

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

29 OCTOBER 2023

OBSERVE THE SORT OF LIFE WE LIVE. In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 104:3-4

**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.**

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have
mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: 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, increase our
faith, hope and charity, and make us love
what you command, so that we may merit
what you promise. 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

Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan,
my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of
Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger
or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in
the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh
with the widow, or with the orphan; if you
are harsh with them, they will surely cry out
to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my
anger will flare and I shall kill you with the
sword, your own wives will be widows, your
own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to
any poor man among you, you must not play
the usurer with him: you must not demand
interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge,
you must give it back to him before sunset.
It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he
wraps his body in; what else would he sleep
in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full
of pity."

The word of the Lord.

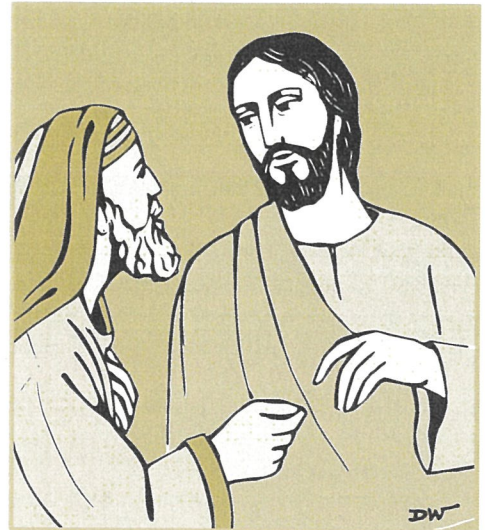
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock,
my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock
where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty
help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of
all praise: / when I call I am saved from my
foes. **R.**



2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised
be the God who saves me. / He has given
great victories to his king / and shown his
love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Thessalonians

*You turned away from idols to serve God and
await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we
were with you, which was for your instruction,
and you were led to become imitators of us,
and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of
the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel,
in spite of the great opposition all round you.
This has made you the great example to all
believers in Macedonia and Achaia since
it was from you that the word of the Lord
started to spread – and not only throughout
Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your
faith in God has spread everywhere. We do
not need to tell other people about it: other
people tell us how we started the work among
you, how you broke with idolatry when you
were converted to God and became servants
of the real, living God; and how you are now
waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised
from the dead, to come from heaven to save
us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia! / All who love me will
keep my words, / and my Father will
love them and we will come to them. /
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mt 22:34-40

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.

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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. Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. 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 cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION


P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. 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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Communities, like the individuals that make them up, cannot exist or grow without reflecting on their stories. In remembering our past, we are reminded of lessons learnt, values shared, and obstacles overcome.

While the setting for the first reading is that of the time of the Exodus it clearly reflects the problems the Israelites faced when they had settled in the land. In order to resolve these problems, they are called to remember that they are a people where every member should be valued, especially those who cannot defend themselves. The other person is precious to God and has a dignity that is to be respected and preserved. They are reminded of their past so as to build a present that is just and equitable.

Jesus in his turn was asked what the most important commandment of the law was. The law of Moses was that formative and guiding tradition that shaped the Jewish people's self-understanding. In a sense, by asking what is the greatest commandment the Pharisees were asking, who are we? Jesus' reply is that we can only be truly ourselves when we can balance a wholehearted love of God with care for our brothers and sisters.

As Paul reflects on the history of the Thessalonian community, he praises God for the way they have overcome numerous obstacles. In the midst of opposition, they remained faithful to each other and to the Lord, so much so that they became a base for Paul's further missionary endeavour in the rest of Greece.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

28/ 29 October 2023

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

Email: Doncaster@cam.org.au



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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 (Tue/ Thur 9.15 am St Kevin's)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11am. Or: before/after any Mass by request but allow time.

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1: 14–2: 2, 8-10, 1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13, Mt 23: 1-12

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for 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:

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 Enzo Galota, Jason Khoo, Michael Mullens, Liam Fitzpatrick, Anne Credlin, Nola Tibaldi, Brian Cork, Vladimira Sabolic, Maria Tomasello, Brian Croft, John Shew, Rena Sacco, Clifford Bunardi, Umberto Gianello, Judy Jones, Luke Kakoschke, Natalie, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Sio Dewi, Pat McLeod, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Chee Choong Seng, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian and Eliseo Pardillo.

and for those who died

recently ..Giovanni Della-Chiesa, Maria Briffa. and for those whose anniversaries occur about now William Maher (Snr), William Maher (Jnr)



Thoughts ... from the desk of your Parish Priest

Ron Huntley? Who is he? Why would I go and see him on the 22nd of November?

I guess I'd hope you trust me to only invite people **worth** coming to hear and discuss the future of our parish with. But ... I know that's not enough. So here's a little more about him:

Ron Huntley works internationally with church leaders to build passion and get results. Ron's love for Jesus, people, and the church drive him to make a difference in the lives of parishes, parishioners, priests, and ministry leaders everywhere. I

can lend you his book "Unlocking your Parish" if that would help. Or you can go on line and hear him in his podcasts at <https://www.ronhuntley.com/podcast>. He is now a dear friend of mine and I'd love you to meet him and experience his love of Jesus Christ.

My hope and expectation is that on Nov. 22nd he will help point us towards ways we can change and grow. Grow in our experience of and love for Jesus Christ and learn ways in which we can share our faith more effectively in an uninterested society.

Please do come along. This is an important gathering.

The Parish Assembly on Monday November 13th is equally important. This is an evening to hear about your parish and help plan its future. I need your thoughts and prayers and input. So! Please come along.

If you really cannot commit for both Nov 13th and Nov 22nd: at least come to the one you can manage—but I'd suggest changing your plans so you can come to both gatherings. If at all possible.

Parish Secretary: After two years with us Nadia has found it urgent that she make more space for family, so she'll finish up at St Greg's at the end of the year. This means that we are looking for someone to become parish secretary for three days per week. Contact me (Phone: 0417319556, Charles.balnaves@cam.org.au) for more information and a position description.

All Souls Day: Cemetery Visits: In addition to the Masses for All Souls Day Nov 2. I shall be visiting 3 Cemeteries to bless graves: Templestowe Cemetery (263-283 Foote Street, Templestowe) Arrive at the top of the hill inside: 10:00 am; stay till 10:45 am Andersons Creek Cemetery (11 Blair Street, Warrandyte)

Arrive: main Cemetery Road entrance 12:30 pm ; stay till 12:45 PM Eltham Cemetery (40 Mount Pleasant Road, Eltham)

Arrive at the Metery Road (side street) entrance 1:30 pm till 2:15 pm.

God bless, Fr Charles

All Saints and All Souls Mass Timetable

All Saints:

1st November: 9.00am at St Gregory's, Doncaster
12.45pm at St Kevin's Whole School Mass
(All are welcome)
2.30pm St Charles' School (All are welcome)
7.00pm at St Kevin's Templestowe



All Souls:

2nd November: 9.15am St Kevin's
7.00pm at St Gregory's, Doncaster



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

LECTORS

Gerard O'Donnell, Alvin Priyana
Rachel Kay, Mary Stocco
Tony Ting, Erin Djukiadmodjo
Mary Tonti-Filippini, Benedicta Wong

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Carole Tang, Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Don and Lina Pavone**NEXT WEEK 4/5 Nov**

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

LECTORS

Cathy & Noel McClelland
Kay & Ray Lewis
Karen Chay, Aidan Leung
Thomas Ong, Jane Ma

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mary Wilson, Leth Go**MONEY COUNTERS:** Bill Taylor, Ray Lewis**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Peter Whiting, Sharron Wilkinson
Katica Puhelj, Margaret Wallace
Sauro & Lillian Antonelli
Alfred Lee, Tina Paolino

MORNING TEA: Parish BBQ**COLLECTORS**

Stephanie Ong
FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moir White, Lorna Philip
Rachel Kay, Katica Puhelj
Mary Stocco, Lucy Giardino
Judy Ablaza, Margaret O'Donnell

MORNING TEA: TBA**COLLECTOR**

Gerard O'Donnell
FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

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

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU "Live Your Best Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive while sitting together in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!! Based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Book Now! Date: 3-5 November 2023 in Melbourne
Information/Bookings: Phone: **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au.
Website: wwme.org.au



Cornerstone Youth Group:

November 10th: An Outing for all in our youth group. See the notice board for details.



Manningham
Interfaith
Network Inc.

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Come together for a peaceful prayer time with faith leaders and representatives.



The public is welcome to attend this peaceful prayer time.

Praying together for world peace is not new, at this time the Manningham Interfaith Network wants to share their peace prayers in a public forum. Together we are able to support each other.

When: Tuesday 31st October 2023

Time: 7.30pm

Where: Doncaster RSL. Corner Doncaster Road and Leeds Street. Doncaster East.

P O Box 4073, Doncaster Heights Vic 3109 Tel 0425 718 937

www.manninghaminterfaithnetwork.org.au

Facebook: Manningham Interfaith Network MIN



St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

For a School Tour or next Open Day dates 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.

FOSS (Friends of the Suffering Souls) is a Catholic lay Association conducting a perpetual novena of Masses for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This perpetual novena of Masses offers (1) relief to the suffering souls (2) an assurance to FOSS members that they will pray for in death and (3) an ongoing sacrifice to the eternal Father. Each FOSS member commits to arrange at least one Mass each year for the Holy Souls, with a special commemoration for the deceased members of the FOSS Association. FOSS members may also enrol family and friends – living or deceased – as third-party members and commit to arrange an addition annual Mass on behalf of each third-party member. To enrol visit <https://fossnovena.org/>.

Holy Souls Masses: please fill in an envelope with the name(s) of anyone you wish to request November Masses for.

Our Memorial Book is now available at the table in the Church Narthex and throughout the month of November. We have printed the names of your loved ones from last year's Memorial Book. They are in the Alphabetical Order based on Surnames. Please locate the names of your loved ones and only write extra names if they are not listed. Feel free to add dates of death. Moving forward we will keep the names in the book to continue to pray for them every year and add new names as requested. Thank you and God bless.

All Souls Remembrance



Parish Open Forum

Monday, November 13th, 6.30-8.30pm
At St Gregory the Great Church/ School Hall
Sign Up Sheets is available at the Church Narthex or email the office doncaster@cam.org.au.
Dinner is provided. Please email the office for any dietary requirements.

Save the Date: Vibrant and Vital Parishes: a discussion with Ron Huntley Wednesday 22nd November at St Gregory the Great. All are welcome.



Welcome to
Julian Michael Alex Inglese
who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Sunday, and to his family.