

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

28 MAY 2023

I AM SENDING YOU. The disciples of Jesus were transformed when they received the Holy Spirit. They burst open the doors of the upper room, which they had locked in fear, and boldly proclaimed the Good News. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts this Pentecost giving us the courage to break down the walls we have built around ourselves. May the Spirit free us to proclaim the peace, joy and forgiveness of God to everyone.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: 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 by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

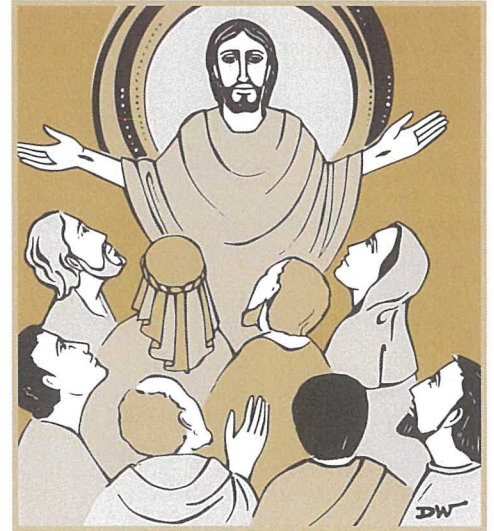
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! / Lord God, how great you are! / How many are your



works, O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

2. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! / May the Lord rejoice in his works! / May my thoughts be pleasing to him. / I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,

From the clear celestial height

Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,

Come with treasures which endure;
 Come, thou light of all that live!
 Thou, of all consolers best,
 Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
 Dost refreshing peace bestow.
 Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
 Pleasant coolness in the heat;
 Solace in the midst of woe.
 Light immortal, light divine,
 Visit thou these hearts of thine,
 And our inmost being fill:
 If thou take thy grace away,
 Nothing pure in man will stay;
 All his good is turned to ill.
 Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
 On our dryness pour thy dew;
 Wash the stains of guilt away:
 Bend the stubborn heart and will;
 Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
 Guide the steps that go astray.
 Thou, on us who evermore
 Thee confess and thee adore,
 With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
 Give us comfort when we die;
 Give us life with thee on high;
 Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-23

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
 P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you'.

'As the Father sent me,
 so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
 For those whose sins you forgive,
 they are forgiven;
 for those whose sins you retain,
 they are retained.'

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. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. 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 PENTECOST

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Acts 2:4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. 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, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

The great feast of Pentecost is traditionally understood as a celebration of the birth of the Church. The outpouring of the Spirit empowered the first disciples to engage in their ministry of preaching the word of Jesus and continue the work of building a community of faith. The presence of devout Jews from throughout the known world is a signal to Luke's Christians that the message that has been entrusted to them is to be shared with the wider world.

Paul was at the forefront of preaching the word and establishing new communities throughout the Eastern Mediterranean world. He knew that the gifts of the Spirit had been abundantly poured upon the community of Corinth but there were some in the community who started to look down on those who had received gifts different from their own. Imagine his consternation when the gifts which were meant to build up the unity of the community had become a sign of its division! Paul's response is to use the image of the parts of the body as a means of overcoming division, competition, arrogance, and envy.

John knew that the gift of the Spirit is one that both builds up the community and commissions it for mission. It is a gift that encourages and strengthens us for the road ahead. Two elements necessary to foster community are stressed in today's Gospel: firstly, that of building up the community through forgiveness and secondly, protecting it by retaining sins when necessary, and indicating to members of the community when their behaviour is destructive of the community.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

27/28 May 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

No Weekday Masses at St Gregory's this week.

Tues, Wed & Thurs 9.15am at St Kevins

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9, 2 Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18

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 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 Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Marisa Rodofo, Angel Gustavo, Margaret Hansen.

And for those who died recently Anne Strickland **and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Joseph Mak, Josephine & Gabrielle Silvapulle, Julie Nunes, John McManus, Veronica McManus

From the desk of Fr Charles:

People Needed:

Expectations: Last weekend, Jesus set a high bar for us: "Go and make disciples of all nations." This weekend he leaves us with no excuses: although it is the apostles who are most spoken about as going out and speaking and being understood by people from all over the world, it is the whole believing community that is present at the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We receive that same Spirit in our Baptism and Confirmation.

So, Jesus expects a lot of us. But he doesn't expect us to be foolish. I am always asking for people to help with things. I don't do so lightly, but it might be that I ask too much, or start pushing rather than inviting. You have a responsibility as a follower of Jesus Christ to give of your time, your talents/gifts/abilities/call, and your treasure/skills/money/goods: so please do give, volunteer, help, offer what you can even when it means giving up something else. But there must be balance.

One area of parish effort where balance is essential is in how the broader parish works with our schools. I meet regularly with our three school Principals and our conversations are open and trusting so we were able to have a constructive conversation about expectations. We agreed the following:

1. Meet with me on a fortnightly basis
2. Ensure that the sacramental program is effectively supported (without expecting principals to be present at all sacraments)
3. Be an active part of the Parish Pastoral Councils
4. Contribute to Safeguarding. this can involve attending meetings, but no more than once a term.
5. Provide each other with advice when needed

Help me ensure the faith formation of staff and students

These expectations don't define everything that might be asked of our principals and our schools, but they set boundaries so that they can manage their multitudinous responsibilities in school and their broader lives, so that I don't and we don't get unreasonable. We may not see our principals at every parish event or sacrament: they will be that doesn't mean they are not helping grow the parish and helping evangelise.

You? Yes, like Jesus, I have high expectations of you – please, offer yourselves or offer yourselves again to help to keep our parish thriving and growing and alive with the Holy Spirit.

God bless, Fr Charles

St Kevin's Feast Day

You are invited to celebrate St Kevin's Feast Day Mass at St Kevin's Church Templestowe, 26 - 44 Herlihy's Road, Templestowe Lower at 9.15 am, Wednesday, 31st March 2023. All are welcome.

Please note: There will NO weekday morning Masses at St Gregory's next week (31st May and 2nd June).

St Gregory the Great PS

Children
Love
to learn



St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School welcomes families to join us for a school tour with our Principal, Michelle Verna. Please visit our school website www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au for further information or call the school office on 9848 4483.

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

THIS WEEK 20/21 May
 Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 9.00am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm
CARE OF THE CHURCH
MONEY COUNTERS: TBA

LECTORS
 Ian Barnes, Patrick Soosay
 Tony Nimmo, Queenie Wood
 Paul Williams, Rita Williams
 Mary Tonti-Filipini, Stephanie Ong
 Boris Klaric, Stephen Ma

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST
 Robert & Dianna McHugh
 Rachel Kay, Katica Puhaj
 Maggie Yong, Nuccia La Rocca
 Margaret O'Donnell, Viviana Pereira
MORNING TEA: Adeline Wong

COLLECTORS
 Stephanie Ong
FLOWERS: Mary Piccoli
 Geraldina Donato

NEXT WEEK 3/4 June
 Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 9.00am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm
CARE OF THE CHURCH
MONEY COUNTERS: TBA

LECTORS
 Frances Cannizzo, Frank Ryan
 Angela Molinari, Peter Molinari
 Paola Villanueva, Mary Stocco
 Viviana Pereira, Stephanie Ong
 Andy Ng, Yvonne Tan

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST
 Margaret O'Donnell, Iris O' Farrell
 Ray & Kay Lewis
 Fred & Agnes Fulia
 Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng
MORNING TEA: TBA

COLLECTOR
 Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell
FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

AUTUMN THEN WINTER—more infectious illness (Covid, Flu, ...)! Perhaps our care with masks / sanitising will keep others safe.

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

Transport : Don't leave people stuck at home unable to come to Mass: offer a hand or let us know at the Parish Office.

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.

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.

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.

Feast of the Sacred Heart

On Friday, 16th June, we commemorate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Mass will be celebrated here at St Gregory's @ 7.00pm. All are welcome.

Welcome to the family of
Giada Bobbi Bettiol Ferraro
Florentina Teresa Ferreyra S
Bettina Ermioni Bartone



who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Sunday.

Catholic Theological College
 Online unit presented over 4 Saturdays 17, 24 June; 7, 14 October
Teaching Meditation and Prayer
 Lecturer: Dr Christopher Morris
 To enrol or for further information:
 Dr Christopher Knauf, Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.au



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For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission, Kevin Meese at Melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au

HEALING MASS



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FRIDAY, 02 JUNE 2023
 07.00 - 08.30 PM

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