

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 JULY 2022

BECOME RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others. The rich man in today's Gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions. If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God. A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 69:2, 6

**O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

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. Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,

that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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 Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life



with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:13-21

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.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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. Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. 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

Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them,

make them worthy of eternal redemption. 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

THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

When the author of Ecclesiastes declares that all is vanity it is important to know that the Hebrew word *hebel* refers to much more than vanity since it includes ideas of what is transitory, just a breath, and without substance. We all seek wisdom and meaning in a world that is often unjust and full of inconsistencies and paradoxes. As Christians, we look for that time when God will heal the wounds and injustices of our world and renew all creation. This was not the case when Ecclesiastes was written. At that time, there was no concept of an afterlife. The people believed that what was unresolved during our lives would stay that way, and understandably that provided a powerful and painful challenge for the people of Israel.

In both the first reading and in the parable of the rich fool, we can see that the saying holds true that 'you can't take it with you'. For all his wealth and fortune the wealthy man does not have the key to eternal life and his self-focus is shown to be sadly mistaken as he learns that the riches that endure to eternal life are of another kind altogether.

Paul reminds us that we have been raised with Christ and that our lives must reflect this. True wisdom is to be found in living lives with integrity, reflecting our identity as followers of Christ by the quality of our thought and actions. We have been brought into a new creation where our old prejudices and divisions must be left behind as we put on Christ anything that will not endure into eternal life.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

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 Website: www.stgregs.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

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 (Word & Holy Communion)

MASKS, BE TREBLY CAUTIOUS & CARING, ALWAYS SANITISE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, Lk 12:32-48

RECONCILIATION: Not Saturday 6th Aug

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)

Monthly 4th Fridays from 7:15pm—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 David Perrin, Gabrielle Byrne, Brian Croft, Chee Choong Seng, Chee Mee Lian, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Eliseo Pardo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Marisa Rodolfo, Angel Gustavo, Margaret Hansen, Patricia McLeod, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently Rev. Fr. Francis Arnold, Fr. Bernie Maxwell OP, Antonietta D'Adam, Milka Masan Liroi **for the repose of the souls of** Thomas Kwan, Carmeco Di Benedetto, Lee Kim Heok, Yap Huat Goon, Roger Ulehla and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from the PP

Safeguarding update: URGENT!!!

ALL volunteers must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC). **ALL** volunteers must sign a new Code-of-Conduct (it is over two years since you last signed one so it is new for renewal).

Please check your WWCC and renew it NOW.

We will be calling around to chase you about your WWCC if you haven't renewed it or don't have one.

I was this week made aware again, strongly, that if you or I work or volunteer without a valid WWCC the government fine can be thousands of dollars (and hundreds of thousands for the parish). So if you are not up to date: let us know and stop volunteering till you have applied for a current check.

We will distribute the Code-of-conduct for you to sign: this also is legally mandated.

Welcome Bishop Tony, to allow us to commemorate your episcopal ordination and to say thank you in person for your years of leading the St Gregory's Parish. Thank you from me personally for the many many ways you prepared things to ease my entry into leading the parish.

Fr Charles Away: I will be in Dubbo Wed-Sat (am) for the funeral of my Mother-in-Law. There will be no Masses in St Greg's or St Kevin's during this week. There will be Services of Word and Holy Communion.

Masses for the Dead: Recently I have had some weekends where I have accepted a money offering to offer a particular Mass for the anniversary of death of a family member and another family arrives at the start of Mass requesting me to offer the same Mass for an additional person. When this happens I name each of the deceased at the start of Mass and in the Prayers of the faithful but only name the first during the Eucharistic Prayer. I then offer another Mass for the second person so that each person who has died does indeed have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul.

Reach Out—Bring People to Jesus—we have a forum for ministry leaders happening on Tuesday evening, continuing the work our Parish Pastoral Council seeking to re-enliven all parish ministries and to develop ways to grow so that our ministries can more effectively contribute to our primary mission as disciples of Christ to bring the Good News to all.



Bishop Tony



Welcome to Thank you and Congratulatory Celebration for Bishop Tony.
Please join us for a Morning Tea at the Hall after the 10.30am Mass.

A Gentle Reminder:

- Parents and carers are requested to always supervise their children.
- All attending are reminded to
- Be aware of food intolerances- food and beverages may contain allergens.
- Maintain a safe distance from others to avoid transmission of illness
- Wash/ sanitise hands regularly
- Consider the use of a face mask
- Do not attend if you are experiencing flu or Covid symptoms

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

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Carole Tang, Clelia Tedesco

NEXT WEEK 6/7 Aug

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

LECTORS

Robert McHugh, Frank Ryan
 Philip Dunlop, Greg James
 Chris Perera
 Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Mary Wilson, Leth Go

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Noel & Cathy 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

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Queenie Wood, Joan Dineen
 Pierre Tanzimat, Tony Ting
 Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira

Francis Yim, Alfred Lee

MORNING TEA: Seleana Ng & Chin Teong Ong

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.

Reaching Out: Know people you haven't seen / spoken to for a long time? Perhaps visit or make a little time this week to call, say hello, invite them to come to Mass with you. Maybe they need other 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.



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!

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.

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 4951** to arrange for prospective attendees to be given more information and "sort out" payment and tickets.

Morning Tea Roster: We have resumed morning tea after the Sunday 10.30am Mass and these have been well-received. We need volunteers to host these sessions, and we warmly invite you to put your names down as hosts on the roster sheet (on the table in the narthex). No experience is necessary. If you are new to hosting or have any questions, please let us know (Karen 0412 402 426 or Seleana 0435 080 078) Thank you!

"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST"
 -MATTHEW 11:28-

CHARISMATIC MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Gregory the Great Church
 71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

Friday, 12 August 2022
STARTS 6.30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Contact: [Vera doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:Vera.doncaster@cam.org.au)

