



WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year A – 28 June 2020

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Parish Priest: Monsignor Anthony Ireland PP

Emergencies:

Deacon: Rev. Malcolm Lock

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Parish Secretary: Tuesday—Thursday Stella Leone

Friday—Bernadine De Silva

MASS TIMES:

Sunday: 8.30am on Zoom and live; 10.30am on Facebook and live; and 5.00pm live.

Tuesday: 9.00am on Zoom/live; 10.15am on Facebook

Wednesday: 9.00am on Zoom/live; 10.15am on Facebook

Thursday: 9.00am on Zoom/live; 10.15am on Facebook

Friday: 9.00am on Zoom/live; 10.15am on Facebook

ROSARY:

Every day on Facebook (see the video section).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 14th Sunday in Ordinary

Time: Zech 9: 9-10; Rom 8: 9, 11-13; Mt 11: 25-30

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Cancelled until further notice

RECONCILIATION:

As per arrangements previously advised

BAPTISMS:

Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS: (on hold)

Sr. Carmel Krohn: DoncasterRE@cam.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS: (on hold)

Wednesday 9.45am and 7.30pm

Church narthex meeting room

ST GREGORY'S PLAYGROUP: (on hold)

Tuesday 9.00-10.00am in the Community Room

(during school term) Contact Carrie 0432 821 812

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: (on hold)

Third Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Church meeting room

ST GREGORY'S TENNIS CLUB:

Membership enquiries: Gianna Alessio (President)

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Principal: Michelle Verna

Tel: (03) 9848 4483

Email: principal@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au

Please pray for:

Those who are sick at this time including, Daniel Estaugh, Judith Morton, John Waldron, Benito Pegorin, Marie Petherbridge, Pat McLeod, Joe Dimech, Lilia Go, Ralph Caparello, Mitchell Kakoshe, Anna Girardi, Theresa Yong, Ivan Ivas (Snr), Maria Stone, Isidoro Rigoni, Tony Ryan, Kiki Alimwidjaja and Wah Wong.

Those who died recently Domenico Calderaro, Bella Sardana; and for the repose of the souls of John & Lorna Walsh, Thomas McManus & Sylvester Mullens, Jack Moore, Mick Scanlon whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Monsignor Tony writes

Dear friends,

Well we have had a bit of an emotional rollercoaster over the last week haven't we? Most people expected an easing of restrictions on the gatherings of people and many school families and teachers would have been looking forward to enjoying the start of the school holidays and perhaps a meal with the extended family for a nice catch-up.

In our parish, we would have liked to have been able to welcome 50 people to each Mass. We had planned to have Thursday and Friday Masses with a class of school children and that is why we were changing to 9.30am. However, it was not to be and so our Masses have stayed at 8am.

This week and next week, during the school holidays, our weekday Masses will be at 9am Tuesday to Friday. This is because the school COVID drop off system will not be operating. We will resume 8am Masses on Tuesday 14 July.

Our first Sunday Mass will be at 8.30am on Sunday. At the time of typing this note to you, there are thirty six people wanting the twenty places at 8.30am Mass. 5pm Mass will be comfortably full and there are similar bookings for 10.30am Mass.

Our people have experienced various levels of anxiety over these last months. And some have been frustrated that their freedoms have been restricted. Some of our parishioners have been concerned that they cannot come into church. However, everything we have been experiencing was brought into relief/perspective when I saw this article. All those people will never walk into church again and each one died in a painful or uncomfortable way.



▲ The Archbishop of Lima, Carlos Castillo, swings a censer over several of the thousands of portraits of Peru's Covid-19 victims during mass on Sunday. Photograph: Rodrigo Abd/AP

At mass on Sunday the Archbishop of Lima, Carlos Castillo, looked out over a cathedral full of faces – none of them alive.

The cleric had his church filled with more than 5,000 portraits of those who have died in the pandemic that is spreading across Peru, using his broadcast homily to criticise a health system he said was “based on egotism and on business and not on mercy and solidarity with the people”.

Every blessing to you and your families!

Monsignor Tony.

Masses at St. Gregory's this week: If you would like to come to Weekday Mass at 9am on Tuesday to Friday (following the procedures outlined in Monsignor Tony's previous letters) please book a place from Saturday 10am and by 5pm the night before and be at the church 7 minutes before the starting time. We are allowed to have 20 people in our church for these Masses.

No one may come in without a booking.

Tuesday 9am Mass bookings:**

Wednesday 9am Mass bookings:

Thursday 9am Mass bookings:

Friday 9am Mass bookings:

"BOOKINGS" FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES MUST BE ENTERED ON THE WAITING LIST BETWEEN WEDNESDAY 9am and THURSDAY 4pm due to the numbers allowed so that we may make the necessary preparations. Everyone will be put on a waiting list and you will be notified if you have been allocated a space and you will be required to complete the booking. We are allowed to have 20 people in our church for these Masses. No one may walk in without a booking.

Sunday 5 July 8.30am Mass bookings:

Sunday 5 July 10.30am Mass booking:

Sunday 5 July 5.00pm Mass bookings:

If you know parishioners who do not have access to computers and who would wish to attend our Sunday Masses please ask them to ring ** on Thursday to reserve a place. They will have to leave their name and phone number. In total, we can only have 60 people into our Sunday Masses, please do not expect to come in every week. **

Links were put in the bulletin sent our parishioners

ROSTERS FOR ALL THE MINISTRIES AT THE PARISH WILL NOT OPERATE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ONLY THE ROSTER FOR THE CARE OF THE CHURCH WILL RUN WEEKLY

CARE OF THE CHURCH: (Sat 4 Jul) Boris Klaric, Andrew Khalil

CARE OF THE CHURCH: (Sat 11 Jul) Leth Go, Racel Mendoza, Mary Wilson

Statue of Our Lady: The Statue of Our Lady has been in the home of David and Isabelle Perrin this week. If you would like to have the Statue from our church in your home, please send a message to Doncaster@cam.org.au and please promise to pray each day for the safety of our community and for the world during this pandemic.

Musicians: Thank you so much to Margaret (8am), Mary Anne (10.30am) and Julius (5pm) who have provided music for each of our Masses over the months of our COVID isolation. Last week, Julius advised that he and his family were moving to Cranbourne East. **At present, we are now seeking a lead musician for our 5pm Mass which has a lovely choir and support musicians waiting to spring back into action.** Most of the members are Filipino who are very familiar with the Catholic repertoire. If you can provide keyboard or guitar to support them please ring 94128425 or email Doncaster@cam.org.au

Parish Movie Club will be on again **Thursday 2 July at 1.00pm.** BYO coffee, chocolates and ice-cream. A timeless classic will be offered to Movie Club members on Thursday.

Parish Ladies Social Group will meet on Zoom on **Tuesday 7 July at 10.30am.**

Readers and Altar Servers: We have been advised that we are allowed to have two readers and one altar server at Mass. If you would like to be on a small roster to be a reader or altar server, please email Doncaster@cam.org.au. (Readers will be selected from the younger cohort). **Thank you to those who have willingly volunteered during this time.**

Requests for Prayers and Masses: Please feel welcome to request Masses and prayers. Please use this email address **solely** for asking for prayers Monst25@cam.org.au



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Sympathy to Jal Sardana whose mother died in The Philippines last week. Due to the restrictions Jal and his family could not fly over for the funeral. Also sympathy to Gianna Di Mauro whose father died last week. His funeral was at Holy Redeemer Parish Oakleigh East. May our parishioners be comforted in our faith community and may their loved ones be welcomed into the heavenly community where faith is no more.

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be different this year. We ask you to contribute by using a computer or a phone! In the St Vincent de Paul Society, most of our meetings begin with the prayer of the Holy Trinity in the sign of the Cross. May our lives together continue to be blessed in this profound mystery of God, opening us always to God's "self-communicating" love and enabling us to respond compassionately to all we meet. Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting www.vinnies.org.au or call 13 18 12. Please help us to help others.

Thank you.

Baptisms: Under the latest directions from the Victorian Government, baptisms can now take place with a small group of people present. If you know of people desiring a baptism, please contact our parish office.

Weddings: We can have 20 guests plus the celebrant and the couple.

Funerals: the regulations regarding funerals were eased during the week. Parishioners are advised that no parishioner will be denied a funeral from our church. The updated regulation says that there can be no more than 50 mourners may be present and that we must collect the first name and contact number of each person attending.