

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

24 JULY 2022

YOU ANSWERED ME. From Abraham's example and Jesus' teaching, we learn much about prayer in today's readings. Truly persevering prayer implies more than mere persistence on our part; it should combine peaceful expectation with humble acceptance of God's will. If we are too busy to pray, we are busier than God wants us to be.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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. O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your

mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



RESP PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v. 3

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Though I walk in the midst of affliction / you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, / your hand will do all things for me. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 11:1-13

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.

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

'Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.'

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings / which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, / that through the powerful working of your grace / these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life / and lead us to eternal gladness. / 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

Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. 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

FOUNDATION OF PRAYER

Like the disciples we find ourselves asking, 'Lord, teach us to pray'. All people of faith are called to pray but how are we to pray? What attitudes are appropriate? Should we be fearful of the living God or trusting and open? The readings for today provide us with some useful orientations. Abraham's pleading for Sodom and Gomorrah is not simply a theoretical concern. Abraham is pleading for the survival of Lot and his family, though he does not mention them specifically. He is prepared to push God's mercy to the limit to save his relatives. His trust in God and his courageous persistence in prayer are rewarded. Similarly, Jesus teaches the disciples that such persistence is the very stuff of the life of faith. Those who seek will find, to those who knock the door will be opened. Abraham knew that the living God was a God of justice and mercy; Jesus goes further to show that the living God is also to be seen as a loving parent, a tireless provider, to be addressed as our Father.

Paul knew that we can have this sort of confidence in God because of what had come about through Jesus' death. Our baptism enables us to share in his saving death and resurrection. On the cross, Jesus has already graciously paid the debt our sin would normally require us to pay. Because of this gift, we can approach God with confidence and trust because the burden of our past has already been taken up by Jesus.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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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: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecc 1:2, 2:21–23, Col 3:1–5, 9–11, Lk 12:13–21

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30am-11am

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL: Principal: Michelle Verna

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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 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, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently, Adam and Victor, **for the repose of the souls of** Grazia Carfi, Teresa Salvo and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from the PP

This weekend we are praying and celebrating for ??? of our children because they are to be Confirmed on Sunday afternoon (and we give thanks that Bishop Les has recovered from Covid-19 and is able to celebrate the sacrament as planned).

Confirmation completes our initiation as disciples of Jesus the Christ. It is not the end of our growth but once Confirmed we are gifted with the strength of faith to be able maintain and to share the Good News that the Kingdom of God is Near: the kingdom of God's love: just as happened for the disciples at Pentecost so many years ago.

For us Confirmation is not arduous in a physical/worldly way as is/was often the case in traditional tribal groups, indeed it could seem almost trivial: a prayer invoking the Holy Spirit; signing with oil accompanied by the words "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit" / "Peace be with you." Yet Confirmation carries an even more weighty expectation: an expectation of willingness to share God's love freely and generously with everyone we meet.

Baptism starts our faith journey and responsibility, Eucharist nourishes it, Reconciliation and Anointing help us to return to or help us to stay on the path. Confirmation ... is the point at which we are gifted with the fullness of the Holy Spirit. God's trust in us as ambassadors of love is affirmed and strengthened and we are explicitly given and irrevocably asked to take responsibility for spreading the Good News.

The Father doesn't measure us, or test us, to see if we are doing well. The father rejoices in our successes, forgives our failures and the Holy Spirit keeps pouring Courage/Fortitude, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Piety/Reverence, Wonder and Awe/Fear of the Lord into our hearts for us to use in being the people who are the Body of Christ for the whole world.

Let us pray for our children as they are Confirmed and for each other as we ,with them, live lives that make use of the gifts given to share the Good News.

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

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Dinah Sardana, Yvonne Tan

NEXT WEEK 30/31 JULY

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

LECTORS

Frances Cannizzo, Anne Davine
 Queenie Wood, Amanda Chong
 Luisa Yambao, Aidan Leung
 Stephanie Ong, Nita Pereira

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Carole Tang, Clelia Tedesco

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

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

Stephanie Ong, Michael Ong (Ctrs)

MORNING TEA: Thomas Kim & Angelo Lee

FLOWERS: Tessa Leung

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Noel & Cahty McClelland
 Brian Setter, Margaret Wallace
 Sim Dai, Mary Stocco
 Margaret O'Donnell, Tina Paolino

Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira

MORNING TEA: Social Committee

FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

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.

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.

Your **End of Financial Year Stewardship Receipt** and **Project Compassion Receipt** is Ready! Please collect them in the Church Narthex.

Please pray for the children receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation during Masses at 1.00pm and 3.00pm this Sunday 24th July.

**St Kevin's Men's Social Group**

It's time to get together and have fun, to rekindle connections and make new friendships. St Kevin's parish is starting up a Men's Social Group. Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Socialising in person is good for our wellbeing! Share food, drinks, chat and mingle - the footy will be playing in the background. When: Second Friday of the Month. Beginning on Friday, 12 August 2022 at 7.30 pm in the gathering space at St Kevin's church - 44 Herlihy's Road, Lower Templestowe. To assist with costs, suggested donation \$7 - BYO alcoholic drinks. Supper provided. For catering purposes, please register your interest by emailing [Tiziana Costa tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:Tiziana.Costa@cam.org.au) or ring the parish office on 03 9850 5983.

**YOUTH NIGHT**

Join us 7pm till 9pm

@ The Parish room at St Gregory the Great

Welcome Year 6 - 9



Every 1st Friday of each month

"Inviting Youths in grade 6 to year 9 to join us for our Cornerstone youth group meeting on the first Friday of August (5th of August) from 7pm to 9pm. The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we will have a discussion on and be playing games!

The Cornerstone Youth Group is not only a good place to stay connected with friends, but to grow your faith towards God. Come journey together with us!

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

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**

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