

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

16 JULY 2023

LISTEN, ANYONE WHO HAS EARS. Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives – the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; / I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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. Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of our sin and division:

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us with the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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. O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brims over / to provide its grain. **R.**

2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you drench its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. **R.**

3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

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.

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,

see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form 13:1-9.

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. Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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: 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. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. 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 GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

Today's readings converge in their concern that we take time to wonder and reflect on the nature of the kingdom of God, its growth in the world, and in our own lives. Despite its brevity, the reading from Isaiah is a powerful statement of hope in the ability of God's word to foster life and bring about growth. As the people of Israel struggled to rebuild after the exile Isaiah proclaimed his conviction in the power of God's word.

As Christians, how do we maintain our hope when the world is in confusion? How can we speak of the power of God's word when it is often challenged by our experience of the world desperate for healing and peace? After nearly 2000 years these questions may even be more critical for us than they were in Paul's time. For Paul the key lies in the image of the world and ourselves being involved in the painful process of giving birth. Christians have already received the gift of the Spirit as a foretaste and pledge of what is yet to come.

Jesus' timeless parable of the sower invites us to take heart that despite opposition the seed of God's kingdom has been planted in our world. Opposition, difficulties, and misunderstanding are surely present, but the growth of the kingdom is assured. Perhaps the most pressing question of all is whether we have ears to hear, and the faith to believe, that the kingdom will take root and grow in our world and hearts.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15/16 July 2023

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue: Nadia Bolzonello

Wed-Fri: Vera Arief

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

Sacristan: Mary Stocco - Mob: 0412 742 657

MASS TIMES:

Sat: Vigil 6.00pm; Sun 9:00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed 9:00 am & Fri: 9:00am

(Tues & Thur 9:15 am St Kevin's)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Common sense hygiene please: Masks, sanitising, isolating if testing positive for Covic-19, etc..

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isa 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23, Mt 13:1-23

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL: Principal: Michelle Verna Tel: (03) 9848 4483

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

Wednesdays at 9.45am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

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 Rosa La Manna, Diana Carnell, Umberto Gianello, Michael Mullens, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, Victor, Natalie, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Helen La Manna, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Sio Dewi, Pat McLeod, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Brian Croft, Chee Choong Seng, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari and Dennis Clarke.

And for those who died recently Citra Dewi, Christina Canon, Sam Scala

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Frank McClelland, Bev Curtis, John Eastgate

From the desk of your Parish Priest:

Good news! Two of the people who were personally instrumental saving the Australian Plenary Council from what seemed to be deadlock and disaster have been chosen for important roles in the Synod on being a Synodal Church—in Rome. They are Perth Archbishop Timothy Costello, who has been personally chosen by Pope Francis to help lead sessions of the Synod, and Bishop Shane MacKinley of Sandhurst. The third person from Australia is Adelaide Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. These three will be strong, open, and I believe, fearless, voices at the Synod or Spirit led change in the church. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be with them and to be with all who are called to its important synod.

Evangelisation! Being Missionary! Do these seem frightening words?

They have a feel of being impossible? Or a feel of requiring packing your bags and going to the remotest parts of the world, in the jungle or desert, seeking to work with people there to and maybe draw them towards God's love?

Well! I did some evangelisation over the past two weeks, and perhaps was a little bit missionary. And I didn't step outside Doncaster and Templestowe.

I led several funerals. And I spent time with the families of those who have died and, we pray and hope, have entered eternal life. That was all I did.

Yet ... I got comments about how accessible each funeral service was. How friendly. Remarks that there was a sense of joy and goodness (not morbidity and gloom).

Evangelisation! Missionary work! Perhaps no-one from those funerals will make a change and join a faith community actively. I don't know! But some of those people at least heard just a little of God's love and the joy it brings.

I know you don't lead funerals. I know you're not me. But you are baptised.

The beginnings for us all growing to be a more evangelising, missionary people are that simple! Journeying with people in their need in a way which announces the Joy of the Gospel with the Good News that the Kingdom of Heaven is near: right here: with us: growing through our words of encouragement and love that are not afraid to bring Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit into the conversation.

Communion to the Sick/House Bound Family/Friends:

It is a great privilege to take Communion from our Masses to those who cannot come to Mass in person. Because of the uniquely special nature of the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ that is being taken to those in need we have a particular ministry for this organised by Joan Dinneen.

In some cases, there may legitimately be a member of a family who wishes to take Communion to a family member or members. That is perfectly Ok, but prudence means that we have a practice of requiring that any one who wishes to carry out this awesome ministry identify themselves and their need to the presiding priest before Mass so that there is no uncertainty at the time of receiving the hosts to take away.

Obviously, there are also expectations placed about having a pyx (closed, sealable container) to carry the hosts and that the pyx with hosts be treated reverently throughout the period between collecting the hosts and providing them to the sick person (as soon as practically possible).

WYD:

Last weekend we blessed Alfred and Jane as they prepare to leave for WYD. They have placed a box for your prayers and intentions for them but also for any other intention you wish. They will take these prayers and place them in the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima as part of their WYD journey.

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Dharmawan

MONEY COUNTERS: Lina & Don Pavone

LECTORS

Catherine McClelland, Noel McClelland
 Rachel Kay, Phillip Dunlop
 Erin Djukiadmodjo, Chris Perera
 Jane Ma, Gerard O'Donnell
 Mary Wilson, Leth Go

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Peter Whitting, Sharron Wilkinson
 Ray & Kay Lewis
 Maggug Yong, Lucy Giardino
 Mary Tonti- Filippini, Tina Paolino

MORNING TEA: Mary Liew

COLLECTORS

Seleana Ng

FLOWERS: Irene

NEXT WEEK 15/16 July

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH**LECTORS**

Frank Ryan, Margaret O'Donnell
 Margaret Wallace, Mary Stocco
 Luisa Yambao, Tony Ting
 Dot Haynes, Benedicta Wong
 Boris Klaric, Stephen Ma

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moira White, Lorna Philip
 Joan Dinneen, Tony Nimmo
 Robert Rukavina, Dai Sim
 Margaret O'Donnell, Viviana Pereira

MORNING TEA: TBA

COLLECTOR

Alfred Lee

FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

For those who are Coeliac, we can provide low gluten (<20ppm) hosts or a separate chalice. Please let the priest of sacristan know your need.

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.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

Next Open Day **9th Aug 9.30-11am**, or for a School Tour please contact the School Office on 98484483.

Lectors (Readers) & Special Ministers (Communions) Formation Sessions

Thank you to all who attended the formation sessions. It is vital that each of us is awake, alive, to the importance and Spirit led truth of our roles in the Liturgy, the Mass. As a person among the congregation: your role is important and the Holy Spirit leads you if you are open to its work. Doubly with the four main ministries during Mass. The Lector/reader speaking God's Word. The Musician and Choir helping us open our hearts in praise. Altar Server: helping us learn about Jesus' call to active service. Minister assisting with Holy Communion helping to bring each person consciously before the real presence of Jesus Christ.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Be still and know that I am God, Ps 46:10

Invitation to an INFORMATION EVENING at St Gregory the Great Parish Meeting Room On Tuesday 18th July at 7.30 pm

Pope Francis says we should all spend some time each day in silence with our loving Lord who is dwelling within our hearts. Christian Meditation is an ancient form of prayer which is simple and peaceful and aims to bring our distracted minds to silence and stillness and make our awareness of this presence central to our lives.

The Christian Meditation community meeting at St Gregory the Great is a member group of the World community for Christian Meditation.



Calling Year 6s to Year 10s: Come roll with us in our special July meet-up!

21st July 2023 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm @Skaterz: 27 Susan Street, Eltham, 3095

\$22 per person

Email Vera by 18th July to RSVP: Doncaster@cam.org.au



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The Parishes of St Gregory the Great Doncaster and St Kevin's Templestowe warmly invite parishioners and friends to our

**Multicultural Day**

Multicultural food and drinks will be provided (please do not bring food to share). Outdoor games and activities will also be available.



Silent auction and raffle will be held on the day, to raise funds for our social activities. Please come along, to bid for items and buy tickets.



Sunday 30 July after 10.30am Mass Church of St Gregory the Great Doncaster

RSVP: Email doncaster@cam.org.au or use sign up sheets at church



Come in your cultural costumes or colours, and join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun!

Please be mindful of food intolerances or allergies, as food and drinks may contain allergens. Parents and carers are requested to please supervise their children at all times.

