

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

8 MAY 2022

I KNOW MY SHEEP. The apostles faced much opposition as they proclaimed the Good News of Christ. Since then, many Christians have suffered martyrdom in great persecutions. Today's Scripture readings make reference to such difficulties but they also offer a firm message of hope and consolation. The faithful followers of Jesus, those who listen to his voice, will have eternal life. They will never be lost forever or destroyed by evil forces. May these words console us as we strive to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the joys and struggles of life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. 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 13:14,43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 99:1-3.5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Apoc 7:9,14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 10:27-30

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.

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

‘The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is

greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.’

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. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us

may be the cause of our unending joy. 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-V 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

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. Jn 20:27

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

HOPE IN FACE OF TRIAL

The lives of each of us are touched by the realities of death and suffering in our world. As Christians, we are challenged to dig deep and explain the basis for our Christian hope. Why should Christians be hopeful? Why should we not give in to despair and disillusion? What is the basis for our belief that God's love is more powerful than the forces in our world which oppress and cause suffering?

Like ourselves, the first Christians had to deal with these problems. Opposition and persecution were realities for the earliest Christians and today's readings show something of the early Church's response to such difficulties. Paul and Barnabas faced the opposition of Jewish communities as they preached the good news of Jesus to Jews and Gentiles. They had come to see that the good news was meant for all nations and, by preaching the message of Jesus, the call to be a light for the nations would be fulfilled.

Some years later the Christian communities in Asia Minor were persecuted by Diocletian. It was a brutal and fearful time as Christians saw their brothers and sisters put to death. The book of the Apocalypse was written to encourage these Christians not to lose heart since Jesus had overcome death and he would shepherd them amidst their suffering.

The Johannine community had to deal with the distress and anguish that accompanied the expulsion of Christians from the synagogue. It is in the midst of such turmoil that they are reminded that with Jesus as their shepherd they need only listen to his voice to be assured of eternal life.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

MASS OPEN TO ALL; MASKS / DISTANCING BE
SENSIBLE & CARING / ALWAYS SANITISE;

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21–27, Apo 21:1–5, Jh 13:31–35

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9am

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future
bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at DoncasterRE@cam.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: has restarted!

Wednesdays at 9.45 am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP:

First Friday of the month from 7pm–9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: (has restarted)

Hopefully monthly on a Friday from 7pm—9.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: Third Monday of

the month at 7.30pm in Church meeting 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 Chee Choong Seng, Chee Mee Lian, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Lilia Go, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloj, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Bernadette Sheridon, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo, Margaret Hansen, Fati, Patricia McLeod, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently, and for the repose of the souls of Kevin Bodey, Srma Perera, Graeme Guest, Antoinetta Caruana, Anna Antonelli, Gilda Ntarelli, and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from Fr Charles:

Interesting Observations:

As I spent an hour with two young ladies preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time and their parents and teachers, and as I spent time discussing paths forward for both St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's, and as I helped form some of our teachers to be effective as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and as I have prepared my homilies over the past two weeks, a theme has emerged: There is a difference between hearing and listening and between looking and seeing.

This difference reminded me of going to a concert in Houston, Texas, USA, in perhaps 1993. The concert was focussed around a man who was said to be the worlds best up and coming pianist—the WORLD's up and coming best.

While I sat listening to his playing I thought it was truly stupendous. But Tanya, my wife, sitting with me, said during the first break "this pianist is technically brilliant but has no soul to his playing." My response was an engineers response: "but he's getting all the notes right! And Tanya said "you aren't listening to what you are hearing—this man has all the technical skill—absolutely—but listen again, where is the emotion, the passion, the depth to the way the notes are played. See, don't just look, at how he sits at the piano, so still and mechanical, there is no flow of the music through his body from his soul and into his fingers and toes and back. He doesn't love what he is doing." My memory suggests to me that Tanya was so distressed by the absence of depth to the playing that we left at the second intermission.

Tanya was right! I agreed at the time but more and more I realise she was right!!!! I have learned a great deal more since then about the importance of bringing our whole selves to what we do: not just to be technically capable. Not just to be able to quote back what we hear or see. But engaged, fully, with the warmth of our hearts, the depths of our souls, the breadth of our minds and the strength of our bodies. When we listen and see in this way then we bring love into what we do and we find God's work in our lives. The disciples on the Road to Emmaus said "Did not our hearts burn within us" (when Jesus was showing them how all of history had been leading up to his life, death, burial and resurrection).

In this day and age that often seeks to deny God, deny faith, deny Jesus Christ, we need to continue to nurture our ability to hear AND listen, to look AND see.

Thank you Lord for that trail of "little things" which has woken me once again to listen and see.

Seminarian:

Tuong Nguyen started with us mid-morning on Saturday. I spent three hours with him on Tuesday. Tuong will be a great asset for us for the rest of 2022. He is looking forward to joining in with us as we journey through the year.

Easter! With us every day! Alleluia, Alleluia!

God bless, Father Charles

St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 5.00pm

LECTORS

Gerard & Margaret O'Donnell
 Philip Dunlop, Greg James
 Paul Williams, Rita Williams
 Dot Haynes, Jane Ma

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Mary Wilson, Joseph Wu

NEXT WEEK 14-15 May

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 5.00pm

LECTORS

Joseph Philip, Lorna Philip
 Ray & Kay Lewis
 Luisa Yambao, Chris Anggoro
 Stephanie Ong, Nita Pereira

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Agnes Chee, Boris Klaric

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Margaret Kenshole, Margaret O'Donnell
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 Viviana Pereira, Mary Tonti-Filippini

Alfred Lee, Gerard O'Donnell (Ctrs)

FLOWERS : (Fri 6 May) Connie Amalfi**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Ray & Kay Lewis
 Lucy Giardino, Ivan Ivas
 Judy Ablaza, Matthew Collins

Michael Ong, Viviana Pereira (Ctrs)

FLOWERS : (Fri 13 May) Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli

FACE COVERINGS / DISTANCING: be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tue/Thurs: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wed/, Fri: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

Masses with congregations: No check-in, no vaccination checks. Still we should hand sanitise and we are encouraged to wear masks if we feel the situation demands it. Parish staff & volunteers within the Parish setting and its outreach are still required to be up to date with their vaccination.

Facebook: Live-streaming: Normally 9:15 am from St Kevin's Tu/Th; Sunday morning 10:00 St Kevin's or 10:30 St Gregory's (alternating). Mass with children participating will generally not be life streamed.

People You haven't Seen?: as you sit reading this notice, ponder for a moment: who haven't you seen for a while? Give them a call, see how they are, invite them for a coffee/tea; see if there is something you can do to walk with them in re-joining our community.

This Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path. Do not pull your oars into the boar, but trust him.*



Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School - Open Days In 2022

Tue 17th May & Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm.

Register at www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/events



While everyone in the religious community knows me as Jude, my real name is Tuong Nguyen. I am originally from DakLak, Viet Nam. Born on October 1, 1989, I am the fourth of six children in our family. I finished Junior and Senior High School in Ho Chi Minh City in 2008. My discernment for priesthood began at a very young age of twelve. In 2009 just after high school, I entered the Congregation of Saint John the Baptist in the Philippines to study for priesthood. During the same period I

pursued a University degree and took up Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, major in Animal Science. After completing my Bachelor's Degree, I received 2 years of noviciate, and a year of temporary profession. In 2015, the Congregation sent me to Vancouver, Canada to continue my study of Philosophy at the Seminary of Christ the King where I finished in 2018. After discerning and praying in the monastery for several years, God's calling had never been stronger and I feel that serving in the diocesan is my life's purpose. A vocation for the archdiocese of Melbourne will allow me to channel my passion to serve and my commitment for the community. Through much prayer and many adventures as I journey down this path, I pray that God continues to guide me. I ask for your prayers as well!



It is a great joy to me to say to all mothers
"Happy Mothers Day."

It is a joy because I remember my mother and other mothers in my life—caring, nurturing, guiding, letting go, allowing me to be me.

I see that in you: not perfection but truly a mother's love, God's love. Thank you and God bless, Fr Charles.

Morning Tea Roster:

In June 2022, we will resume morning tea after the Sunday 10.30am Mass and we warmly invite volunteers to host these sessions. Hosting is a great way to be more involved again in our wonderful parish community and to reconnect with everyone. If you are interested, please sign up on the roster on table in the foyer. Any questions, please call Karen on 0412 402 426. Thank you for your support!



Parish Stewardship: Please pick up your Stewardship envelopes for May 2022 to 2023 and your receipts from the church foyer today.

Your regular financial support of our parish is vital for us to achieve our mission and we sincerely thank you.

Anyone who is not in our program and regularly attend Mass here, is cordially invited to contribute to St Gregory's Stewardship Program. Sign-up cards are available in the foyer. Please complete one and deposit in the Stewardship Pledge Box.



Easter Offering Envelopes: are in the Stewardship sets or on the pews or the tables in the Church foyer. In addition to your regular giving, the Easter offering directly supports the clergy as follows: 5% to the Archbishop, 12.5% to support priests in poorer parishes, 12.5% to support the retired and sick priests, the remainder supports the lease and running expenses of the priest's car, plus the running and hospitality of the presbytery and your parish priest, who thanks you very much.

You are warmly invited to pray the Rosary, on Zoom, with other parishioners and friends during May

The Zoom Rosary (with Art works to help meditation) will be from Wednesday 4th-25th May at 7pm.

If you would like to join below is The Zoom link for all 4 sessions.

Topic: Zoom Rosary

Time: May 11, 2022 07:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Every week on Wed, 4 occurrence(s)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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If you would like a copy of the readings to accompany each mystery, email margaretodonnell@gmail.com and they will be forwarded to you.