

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 NOVEMBER 2023

YOU HAVE ONLY ONE TEACHER. St Paul was a great religious leader. Like a mother, he nourished and watched over his people. He tried not to be a burden on them. He sought to preach God's message and not his own. He helped the people, whom he called his brothers and sisters, to look to Christ as their only Master and Teacher. Today we pray for religious leaders as they strive to express in their own lives the qualities of leadership embodied in Paul.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 37: 22-23

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

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; 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

Glorify 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. Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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 Mal 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

*A reading from the prophet Malachi
You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

- O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**



- Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**
- O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13

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

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 23: 9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! / You have one Father, your Father in heaven; / you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 23: 1-12

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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. May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. 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: 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 *cf. Ps 15: 11*

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray,

so that, renewed by these heavenly

Sacraments,

we may be prepared by your gift

for receiving what they promise.

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

CALLED TO SERVE

Leadership has always been a risky business. With leadership comes prestige and the esteem of others and yet these can be dangerous and murky waters. Those involved in leadership often experience being caught in the tension between the respective privileges and responsibilities that accompany their position. Today's readings converge in their concern to reflect on the nature of authority and how it should be exercised.

At the time Malachi wrote, the people of Israel were in dire need of religious reform and the priests were called to account for their role in creating that situation. If the charge could be laid at the feet of the priests in Malachi's time that they did not care for the people, the same could not be said for Paul. While Paul was called to be an apostle, he was also most concerned to offer the gospel without charge. In the ancient world wandering teachers were usually sponsored financially. Paul avoided such ambiguous relationships by not accepting any help from a community till he had established it and was ready to move on to another.

When Jesus sets out to address the disciples and the people about the scribes and Pharisees it probably sounded fairly safe. Anyone can be comfortable when another person is being subjected to scrutiny and criticism! But the second half of the Gospel suddenly changes direction and disciples in every age are given some guiding principles. Firstly, leadership comes from God, secondly, we belong to one family and thirdly, leadership means service.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

4/ 5 November 2023

Parish Office:

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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 (Tue/ Thur 9.15 am St Kevin's)

NO WEEKDAY MASSES 6th—10th October

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-10am. Or: before/after any Mass by request but allow time.

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6: 12-16, 1 Thess 4: 13-18, Mt 25: 1-13

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 Enzo Galota, Jason Khoo, Michael Mullens, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Brian Cork, Vladimira Sabolic, Maria Tomasello, Brian Croft, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Clifford Bunardi, Umberto Gianello, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, Natalie, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Sio Dewi, Pat McLeod, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Chee Choong Seng, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian and Eliseo Pardillo.

and for those who died recently
Marie Cameron, and for those
whose anniversaries occur about
now Nicholas Tonti-Filippini,
Michele Marrone, Maria Ulehla,
Teresa Bucciacchio



Lots happening for the PP to write about:

Church Works:

It's taken a while but repairs to the roof and removal of the gas heaters will start on 20th Nov., and installation of heating/cooling air conditioners will start on 27th Nov. No more leaks; heat and cool all year round!

Gates / Gates / Gates:

The gates will start operation on Thursday of the coming week (9th Nov.).

At last!! For the most part you won't see a difference except during school hours and late at night. Hours will be:

Mon-Fri Open 6 am—10 am; **Closed 10 am—2:45 pm**; Open till 10 pm, closed till 6 am (the gates would be opened for a funeral, and entry can be requested during school hours)

Sat-Sun Open 6 am—10 pm closed 10 pm till 6 am

We will review this over coming months to ensure we are getting the protection we need.

Parish Assembly 13th Nov 7-9 pm

Ron Huntley Visit 22n Nov 6:30-8:30 pm

You will hear about these important parish events from a member of the Parish Pastoral Council this weekend—someone will talk at each Mass.

They will be saying what I am saying:

These are both important events—important for you as they provide you with an opportunity to help understand, guide and form the future of our parish. Please organise your calendar to enable you to attend both events.

Seeking Staff:

You will see on the other page that we are seeking two roles. A parish secretary (Nadia is leaving us; Vera is staying), and a Mission Support Leader—Operations. Spread the news.

Replacing Nadia is a routine part of parish life—the secretary is crucial for an effectively operating parish.

The Operations role is new: through this role help enable the parish to focus on evangelisation: on growing our mission to follow Jesus Christ in thought word and deed and to spread the Good News gently to others.

All Souls Day Cemetery Visits:

As I write this I am about to finish a very full day. Three "All Souls Day" Masses; Templestowe, Warrandyte and Eltham cemeteries visited; Parish Pastoral Council Meeting; RCIA discussions about 'where is God amidst the horrors of life',

A full day: a wonderful day. Thank you to all who came to the cemeteries with me to bless the graves of some of people we know and love. I find this a deeply meaningful way to walk in prayer and be with those on the journey into Christ: the walking and the presence among the graves reinforces the deep knowledge and certainty I have that death has no power, the God's love and the Communion of Saints is real.

God bless, Fr Charles



St Gregory's and St Kevin's Christmas Party on Sunday, 3rd December after our 5PM Mass at St Gregory the Great Hall. More details to come!

Masses for Next Week (6th to 10th November 2023)

Father Charles will be away for his annual Retreat. There will be no Week-day Masses at St Gregory the Great, Doncaster Or at St Kevin's Templestowe during this week.

Reconciliation: Saturday 11th 9.30-10am

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: Mary Wilson, Leth Go

MONEY COUNTERS: Bill Taylor, Ray Lewis

LECTORS

Cathy & Noel McClelland
 Kay & Ray Lewis
 Karen Chay, Aidan Leung
 Thomas Ong, Jane Ma

NEXT WEEK 11/12 Nov

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Ma, Boris Klaric

MONEY COUNTERS: Josie Masters, Surin Fernando

LECTORS

Robert McHugh, Ian Barnes
 Philip Dunlop, Margaret Wallace
 Veterans and/or their families
 Dot Haynes, Natalie De Silva

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moir White, Lorna Philip
 Rachel Kay, Katica Puhaj
 Mary Stocco, Lucy Giardino
 Judy Ablaza, Margaret O'Donnell

MORNING TEA: TBA

COLLECTORS

Gerard O'Donnell

FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Ray & Kay Lewis
 Robert Rukavina, Dai Sim
 Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng

MORNING TEA: TBA

COLLECTOR

Alfred Lee

FLOWERS: Geraldina Donato
 Mary Piccoli

For those who are Coeliac, we can provide low gluten (<20ppm) 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.

Next Week is **Remembrance Day**. We will have a commemoration service at our Sunday, 10.30am Mass. We invite you to attend this Mass to remember those who gave their lives in service to their country, those who returned home injured or ill, and those who bravely serve our country today.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Parish Secretary: After two years with us Nadia has found it urgent that she make more space for family, so she'll finish up at St Greg's at the end of the year. This means that we are looking for someone to become parish secretary for three days per week. Contact me (Ph: 0417319556, Charles.balnaves@cam.org.au) for more information and a position description. Applications open till Nov. 27th

Mission Support Leader, Operations.

The parishes of St Kevin and St Gregory the Great are looking for a Mission Support Leader - Operations. The MSLO is co-responsible with the Parish Priest and the leadership team of the parishes to ensure that the operational elements of parish life are carried out effectively to meet the pastoral needs of the parish and the legal obligations of the businesses.

The purpose of the role is to actively steward the Parishes in their strategic needs and take responsibility for the day-to-day operational needs of the Parishes.

This is a one year fixed-term contract, with the potential opportunity to progress to a permanent position. The position is 30-35 hours per week, based at the Parish Office in St Gregory's the Great (Doncaster) 60% and St Kevin's (Templestowe) 40%. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Application closing date 21 November, 2023.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/mission-support-leader-operations-st-gregorys-the-great-doncaster-and-st-kevins-templestowe>

Cornerstone Youth Group

Bounce Night



Join us for a night
 @ **BOUNCEinc Blackburn**
 6pm to 9pm on 10th November
 For \$25pp & food is provided

Please contact Vera to RSVP by the 6th Nov
 email: Doncaster@cam.org.au

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

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.

Our Memorial Book is now available at the table in the Church Narthex and throughout the month of November. We have printed the names of your loved ones from last year's Memorial Book. They are in the Alphabetical Order based on Surnames. Please locate the names of your loved ones and only write their names if they are not listed. Moving forward we will keep the names in the book to continue to pray for them every year and add new names as requested.

November Offering Envelopes are in the gathering spaced and in the Stewardship packs of envelopes. These are for requesting Masses for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of the Holy Souls. Many requests will be sent to Tarrawarra Abbey and Aide to the Church in Need. The guide for November Mass Offerings given by the Archdiocese is \$20 per Mass. Larger offerings are applied to additional Masses.

Parish Open Forum

Monday, November 13th, 6.30-8.30pm

At St Gregory the Great Church/ School Hall
 Sign Up Sheets is available at the Church Narthex or email the office doncaster@cam.org.au.
 Dinner is provided. Please email the office for any dietary requirements.



Vibrant and Vital Parish Communities

An evening with Ron Huntley

Wednesday, 22 November 2023

6 pm - 8 pm

Dinner provided.

St Gregory the Great
 71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster



Ron Huntley is an international expert on parish renewal. He has helped parishes worldwide to build passion and get results.

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