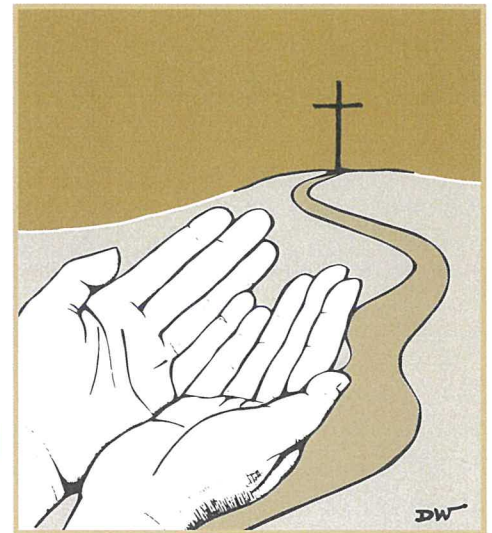


# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

4 SEPTEMBER 2022

PUT JESUS FIRST. It is somewhat shocking to hear Jesus say, 'Whoever comes to me without hating (family members) cannot be my disciple'. Jesus is using hyperbole to stress that we must give first place to following him. If that puts us in conflict with our family, we must choose Jesus. Thankfully, most of us don't face such a conflict. We can rejoice in God and in family, as Paul does in today's Second Reading.



## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 118: 137, 124

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

## 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. 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.**

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. O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your

beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?*

'What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure

and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom

and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

**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

Philem 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 118:135

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.**

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

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.**



All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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 give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the

sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. 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 41:2-3

**Like the deer that yearns for running streams,**

**so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great

gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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

#### GETTING OF WISDOM

The search for wisdom has never been an easy one and each of us grapples with the challenge of making sense of the complex tapestry of life. As the first reading so pointedly observes, 'It is hard enough to work out what is on earth ... who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?' In the centuries that preceded Jesus' birth the people of Israel were fascinated, frightened and challenged by their encounter with the culture and philosophy of the Greek-speaking world. The book of Wisdom is one of the fruits of that encounter and was itself written in Greek. While the Greeks looked to Plato and Aristotle, the author of the book of Wisdom had come to see that true wisdom is a gift from God and is to be found in the traditions of Israel most particularly in the Law of Moses.

Jesus knew all too well that true wisdom has its price. As he journeys towards his death, those who would be disciples are forcefully reminded to carefully consider the cost of discipleship.

Paul was one apostle of the Lord who knew the cost of discipleship. For the sake of the gospel he had gone through many trials (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:22-29) and had suffered and learnt much. Writing from prison he now has to call on all his stores of wisdom to convince Philemon to take back his runaway slave Onesimus. In a world where slavery was an accepted reality, Philemon is challenged to see his former slave as a brother in Christ.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Parish Office:

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Charles Balnaves

**Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue :** Nadia Bolzonello

**Wed-Fri:** Vera Arief

**Mon:** Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

### MASS TIMES: (This Week)

**Saturday: 10am (St. Gregory's Feast Day), 6.00pm**

**Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm**

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

**MASKS, BE CAUTIOUS & CARING, ALWAYS SANITISE**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exo 32:7–11, 13–14 , Ps 50(51):3–4, 12–13, 17, 19 , 22–24, Lk 15:1–32

### RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30-11am

By request before/after any Mass (come 15-20 m early)

**BAPTISMS:** Please ring the Parish Office for future 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](mailto: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 Elizabeth Setter, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Brian Croft, Chee Choong Seng, Chee Mee Lian, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, 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, Marisa Rodolfo, Angel Gustavo, Margaret Hansen, Patricia McLeod, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

**And Those who died recently** Carlito Gonzalez, Erminia Theuma, Sergio Giovanni, Maurice Kean **for the repose of the souls of** Shirley Conway, Michele Marrone and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from the PP's desk:

First, a reminder: have you ensured your **Working With Children Check** and Code of Conduct are up to date? 40% of those on our volunteer lists are not yet up to date.

You will get a call from Vera in the near future if you aren't up to date. She and Nadia have already emailed volunteers we know of. The phone call will be our last effort before we are mandated to remove those who non-compliant from the roster.

I don't want to lose volunteers, you are vital to the life of our faith community. Please, if you do anything with the parish of a volunteer nature: get a Working with children Check, sign a code of conduct.

Second: **thank you** to those half dozen church people who came for the working bee last Saturday morning. Your efforts have given our grounds a real lift.

And finally: **Happy Father's Day!!**

I sat with some Dads and Children at the St Greg's School Father's Day Breakfast on Thursday and asked one Dad if eating breakfast with his daughter was a first. "No! I try to always have breakfast with her." I realized that I can't remember a time as my children grew up that I shared breakfast with them other than weekends and holidays. Getting to the office required catching the bus and to manage the traffic I left early. The Dad I was talking to said pre-Covid that would have been him too but now—he has discovered the importance of starting the day with family and is very pleased that working conditions now allow him the choice to breakfast with family.

It is easy to allow the busyness of our lives to prevent us from being together. I know it is hard.

I had to leave the Father's Day breakfast at St Greg's to go to a meeting at St Kevin's so I couldn't stay to see the magician. As I reflect on my words that I have just written: did I HAVE to leave? could I have cancelled that meeting and stayed to be with community? Hmmm ... how can we focus on what is truly important.

We remain at about 60% of pre-Covid Mass attendance—and that proportion is very common across the parishes around Melbourne. What happened to the other 40%?

Some remain sensibly wary of large groups due to health concerns. But what about the others? Who do you know that hasn't returned? Are you able to discern what would help them return? Can you invited them to come with you?

When we talk about allowing time for what is truly important then for me at least that must include time to gather as a people of faith. Faith needs nourishment. How can we make our gatherings nourishing of faith?

There are requests for a Women's Group to restart; for a group or groups to be formed to reflect on the weekend readings and draw them into life; for a regular healing Mass; ... what would help nurture your faith as a truly important basis in your life?

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

**LECTORS**

Ashley Ng, Ashton Ng  
 Jerard Sardana, Michael See  
 Chris Perera, David Perrin  
 Jane Ma, Stephanie Ong

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Peter Whiting, Sharron Wilkinson  
 Margaret Wallace, Queenie Wood  
 Nuccia La Rocca, Brendan Pon  
 Caterina Gioffre, Tina Paolino

Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Cltrs)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

Carole Tang, Celia Tedesco

**MORNING TEA:** Karen Chay & Vera Arief**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung**NEXT WEEK 10/11 Sep**

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

**LECTORS**

Margaret & Gerald O'Donnell  
 Margaret Wallace, Queenie Wood  
 Luisa Yambao, Chris Anggoro  
 Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Margaret Kenshole, Margaret O'Donnell  
 Joan Dineen, Rachael Kay  
 Robert Rukavina, Dai Sim  
 Viviana Pereira, Mary Tonti-Filippini

Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell(Cltrs)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

Mary Wilson, Leth Go

**MORNING TEA:** Seleana Ng & Chin Teong Ong**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan**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). Any Mass with children participating will 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.

**Fathers' Day Appeal:** This Sunday being Father's Day we shall have a second collection at all Masses for the support of the retired priests of the Archdiocese. There are envelopes on the seats and on the tables in the foyer. We thank you for your support and generosity.



**Memorial Wall Plaques:** As in previous years **at the end of September** we will place a parish order for new plaques to be mounted on the wall of the Memorial Garden. The plaques are 135mm x 75mm & have standard printing limited to 6 lines. The cost of the plaque is \$250.00. If you would like to order one, please email the parish office to obtain an order form [Doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:Doncaster@cam.org.au). The order need to be placed by **19th Sep 2022**.

**URGENT!!! ALL** volunteers must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) and sign a new Code-of-Conduct (it is over two years since you last signed one so it is time for renewal). Please Renew your WWC and Sign the Code of Conduct available in the church foyer or our website. If you like them emailed please email the office.

**MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP**

ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.30pm** in the Church Gathering Apace. 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. Space. Supper provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested to cover costs.

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

Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at [www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/](http://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](mailto:st.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com) and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.

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

**Anointing of the Sick,** can be provided before, during or after any Mass. Just let the Sacristan or the Priest know.

**Morning Tea Roster:** We have resumed morning tea after the Sunday 10.30am Mass and these have been well-received. But we do need volunteers to host these sessions, and we warmly invite you to put your names down as hosts next to your preferred hosting dates 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 402426 or Seleana 0435 080078) and we will guide you along.



"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, 9 September 2022**  
**STARTS 6.30PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**Contact: [Vera\\_doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:Vera_doncaster@cam.org.au)