

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

8 OCTOBER 2023

THE FRUITS OF THE KINGDOM. The tenants in today's Gospel had received much from the landowner who had established the vineyard. It was only fair that he should receive a share of the fruits of the crop. Likewise, we have received much from Christ whose grace produces in us the fruits of truth, goodness, purity, love, honour and virtue. We pay our dues to Christ when we share these fruits with others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *cf. Esth 4:17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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. Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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

Isa 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed
on,
and knock down its wall for it to be
trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



RESP PSALM

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. Isa 5:7

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; / to plant it you drove out the nations. / It stretched out its branches to the sea, / to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls? / It is plucked by all who pass by. / It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, / devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine and protect it, / the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

4. And we shall never forsake you again: / give us life that we may call upon your name. / God of hosts, bring us back; / let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! / I call you friends, says the Lord, / because I have made known to you / everything I have learnt from my Father. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 21:33-43

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.

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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; / he 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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. 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

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished

by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. 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

BEARING FRUIT THAT WILL LAST

In the ancient Near East, the struggles involved in agricultural life were numerous and well-known, lack of water, poor soil, and rocky ground. In such a setting, Isaiah's image of the people of Israel as a lovingly tended vine was an extremely powerful one. How could God's own people, so dearly loved, produce only sour grapes?

This image formed the backdrop for Jesus' own parable of the wicked tenants and Matthew's reflection on it. The religious authorities gathered and were marshalling their forces against Jesus. Now the moment had come for him to call them to account for their tenancy. During Jesus' ministry, this parable was unsettling and provocative, but for the early Christians, this parable provided them with a filter through which to see and understand Jesus' violent death at the hands of his own people. It also gave them a means by which they could understand that the vineyard had passed into the hands of others.

At first sight, it seems a far cry from the disappointment and violence that underlie the parables of Isaiah and Jesus to the tranquil encouragement of Paul to the Christians of Philippi. A deeper look reveals that today's parables rightly challenge us to bear fruit. Paul, on the other hand, is concerned as a pastor to give some practical guidance as to how to go about it. The fruit of peace will be ours if we turn to the Lord in prayer and seek what is truly of value.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

7/8 October 2023

Parish Office:

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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)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am. 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: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isa 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mt 22:1-10

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

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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 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 Pardiño.

and for those who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about now

Anna Ngoc, Loretta Alimwidjaja, Bishop Hilton Deakin, Orazio Torre, Beverley Oates.



From the Desk of ... Fr Charles

I spent a most enjoyable but challenging three days in Brisbane at the Mystery and Mission Liturgical Conference. I was accompanied by six others: Mary, Carmel, Peter, Gerry, Chris, Brianna, reflecting the view from the sacristy, choir, pew, liturgy, presider and of course all from a view of faith and love of Jesus Christ.

I came away with a number of insights. First is that there is always more to learn about how to celebrate Jesus Christ, even in areas such as homilies/preaching where I have done quite some study and have now had quite some practice.

The opening keynote Speech by Professor Timothy O'Malley was called "Liturgical Living in a (sort of) Secular Age" – don't be put off though – he had a lot of useful insights into the nature of 'secularisation' in our society (many societies). He named a loss of collective memory, a loss of trust in authority and the dominance of work to the exclusion of leisure, the disappearance of ritual and festival and the eternal speed and variety of communication means that we have that can dominate us and exclude personal relationships. His 'medicines' for those challenges of today: restore our ability to speak today to the story we have in the Liturgy, the story of Jesus Christ; to learn to truly know that WE gather in communion / koinonia – a sacramental presence with and as Christ; to learn to be truly and radically hospitable and welcoming; and finally to reclaim our sense of Festival, regaining the wonder of Jesus Christ: perhaps by recovering some of our history of going big and over the top on festivals.

The rest of the conference provided workshops and other keynote addresses that drew out these themes. Excellent workshops I went to were on Homilies and; Hospitality/Welcoming. The keynotes by Sarah Hart and Assoc. Prof. Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF were wonderful demonstrations of how to blend theology, listening, prayer, song, music, humour into a beautiful liturgy that isn't the Mass.

Two other highlights were the opening ceremony which was presented largely by Aboriginal people from the Brisbane area, drawing us into their understanding of the world and how it has been woven into Jesus Christ since time immemorial, and the Conference Mass in St Stephen's Cathedral where they put on a good show of how the Mass can raise the roof with all of us singing and responding with gusto to all prayers. Yes, they have a large choir and pay a music director for the archdiocese but the whole presentation was done so well, the very sound and form of it drew us in.

Expect to see some thoughts from the conference weave themselves into how we celebrate Mass in both St Greg's and St Kevin's in their own ways. It was worth the time and effort and money. Thank you for supporting us well enough that we could manage the cost.

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

LECTORS

Catherine & Noel McClelland
 Chris Perera, Philip Dunlop
 Sauro Antonelli, Amanda Stefanovski
 Natalie De Silva, Dot Haynes

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mary Wilson, Leth Go**MONEY COUNTERS:** Ana Klaric, Boris Klaric**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Karen D'Souza
 Tony Nimmo, Margaret Wallace
 Pierre Tanzimat, Mary Stocco
 Mary Tonti-Filippini, Alfred Lee

MORNING TEA: Lina & Don Pavone**COLLECTORS**

Seleana Ng
FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

NEXT WEEK 14/15 Oct**LECTORS**

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

Rebecca Low, Patrick Soosay
 Tony Nimmo, Chris Perera
 Paul Williams, Rita Williams
 Viviana Pereira, Isabelle Hii

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 Rachel Kay, Katica Puhaj
 Maggie Yong, Nuccia La Rocca
 Margaret O'Donnell, Judy Ablaza

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Stephanie Ong
FLOWERS: Geraldina Donato
 Mary Piccoli

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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 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.

**World Youth Day Recap**

In early August, we (Jane and Alfred) went on a pilgrimage to Fatima and participated in World Youth Day (WYD) which was held in Lisbon this year. WYD was formed by Saint John Paul II in 1984 and it is a gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope.

Reflection from Jane:

My favourite moment of WYD was mass with the Melbourne pilgrims because the mass was so beautiful when everyone was earnestly and prayerfully singing the hymns. The acoustics of the church made it sound like our voices were raised to the heavens and I thought how wonderful it was that there were so many of us who wanted to glorify God. I wondered whether that was how the choirs of angels sounded and although we are human and God is the Almighty, I hoped that we had delighted God a little with our praise. I had always felt at peace during mass, and the church was a sanctuary, but after going to WYD, I now recognise that mass is an essential part of my life because it is where I receive spiritual nourishment and am filled with faith, hope and courage so that I can grow close to Jesus and live out the gospel in the upcoming week.

We also had the fortune of hearing Bishop Baron speak in person and he shared with us what prayer is and isn't and tips on how to make time for it. I found his guidance to be helpful in my prayer life as it was easy to understand and simple to apply so I wanted to mention that the 23-minute clip is available on YouTube, titled "*World Youth Day: Take the Time to Pray*".

Save the Date!



You are invited to join us at our Annual BBQ on the 29th October after the 10.30am Mass.
 More details to come! Watch this space!

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region -

The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaa-ba@salesians.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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT CATHOLICISM? LEARNING MORE ABOUT JESUS?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults} will resume Thursday, October 12th, 7.45pm, at St Gregory's Church's. Are you, or is someone you know, interested to learn about Catholicism? About Jesus?

For more information, phone Cathy (0431 748 898) or email nmcclell@bigpond.net.au.

Warm welcome assured



St Charles Borromeo
 CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ST CHARLES TURNS 40!

We invite St Charles Families and Friends to come & celebrate with us.

Saturday, 14th October 2023 at St Charles School, 230-234 Serpells Road, Templestowe.



Starts 10am until 4pm.
 There will be Sausage sizzle, Kaboom Sports and DJ in the Hall.
 RSVP by scanning the QR Code.

Photos from the liturgy Conference, Brisbane

