

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

4 JUNE 2023

A GOD OF TENDERNESS. God did not wreak vengeance on the Israelites in the wilderness when they began to worship a golden calf. Rather, God came among them in tenderness and compassion, forgave their sin and restored the covenant. This God became incarnate in Jesus and dwells among us in the Spirit. As we marvel at the unconditional love of God we exclaim: Glory and praise forever!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

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 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. God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. 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

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

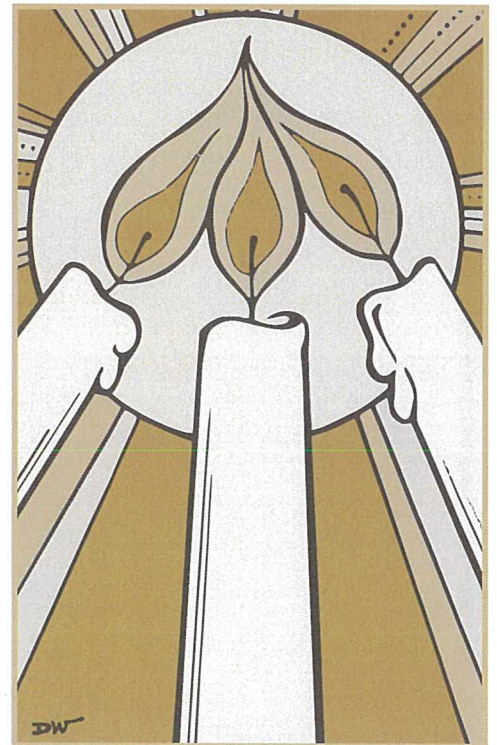
Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!



2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.
R. Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.
R. Glory and praise for ever!
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
R. Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
R. Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 3:16-18

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.

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may
not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might
be saved.

No one who believes in him will be
condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is
condemned already,

because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

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. Sanctify by the invocation of your name,
we pray, O Lord our God,
this oblation of our service,

and by it make of us an eternal offering to
you.

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 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by
your Cross and Resurrection you have set
us free.**

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

Gal 4:6

**Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit
of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord
our God, bring us health of body and soul,
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and
undivided Unity. 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, glorifying the Lord by your
life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GRACIOUS AND FORGIVING LOVE

The blessing 'The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you'
is one familiar to us all. It may come as a
surprise to know that it was originally the
conclusion of Paul's second letter to the
Corinthians. The community was bitterly
divided, and Paul wrote the letter to
reconcile himself with a community that
had become estranged from him and one
another. He saw that they were all called
to model their lives on the living God's
gracious, loving, and unifying nature.

The graciousness and life-giving character
of God's love have been seen throughout
all of salvation history but seldom clearer
than in the episode of the golden calf.
Face to face with the living God on the
holy mountain Moses feels it necessary
to plead for the people of Israel and their
idolatry. He knows their desperate plight
but before he even pleads for the people
God reveals that Israel's God is one of
compassion, tenderness, faithfulness, and
mercy.

For people of faith there is always
the danger that people hide from the
living God because of fear in the face
of failure and sin. Nicodemus is invited
to understand that the power of God is
most clearly seen in a love that will risk
everything to bring us back, even the
most precious gift of all, Jesus Christ. On
this feast of the Trinity, these readings
lead us to reflect on the nature of God
that we celebrate - creative, saving and
forgiving love.

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Trinity Sunday, Year A

3/4 June 2023

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

Email: Doncaster@cam.org.au

Follow us on: [@StGregsDonny](https://www.instagram.com/StGregsDonny)

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 Website: www.stgregs.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

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

Wed 9:00 am & Fri: 9:00am (Tues & Thur 9:15 am St Kevin's)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16, 1 Cor 10:16-17, Jn 6:51-58

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 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 Rodolfo, Angel Gustavo, Margaret Hansen.

And for those who died recently Kim Carstairs, Roy Suarez, Matthew Mossato

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Nee Onn Wong, Liberato (Lee) Sammassimo, Austin Ho, Don Caldoraro, Cath Henry.

From the desk of Fr Charles:

First, a comment/thought:

Behaviours: Where has common courtesy gone? Where has respect gone? Where has a loving attitude gone? People revving their V8's in a school carpark after a funeral. And it was a school day! A man urinating in public on our premises.

Confidentiality: stories getting back via gossip to people about meetings, pastoral conversations, events, where they thought the discussion was to be held close.

These are not earth-shattering matters, but they are important to note. It wasn't you, I am sure, doing these things. Nothing major arose from these events, I could just ignore them. But! To allow them to pass un-commented goes counter to the truth that we are each created in the image of God and so deserve respect, dignity, thoughtfulness. Please, call people out on their misbehaviours. Don't listen to gossip, and perhaps tell others to stop and to keep confidences ...confidential.

And now to something else:

On Wednesday just past, I attended the second half (I was busy with a funeral) of a gathering of priests ordained less than 10 years (yes, I still number in that group, my priestly ordination was in 2015 so still two years of gatherings to go). It is interesting for me to go to these sessions as I am 40 years, a wife, two sons, a grand-daughter, and a business career different from everyone else. It is interesting because without conscious thought I see the world differently. I see the need for nurture and encouragement. I see the need for creating opportunities for growth. I see the need for co-responsibility and encouraging new ideas. I see the need for building family, community, relationships among you, among us.

What I hear in the enthusiasm of some of the other young priests seems to start in having ideas to get the people to do what they want/desire and within that realising the community I think about. For better or worse: **YOU** are first in my minds. My leadership arises from wanting **YOU** to grow and flourish in faith and bring your talents to bear so you can open your hearts even further to the Holy Spirit and help others to hear the call to come to know Jesus Christ.

The other priests I gathered with are wonderful priests, but they sometimes approach things differently and that struck me strongly in this session. I am in love with Jesus Christ, I want you to love him even more than I do (quite possibly you already do so), and to share that love with others generously, and invite others to come and learn more about his gentleness, compassion, forgiveness, and mercy. I can only do that through my experience of life. I pray that my approach can lead you to deeper faith.

God bless, Fr Charles

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 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

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Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng

MORNING TEA: TBA

COLLECTORS

Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell
FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

NEXT WEEK 10/11 June

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

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COLLECTOR

Stephanie Ong
FLOWERS: Tessa Leung
Irene Dharmawan

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.

Congratulations to the children of St Gregory The Great Parish from neighbouring schools that are receiving their First Holy Communion



Come Away Retreat

Our next Come Away Day will be held on Tuesday 13 June in the beautiful grounds and facilities of the Passionist Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. This is a wonderful opportunity to take some time out mid year to experience a quiet day of prayer, reflection and fellowship at Holy Cross. All are welcome. We start with a meet and greet at 9.30am and finish the day at 2pm with the celebration of Mass. You are invited to contribute financially to the day according to your means, with a suggested donation of \$25 per person as a guide. Contact Frank Burke On 0407 998 781 for further details.

Inner Healing through Meditation on Jesus

June 30 – July 2, 2023

(Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals body, mind and soul.)
Gospel of John 17:11; "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me..."

Retreat begins with dinner at 6pm on Friday 30th of June, and concludes at 4.00pm on Sunday 2nd of July.

Cost: \$ 210 (live-in) or \$ 150 (live-out)

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



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With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

On Friday, 26th of May, eight altar servers from St.Gregory's were awarded the Guild of St.Stephen's Medal at a special mass at St.Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne celebrated by the Archbishop Peter Comensoli with Father Charles as one of the Con Celebrant.

They were recognized for their dedications and commitments in serving God as altar servers.

"The Guild of Saint Stephen is established to foster a deeper awareness and understanding of the liturgy by ministers of the altar and to improve understanding of and participation in the liturgy by parishes and communities."

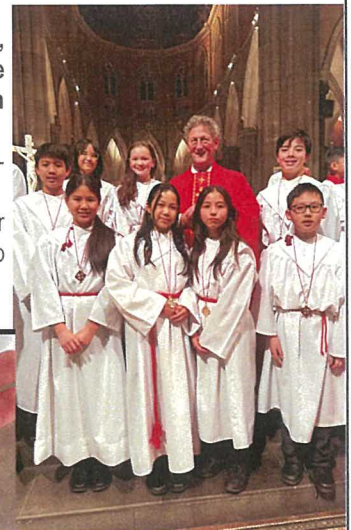
"Members of the Guild have Saint Stephen as their patron saint. St. Stephen was a deacon in the church. He assisted the apostles by his service to God's people and was the first Christian to be martyred for the faith."

Congratulations to the following children for their admission into the Guild of St Stephen:

Nathan Cheung, Davina Cheung, Chiara Arief, Isaac Yap, Jacqueline Rogers, Alana Hendarto, Jocelynn Pranata and Aiden Craddock.

Thank you for your service and dedication to our Church.

We also thank the parents for their commitment to bring their children to church and serve.



Catholic Mission warmly invites you to a luncheon to support the work of our mission partners on Thursday 8 June. Bridget Barber, Communications Officer from our Programs team, is our keynote speaker. The luncheon will be held from 11AM to 1PM at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne. Everyone is welcome to attend, however we are limited by the capacity of the room, so please book early. RSVPs on 03 9087 8089 or ppenas@catholicmission.org.au.

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