

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

17 JULY 2022

THE BETTER PART. Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

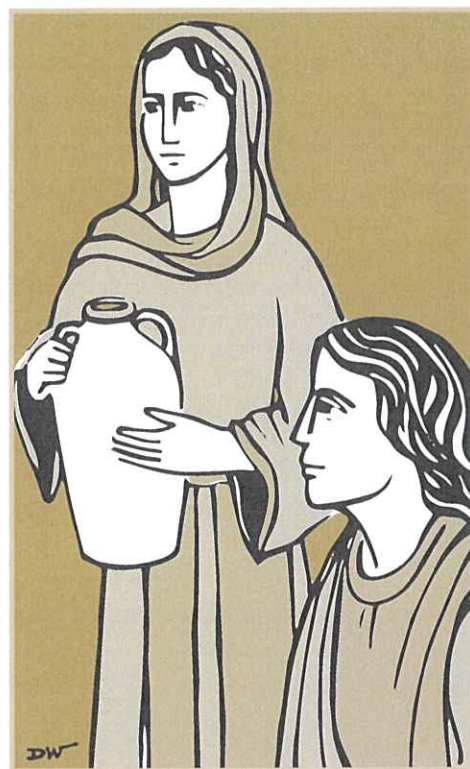
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**



2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 10:38-42

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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 God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your

faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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 Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued

with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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

TO DEEPER TRUTHS

Things are not always what they seem and we can all be fooled by first appearances. The life of faith calls us to go beyond appearances to the deeper truths that underlie them. This requires an openness to the unexpected and we may well receive more than we bargained for! Abraham and Sarah did not think that they were welcoming the Lord by entertaining three unknown guests. Their generous hospitality meets a most unexpected reward when the Lord promises them the son they dearly long for.

Similarly, the Lord's reply to Martha is not what she anticipated. In her concern to put on a welcome worthy of her guest, she has been momentarily deafened to the deeper invitation of listening to the life-giving word of Jesus. While she is looking at what she can do for the Lord, the Lord reminds her of what his word can do for her!

When Paul wrote to the Colossians he was in prison and the community of Colossae would have been concerned for him and dispirited by his dreadful situation. With the eyes of faith, Paul invites them to see that his suffering is not a sign of his defeat but, rather, a sharing in the saving suffering of Christ for the sake of the Church. Paul's ministry appears to have come to a dead end, but for those able to see with the eyes of faith, it is a deeper sharing in the rich mystery which had been hidden for generations.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue :Nadia Bolzonello

Wed-Fri: Vera Arief

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

MASKS BE DOUBLY CAUTIOUS & CARING / ALWAYS SANITISE;

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 18:20-32 , Col 2:12-14, Lk 11:1-13

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30am-11am

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future 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: 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 Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa Rodolfo, Angel Gustavo, Margaret Hansen, Fati, Patricia McLeod, Angeliq ue Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently, Jessica Lindner, **for the repose of the souls of** Julie Nunes, Antonio and Rosaria De Vincentis, Bev Curtis and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from the PP

I look at what is happening around the parishes I help lead and see wonderful things: progress with implementing Child Safe practices; successful formation towards receiving the sacraments for our young people; baptisms; a Forum at St Greg's on 2nd August to delve into the breadth of ministries that enliven the parish and how to better support and grow the; creating a new website at St Kevin's (that may guide us in renewing the St Greg's website); the knitting group at St Kevin's that now has links into St Greg's; establishing a Men's Group at St Kevin's (and all men are welcome); hospitality after Masses and social events beyond that (my birthday party being one, and thank you again); youth and young adults groups awakening or rather re-awakening; on-going adoration and meditation and a new healing/adoration/praise-worship/Mass group; schools helping our children grow in faith and thrive in all they do. And more ...

Then of course: our Sunday and Weekday Masses. It is marvellous to have the ability to gather together in worship, to be nourished by Jesus himself and to offer praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sunday attendance remains at about 60% of pre-Covid-19 levels – this seems a statistic that is true for many organisations – a change of practice by many people or a fear of resuming? I don't know but I do wonder what we can do to help people re-join our gatherings as the Body of Christ.

I know there is a broad presence of Covid-19 B4/B5 and Flu and RSV (in toddlers) and other illnesses and stress on our hospital / medical system but ... amidst that Parish life is coming back, and that is wonderful to see. THANK YOU!! Thank you to each and every one of you who helps all these things happen.

Amidst that I remain hopeful that we can find ways to open our hearts and minds in new ways which reach out and seek to invite people to come and learn and to encounter Jesus the Christ. This is essential!

Our reason for existence as the Parish of Doncaster and the Parish of Templestowe is, in the end, solely for this purpose of inviting people to Jesus. Yes, through our own personal conversion. But also through finding the ways to reach out. I would love to spend time with you talking about this about your thoughts on how we might reach out to those who don't know Jesus and invite them to start on the journey.

God bless, Fr Charles



CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT SUNDAY MASS

"Let the *little children* come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

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

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm

LECTORS

Peter Whiting, Rebecca Law
 Rachel Kay, Tony Nimmo
 Chris Anggoro, Sauro Antonelli
 Francis Yim

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moira White, Sharron Wilkinson
 Ray & Kay Lewis
 Edith Ma
 Tina Paolino, Matthew Collins

Alfred Lee, Gerard O'Donnell (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Lisa Moule

MORNING TEA: Karen Chay & Kai Leung

FLOWERS: Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli

NEXT WEEK 23/24 JULY

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 Sun 5.00pm

LECTORS

Ian Barnes, Robert McHugh
 Michael See, Margaret Wallace
 Karen Chay, Erin Djukiadmadojo
 Dot Haynes, Jane Ma

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Margaret Kenshole, Margaret O'Donnell
 Tony Nimmo, Katica Puhali
 Brendan Pon, Robert Rukavina
 Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng

Stephanie Ong, Michael Ong (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Dinah Sardana, Yvonne Tan

MORNING TEA: Thomas Kim & Angelo Lee

FLOWERS: Tessa Leung

MASKS!!!! Christian Charity (Good Citizenship) demands we be extra careful given the new Flu/Covid variants.

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. Let's be good examples and be extra careful of each other amidst all the Covid/Flu that surrounds us: please join me and others in erring on the side of masks.

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 live streamed.

Lost Parishioners?: Our May Mass count suggests that only 50% of people have chosen to come back and gather in person. Who have you not seen return? How can you help them? Maybe they need help?

Transport : Don't leave people stuck at home unable to come to Mass: offer a hand or let us know at the Parish Office.

The 2022 Knights of the Southern Cross, Priests Support and Education Fund, **Archbishop's Dinner** will be held:


Date: Friday, 19 August 2022 **Venue:** Moonee valley Racecourse
Time: 7.00 for 7.30 P.M. start
Cost: \$150 per person

Come and meet the Fund's Patron, the Most Reverend Peter Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne and be entertained by our Guest Speaker, Emeritus Professor Greg Craven and our compere Bryan Martin, OAM. Parishioners of St Gregory the Great can contact **David Perrin on 9842**

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

Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/ events If you would like to have a School Tour prior to this date 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.



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Holy Land Commissariat

The Holy Land Custody of the Franciscan Friars and the Christians of the Holy Land, would like to sincerely thank you and your parishioners for your generous contribution of \$1,569 to the Good Friday Holy Land Collection for 2022. Please continue to remember the Holy Land in your thoughts and prayers, and please know that whatever signs of solidarity you can make with the Holy Land Church and its peoples will be used well.



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Thank You! Your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of **\$522.00** which was raised by **St Gregory's** community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches in over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Your support this year will enable Catholic Mission to provide nutrition programs in Ethiopia, along with scholarships for rural children and pastoral care and vocational training for women in Meki. **THANK YOU.**

PIETY STALL

Our little stall sells a wide selection of suitable Christian gifts and cards for the significant sacraments and liturgical times of year. The stall carries a range of Christian items such as gifts for Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Eucharist; devotional items; greeting cards and prayer cards.



The Young Adults Group extend a warm invitation to all between 18 and 30 to join our gathering in person in the school hall on Friday 22nd July 7:15pm to 9pm. Dinner will be provided and we will be watching "The Chosen". Looking forward to seeing you there!

INVITATION

SUN | 31 | JULY

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

10.30AM



Bishop Tony



FR CHARLES HAS KINDLY INVITED
 BISHOP TONY IRELAND TO CELEBRATE MASS
 WITH THE ST GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY
 ON SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022 AT 10.30AM
 TO BE FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA IN THE HALL

EVERYONE IS INVITED
 WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE