

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EASTER SUNDAY / B

31 MARCH 2024

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

DAY MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, 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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the firstborn of all creation: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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 on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 10: 34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v. 24

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (or Alleluia)

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. **R.**



3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3: 1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5: 7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20: 1-9

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.

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Replaces the Profession of Faith.

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan?

All: I do.

P. And all his works?

All: I do.

P. And all his empty show?

All: I do.

P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: I do.

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: I do.

P. Do you 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?

All: I do.

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: 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. Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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 OF EASTER

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

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 1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; / therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread / of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

THE EASTER VIGIL



I. THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

Preparation and Lighting of the Candle
Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*)

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1–2:2
RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, / and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING Genesis 22:1–18
RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 15

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

THIRD READING Exodus 14:15–15:1
CANTICLE From Ex 15

R. Let us sing to the Lord; / he has covered himself in glory.

FOURTH READING Isaiah 54:5–14
RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 29

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

FIFTH READING Isaiah 55:1–11
CANTICLE From Isa 12

R. You will draw water joyfully / from the springs of salvation.

SIXTH READING Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4
RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 18

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SEVENTH READING Ezekiel 36:16–28
RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 41

R. Like a deer that longs for running streams, / my soul longs for you, my God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:3–11
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 16:1–7

III. BAPTISMAL LITURGY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES
(see far left column)

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Easter Sunday, Year B

30/31 March 2024

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.00am to 3.30pm**

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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: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Communicable Diseases are around: be hygienic.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 32-25, Ps 117: 2-24, 15-18, 22-24, 1 Jn: 1-6,

Jn 20: 19-31

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL: Principal: Michelle Verna Tel: (03) 9848 4483

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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 Lily Lee, Giovanna Bernadeo, Tony Alois, Clifford Bunardi, Sarina Louise Walker, Huan Sun, Nancy Au, Elsie Poon, Patricia Luk, Shirley Freeman, Balwinder Kaur, Michael Mullens, Enzo Galota, Jason Khoo, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Vladimira Sabolic, Brian Croft, Maria Tomasello, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Judy Jones, 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 Pardillo.

and for those who died recently

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Pat Maher, Ernesto Rocca, Ernesto Argiro



Words from PP,

Christ Jesus! **HE IS RISEN!!** Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Have a marvellous Easter Weekend, Easter holiday. Travel safely if you are travelling.

As I write these words, it is Wednesday evening – another 18 hours or so till we start the roughly sixty hours of the Easter ceremonies – the Triduum [Tri (three) duum (days)] over which our celebration stretches from Last Supper to Resurrection.

I find myself wondering how these marvellous moments will enliven me this year – I always look forward to the surprises that await me as the Holy Spirit catches me unawares – every year.

I find myself wondering how you will be surprised by Easter this year.

I find myself wondering how we will be surprised.

The parishes of Doncaster and Templestowe are changing with the recent deaths of a number of parishioners: Gracia Gatti and Domenico Spizzica and Salvatore Vecchio at St. Greg's; Tony Fitzsimons, Margaret Mangan, Connor Whyte at St. Kevin's. And on a personal family level my wife's Uncle Serge death.

Connor was young at 18 but the others – older, here for decades and decades – as we lose the older voices, we lose something of the history, the felt/lived history of our families and our parishes and when we lose the young we lose something of the possibility of renewal.

It's not just these deaths (and others) – St. Greg's and St. Kevin's are changing in so many other ways. The variety of backgrounds of children in our schools. The variety of backgrounds of new people coming to Mass. The demographics and the built environment (so many units and town houses). The regulations that demand change in our organisations. We are changing.

I don't think we should just let that change happen and carry us unthinking into a future. We are disciples of Christ Jesus – so we must be intentional disciples, seeking to be an intentional part of the mission Christ Jesus has of bringing the Good News to all corners of Doncaster and of Templestowe (well his vision is global in reach, ours is parish wide and that is big enough for me).

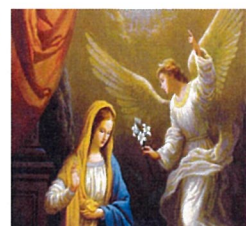
I am excited to find what surprises God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, have in store for us this Easter Sunday and Easter Season.

Have a most blessed Easter!

God bless, Fr Charles

Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord 8 April 2024, Monday

Please join us to celebrate Mass in
St. Gregory the Great Church at 9.00am



St Gregory's Child Safety Culture—Got some thoughts? Let us know, we want to hear.

HOLY WEEK

Thu 7.30pm Holy Thursday
 Fri 3.00pm Good Friday

LECTORS

St Gregory School Children
1st Reading: Margaret Wallace
2nd Reading: Michael Ong
Passion: Sauro A, Gril Job,
 Chris Perera, Erin Djukiadmojo

Veneration of The Cross: Gerard & Margaret O'Donnell, Mary Tonti, Rob Rukavina, **Collectors:** Iris O'Farrell

Sat 8.30pm Easter Vigil
 Jane Ma, Noel Anthony,
 Dot Haynes, Natalie De Silva

Lorna Philip, Robert McHugh
 Sharron Wilkinson, Dianne McHugh **Collectors:** Robert & Dianne McHugh,
 Peter Brandon

Sun 09.00am Easter Sunday Michael See, Rachel Kay

Katica Puhaj, Tony Nimmo **Collectors:** Philip Dunlop

Sun 10.30am Easter Sunday Amanda Stefanovski, Karen Chay

Dai Sim, Lucy Giardino **Collectors:** Michael Wong, Teresa Wong

Sun 5.00pm Easter Sunday Dot Haynes, Jane Ma

Robert Rukavina
 Alfred Lee, Mary Tonti-Filippini

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Ma, Boris Klaric

MORNING TEA: TBA

FLOWERS: Geraldina Donato
 Mary Piccoli

MONEY COUNTERS: Christopher Lim, Marisa Maiolo

NEXT WEEK 6/7 April**LECTORS**

Sat 6.00pm Joseph & Lorna Philip
 Sun 9.00am Philip Dunlop, Chris Perera
 Sun 10.30am Tony Ting, Paola Villanueva
 Sun 5.00pm Dot Haynes, Gerald O'Donnell

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moir White, Sharron Wilkinson
 Tony Nimmo, Katica Puhaj
 Maggie Yong, Lucy Giardino
 Margaret O'Donnell, Judy Ablaza

COLLECTORS

Iris & Karen

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mary Wilson

MORNING TEA: N/A

FLOWERS: Tessa Leung

MONEY COUNTERS: Bill Taylor, Marion See

For those who are Coeliac, we can provide low gluten (<20 pmm) 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 **Chloe Shea & Marco Michael Waring** who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Sunday.



Congratulations to Dr Margaret O'Donnell OAM!

Margaret has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her contribution and services to Catholic education, the

Church and other community services.

Margaret is recognized for her service to education and to the community including as a board member of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools since 2021 and chair of the Education Strategy and Policy Committee.

Margaret has been a principal consultant; member of the Research Committee; and served in various Catholic Primary School leadership roles including as acting Principal of St John Parish Primary School, Frankston; principal of St Gregory the Great Primary School (2000-2018); Principal of St Pius X Primary School, West Heidelberg (1996-2000) and made a range of contributions to the Catholic Church.

Margaret runs our Catechist program here at St Gregory and an active member of our Pastoral Council, Social Committee and Liturgical Ministries. As well as helping our older Parishioners get to Church every week. Thank you Margaret for your resolute effort and contributions to our Church.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



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St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

School Open Day 26th March 2024, 9.30-11am. 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.

Help is needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. If you would like to become a "heavenly duster" please contact the parish office thru 9412 8425 or doncaster@cam.org.au. We only have 2-3 persons on the Roster & would love to have extra hands on Friday or Saturday mornings. It usually takes around 2 hours. We can open the Church if you cant make those days.



EASTER PRAYER

Thank you for the chance of eternal life

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this beautiful day you have made

Thank you for showing me unconditional love
 despite my transgressions

Thank you for the chance of eternal life

Thank you for loving the world

Thank you for sending your son to die for a sinner
 like me

To take away my flaws and make me clean as
 wool

I pray that you help me understand the true
 meaning of easter

Help me love others as you have loved me

Help me pay forward your loving-kindness and
 grace upon my life

Give me the strength to love those who hate me

Let me not pay evil back with evil

But help me forgive others and love them as you
 have loved me

In Jesus' name I pray, *Amen*