sing it badly,  
nevertheless, as long as  
we sing to the best of our ability,  
others will hear not just our weak voice,  
but behind and through us  
they will hear a stronger and surer voice  
The voice of Jesus himself.

The second is that we will always sing it better when we can learn to  
sing it together

- not one voice here, another there,  
singing different words to different melodies -  
but all singing together as one.

For then at last the whole world will truly know  
that this is still the most beautiful song  
the world has ever known.

© Geoffrey Robinson Towards the end of my days: theological and spiritual reflections p31-33

## **PALM CROSSES:**

Crosses folded from the fronds palms: Someone said last Holy Week “I can make those palm crosses for you” - who was it please? I'd like to take you up on your offer. Please call the office and give us your name and contact details.

*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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Andy Ng, Yvonne Tan

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Marion See, Marisa Maiolo

**LECTORS**

Frank Ryan, Alvin Priyana  
 Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis  
 Jenny Tyedin, Bryan Tyedin  
 Mary Tonti-Filippini, Jane Ma

**NEXT WEEK 3/4 Feb**

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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Stephen Ma, Boris Klaric

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Ana Klaric, Boris Klaric

**LECTORS**

Catherine & Noel McClelland  
 Margaret Wallace, Philip Dunlop  
 Sauro Antonelli, Aditya Hendarto  
 Natalie De Silva, Dot Haynes

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Peter Whiting, Sharron Wilkinson  
 Tony Nimmo, Nuccia La Rocca  
 Edith Ma, Dai Sim  
 Judy Ablaza, Alfred Lee

**MORNING TEA:** N/A

**COLLECTORS**

Gerald O' Donnell  
**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Moir White, Karen D'Souza  
 Katica Puhali, Joan Dinneen  
 Tony Ting, Pierre Tanzimat  
 Caterina Gioffre, Viviana Pereira

**MORNING TEA:** N/A

**COLLECTORS**

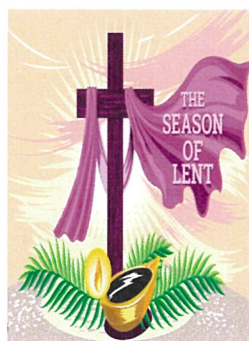
Seleana Ng  
**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung

For those who are Coeliac, we can provide low gluten (<20 ppm) 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.

**Parish Notice – Lenten Groups 2024**

Thank you to those parishioners who have offered to lead Lenten Groups this year. We now invite you to join one of these groups to assist you to prayerfully journey through the season of Lent. The sessions available are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings as well as Friday morning. Please sign your name and contact details on the sheets in the foyer for the session that is most convenient for you.

**UPDATE FROM PARISH GROUPS - RESTARTING FEBRUARY 2024**

Charismatic Adoration, Cornerstone Youth Group and Children Liturgy

Christian Meditation Group restart on Wed, 7 February

Thank you for your participation and support.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR A VERY SPECIAL MINISTRY.**

Can you spare one hour per month?

St Gregory Parish is seeking more volunteers to help with Holy Communion to the Sick to be able to meet requests from the sick and elderly in our Parish who are no longer able to attend Mass. We are particularly looking for someone who can volunteer on the third Sunday of the month and another volunteer for the fourth Sunday of the month. Approximately one hour of your time per month is required. Please call Fil Natarelli on 0402 405 001 to register your interest. She will be very happy to answer any questions. **This is a very important and thoroughly rewarding role.**

**POHSEPT24- PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE, EUROPE**

Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23rd September 2024.

This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

**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](mailto:st.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com) and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.

**Lourdes Day Mass****ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS**

Parishioners are invited to attend the annual Lourdes Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, on Saturday, 10th February 2024 at 10.30am. This is a special occasion to pray for our sick, infirm and elderly and those who care for them. The principal celebrant at the Mass will be His Grace, Archbishop Peter Comensoli. Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer material. Tell your friends about the Mass, especially those who aren't well. A poster about the Mass is on display in the narthex of the church.

ORDER OF MALTA AUSTRALIA



The Parishes of St. Gregory the Great and St. Kevin's warmly invite our parishioners and friends to our Annual Parish BBQ!

**When: Sunday, 4th February 2024 after the 10.30am Mass at St. Gregory the Great Doncaster**



**Food and Drinks are provided**

**We look forward in seeing all of you!**

RSVP: Sign up sheets in church or email [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au)

Please be mindful of food intolerances or allergies as food and drinks may contain allergens.

Parents are requested to please supervise their children at all times.

