

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

4 FEBRUARY 2024

JESUS TOOK HER BY THE HAND. We sometimes come to Mass poor, sick and troubled, much like the people who crowd around the door of Jesus in today's Gospel. In this Mass let us express our needs to Jesus. Let us ask him to take us by the hand and help us as he helped Simon's mother-in-law. Then, with our spirits uplifted, we will go out from Mass with a renewed desire to share God's love with others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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. Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job.

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146: 1-6. R. v. 3

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. or Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; / sing to our God for he is loving; / to him our praise is due. **R.**

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem / and brings back Israel's exiles, / he heals the broken-hearted, / he binds up all their wounds. / He fixes the number of the stars; / he calls each one by its name. **R.**

3. Our Lord is great and almighty; / his wisdom can never be measured. / The Lord raises the lowly; / he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 8: 17

**Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 29-39

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.

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had

gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CELEBRATING THE WORD OF GOD

Today the Church in Australia celebrates 'Word of God Sunday'. In establishing this day, Pope Francis invited us "to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred scriptures" (*Aperuit Illis*. 30 Sep 2019). This celebration brings our attention to how we engage with the Word in the liturgy, and how we take the Word with us and proclaim it in our daily lives. Today let's focus on the Gospel.

Mark portrays Jesus discerning his ministry. We accompany Jesus on his journey: having left the synagogue, where he had been teaching and healing, he enters the house of Simon and Andrew, along with James and John, where he finds and heals Simon's mother-in-law. By evening as the sun is setting, the word is already out, and people are bringing the sick and possessed to him. Indeed, "the whole city was gathered at the door" (v. 33), and Jesus ministers to them. In the morning, while it is still dark, Jesus goes to pray. Simon leads a search, and when they find him, Jesus declares, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is why I came" (v. 38). What we see in this Gospel passage is the word and deed in action in Jesus, and his discernment through prayer to take his mission out further.

Nourished by the Word of God let us pray and discern our mission in our daily lives sharing the Good News beyond our doors.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

3/4 February 2024

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.00am to 3.30pm**
Tel: **9412 8425**

Email: Doncaster@cam.org.au

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Website: www.stgregs.org.au

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: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Communicable Diseases are around: be hygienic.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46, Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11, 1 Cor 10:31 -11:1,
Mk 1:40-45

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 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 Pardiño.

and for those who died recently

**and for those whose anniversaries
occur about now** Ramez Salloum,
Hamida Salloum



Words from PP,

Synod on a Synodal Church

In a press release on the 1st of February the Bishops of Australia call for parishes to give some input about how we are living the idea and the reality of being 'synodal' of 'walking together' of shared leadership (co-responsibility).

The request is for each parish to share stories of their experience (two pages maximum) so that these stories can be brought together from around Australia and ultimately around the world.

If you would like to be a part of framing these two pages then please let me or parish office know.

This is quite a rapid process with a deadline for submissions in early May.

Congratulations / Thank you

I speak a lot about the plans I've been helping develop people who grow and seek to bring people to Jesus.

I don't speak as often about the wide range of ministries you are a part of that already present the face of Jesus to the world.

The schools (principals, staff, children, families), parish pastoral council, the parish finance group, Vinnies, altar servers, lectors, communion ministers (at Mass and to the home and to the aged care homes), hospitality through special functions and after Mass and through welcoming at the front door as people arrive, sacristans, linen cleaning, vestment repairs, altar cloth making, church cleaning, flowers, piety stall, meditation, adoration, rosary, the choir, the A/V presenters, the holy water managers, the collectors, the counters, accountants, maintenance/upgrades, garden maintenance, working bee participants and so much more I am sure.

Each of these groups brings the face of Jesus to the world. You are absolutely vital, and the smile and hello that come from the depths of your hearts reflect the great heart of Jesus that exists in the communities which I am charged to shepherd.

And I don't shepherd alone: I now have specific help in leadership from both Fr Isaac, and Tiziana D'Costa (at St Kevin's) and I hope to add to this group of leaders as the months go on.

The rest of the staff also participate in leadership (our secretaries and bookkeepers, pastoral worker (St Kevin's) but are maybe easy to forget to name them because they are so quietly effective. And by the way, every single one of our staff is active in broader parish life as well as through their 'work' (some are active at the parishes where they live of course).

As we move ahead with doing the Census, with running the Alpha and Landings Programs, with seeking to meet Jesus again and again and getting to know him more and more personally: thank you—I am aware every day of the present moment of our faith and how awesomely beautiful our communities are as a presence of Christ Jesus for the world.

We can lose energy and focus—certainly. We make mistakes—certainly. We seek to grow, develop and enrich our faith: always!!

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: Stephen Ma, Boris Klaric**MONEY COUNTERS:** Ana Klaric, Boris Klaric**NEXT WEEK 10/11 Feb**

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mary Wilson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O'Farrell, Sharron Wilkinson**LECTORS**

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

LECTORS

Rebecca Law, Patrick Soosay
Tony Nimmo, Rachel Kay
Paul Williams, Rita Williams
Viviana Pereira, Isabelle Hii

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moir White, Karen D'Souza
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Tony Ting, Pierre Tanzimat
Caterina Gioffrre, Viviana Pereira
MORNING TEA: N/A

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Seleana Ng
FLOWERS: Tessa Leung

COLLECTORS

Stephanie Ong
FLOWERS: Geraldina Donato
Mary Piccoli

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.

**CENSUS**

We are hoping to complete filling out the census cards this whole month of February. Thank you for helping us update the Parish database. Census cards are available in the foyer.

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 Ntarelli 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.**

Hour of Grace

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend a moment in front of Blessed Sacrament with hymns and worships

Every 3rd Sunday of the month after 5PM Mass

Schedule for 2024:
18 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 19 May, 16 Jun, 21 Jul

St Gregory the Great Church
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

Info: Vera - doncaster@cam.org.au

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

Open Day Tuesday, 9.30– 11am, 13th February 2024. 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.

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 at 10.30am. 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.

**Inner Eastern Region Parish Forum**

Interpreting your Parish Social Profile for Mission
<https://www.trybooking.com/COYRW>

The Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region invites parish leaders, parish councillors and interested parishioners from parishes in the inner eastern region to an information session on Tuesday 20 Feb, 5.00pm-7.30pm, at The Friars Room, adjacent to St Francis Xavier Church, 1087 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill (Parking behind the Church off Dorking Rd). We will look at how best to interpret the parish profile from the 2021 census and the trends revealed and then share suggestions about how this will inform our efforts in Mission. Inquiries: phone. 9401 6371

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

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.



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