

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 JANUARY 2022

THE REJECTION OF JESUS. At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, some people of his hometown try unsuccessfully to do away with him. Later, other people will try to destroy him on the cross. Again their efforts fail when he rises from the dead. The forces of evil continue to oppose the Body of Christ, but we can be sure that nothing can ever destroy the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus.

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.

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 Jesus Christ, 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

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron,

and a wall of bronze

to confront all this land:

the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

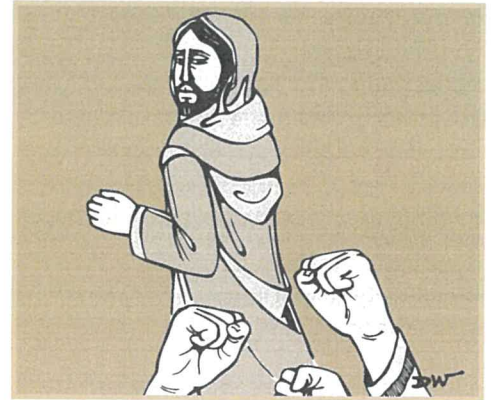
RESP PSALM

Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17. R. v. 15

R. I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; / let me never be put to shame. / In your justice rescue me, free me: / pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, / a mighty stronghold to save me; / for you are my rock, my stronghold. / Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**



3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, / my trust, O Lord, since my youth. / On you I have leaned from my birth, / from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

4. My lips will tell of your justice / and day by day of your help. / O God, you have taught me from my youth / and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 13:4-13.

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

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:31–13:13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 4:21-30

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.

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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.

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

GOD'S WORD PREVAILS

Prophets are normally understood as foretellers, but more often their role is that of being forth-tellers, that is, those who have the often-dangerous role of proclaiming God's word. Since God's word to Israel was often one of challenge, the ministry of the prophet was undertaken in the midst of opposition, rejection, and misunderstanding. As Jeremiah begins his ministry as prophet, he is prepared for the difficulties that lie before him but encouraged with the knowledge that God will protect and defend him. One of the ways that Luke portrays Jesus is as a prophet and, like the prophets before him, his message will lead to rejection by his own people. At first Jesus' message is received with wonder but as the challenge of Jesus' words comes to be understood, his own people become enraged and seek to destroy him. As Jesus slips from their grasp we see the promise of protection made to Jeremiah being fulfilled. Despite opposition, God's word will be proclaimed.

During Paul's ministry, there were occasions when it was necessary for him to speak uncomfortable truths to his fledgling communities. The Christians in Corinth had been blessed with many spiritual gifts – tongues, prophecy, knowledge – but these very gifts had become a source of division and competition within the community. Paul knew that the only lasting foundation upon which the community could be built was that of love. It is only with the eyes of love that one can see clearly enough to come to maturity in Christ.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C – 30 January 2022

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Friday: Bernadine De Silva

Words from Fr Charles:

Distribution of the Bulletin:

The bulletin is now regularly available on the parish website: www.stgregs.org.au

And will continue to be available by email.

Full, Active and Conscious Participation

As I have got to know what is in the rooms of the churches and offices at St Greg's and St Kevin's over the past four months I found a book: "The Sunday Mass Five Years from Now." I started reading it a few days ago and I find no surprises, so far. What it gives is affirmation of the truth that we celebrate Mass together – it is not me celebrating for you, but me presiding with you in celebrating. A consequence of that truth is that Full, Active and Conscious participation is demanded of each and every person present. It also reminds me of the truth that celebration of Word and Eucharist is done 24/7, not just for an hour or two on Sunday. The Mass is vitally important in giving nourishment so the community of the body of Christ that we are can act lovingly in the day to day world.

How can you participate? In ways you aren't already participating? At Mass and preparing for Mass and in broader parish life? What gifts do you want to bring?

At St Greg's we need to form a Liturgy Group: to share the effort of looking at how we want to keep our liturgies / Masses alive and vibrant and doing the work to make that happen. At St Greg's and St Kevin's we need extra people for the Parish Pastoral Councils. At St Kevin's we need people to help with Covid-marshalling. At both parishes we need help with operating the computer and providing music/singing at some Masses.

How can you help? It may be some other area of effort that can enliven our parishes. Please, give me a call or send an email to the parish email: let me know what you would like to help with.

And! Thank you Nadia for taking on two days a week as Parish Secretary. I am looking for a Secretary for 3 days a week. The application is on St Greg's website.

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 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: 5th Sunday in Ord Time

Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

RECONCILIATION: See notice in the body of this bulletin

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

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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, 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, Rob & Tilly Rukavina, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Nieva Bothe, Bernadette Sheridan, Eliasari.

Those who died recently; Benito Pegorin, Bernie Keating, Maria Maulucci and for the repose of the souls of Frank Formica, and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

God bless,

Father Charles



BAPTISM

Welcome to the families of **Alexia Rose Fulia and Adelyn Teresa Seng** who will be baptised at St Gregory's Church this Sunday.

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

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**NEXT WEEK**

Sat 6.00pm

Sun 8.30am

Sun 10.30am

Sun 5.00pm

LECTORS

Joseph Philip, Lorna D'Souza-Philip

Michael See, Amanda Chong

Chris Perera, Erin Djukiadmodjo

Margaret Wheatley, Jerard Sardana

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Sharron Wilkinson, Iris O'Farrell

Katica Puhaj, Tony Nimmo

Fred & Agnes Fulia

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Sympathy to the members of the Keating family who mourn the passing of Bernie Keating. His funeral will be celebrated at 12 noon on Thursday 3rd Feb at St Gregory's Church by Fr. Charles. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.

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