

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

13 NOVEMBER 2022

THE END IS NOT SO SOON. Members of the early Church expected the Lord to return in glory very soon. Some people even stopped working in the belief that the end was nigh. St Paul, however, urged the members of the community to go on working, quietly earning their food. And in today's Gospel, Jesus stresses that the end is not so soon. We, his followers, will first have to persevere faithfully through many trials.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Jer 29:11, 12, 14

**The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

## 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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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. Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi  
*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

**R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

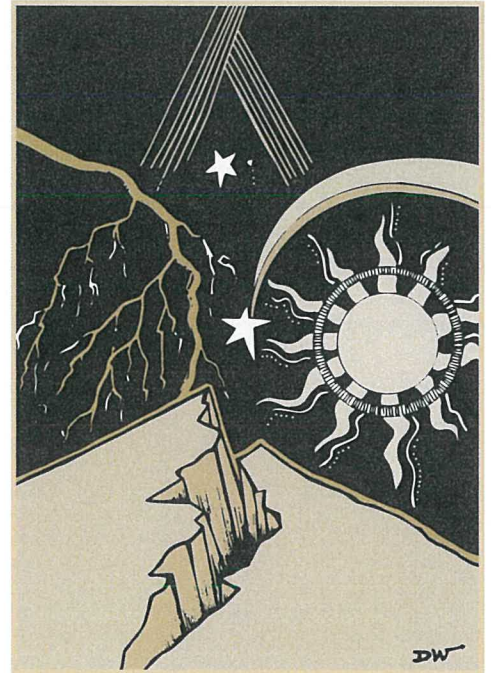
### SECOND READING

2 Thess 3:7-12

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

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.



We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Lift up your heads and see;**  
**your redemption is near at hand.**  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

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.**

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master', they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'



'Take care not to be deceived', he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he", and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and

gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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 Ps 72:28

**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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,  $\text{✠}$  and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD

Throughout the centuries people of faith have maintained that the history of the world is in God's hands and that there will come a time when our stewardship of the world will be judged. But when will that day come, and how are we to prepare for it?

Malachi believed that the day would come in his own time. Centuries later the early Church came to believe that it was Jesus who would return as Lord and Judge. Some members of the community in Thessalonika expected that this return would occur at any moment. The problem that arose was that these Christians expected others to support them while they waited for the Lord's return. To counteract this Paul draws their attention to his own practice of working wherever he preaches the Gospel. Such people are advised to follow his example and quietly return to their daily routine and Christian life not burdening others.

The passing of time has borne witness to the wisdom of Paul's advice to the Thessalonians. Jesus had not yet appeared, and this gave rise to another set of questions. Jesus had spoken of the signs that would precede his return. Luke's community late in the first century found themselves asking whether the turmoil and persecution of their own time were to be understood as signs that the Lord's return was imminent. The response they are given is that the difficulties of this present time are an opportunity to give faithful and courageous witness. Two thousand years later this challenge is an enduring one for us all.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Thirty 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)

Sacristan: Mary Stocco - Mob: 0412 742 657

### MASS TIMES: (This Week)

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

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am (plus Tu/Thu 9:15 am St Kevin's)

**CAUTION & CARE! Covid-19 has not gone completely MASKS / SANITISING / ISOLATING**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Sam 5:1–3, Col 1:12–20, Lk 23:35–43

**RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30-11am**

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

**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](mailto:principal@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au)

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at [DoncasterRE@cam.org.au](mailto:DoncasterRE@cam.org.au)

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

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

**PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday every Fortnight in Church Meeting Room

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

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 Theresa Yong, Michael Mullens, Pat McLeod, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Brian Croft, Chee Choong Seng, Chee Mee Lian, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, 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, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise, Kevin Parker

**And Those who died recently and for the repose of the souls of** Mariano Lacson, Maria Ulehla, Yap Huat Gon, Lee Kim Heok, Michele Marrone, Patrick Burder and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

### Thoughts and reflections from the PP:

Queensland is recommending mask be worn when in healthcare settings, public transport, taxis/ride-shares, indoors when can't distance, when around susceptible people: hmmm, perhaps I/we need to keep ahead of the game ourselves?

The retreat I have been privileged to undertake has been wonderfully relaxing and energising for me. The drive down on Sunday evening was easy, hardly any traffic, so I was 'on retreat' from 7:45 pm. You can already tell the problem of course: I arrived in a hurry, caught up still in calendars, and appointments and the matters of daily parish life. It took until Tuesday morning for me to realise: no appointments, nowhere to dash off to! And to start to hear a voice asking me to sit down. To just be ...; to be present. I am taking a few minutes today, Thursday, to say hello, to pass on a little of what Jesus' has been trying to tell me amidst the beautiful weather, and challenging talks, and amazing Masses, and beach walks.

The overarching theme of the retreat has been "Waiting in Joyful Hope," a call to journey with Christ and with Pope Francis' ten years seeking to help me learn to listen to and respond to today's world. I make these points from my perspective within the enfolding arms of this retreat—the thoughts apply to each of you as well because what Pope Francis speak of applies to the people who make up his Church.

- Opening my heart to the intimacy with Jesus Christ which he so ardently desires
- Adverting to and having gratitude for God's graces in my life.
- Humility, meekness, littleness, listening, learning, discerning, freedom, creativity: the paths to journey with Christ in his Mission.
- Returning to my 'Galilee' - my place of first true personal encounter with Jesus
- Continuing to learn to truly see Christ in each person I meet.
- People will come because Jesus is attractive—draws people to himself through me.
- I am created in the image of God; this is my core identity
- Sin is about more than guilt: it is about missing the mark in relationship with God and accepting that truth. I am a sinner but sin does not define me! Jesus Christ does.
- Forgiveness—core to Jesus Christ! Forgiveness leading to true freedom.
- I must be in the midst of you, the people I am called to lead—not above you
- Be present in the hear and now—not stuck in nostalgia or daydreams
- Contemplate how gifted I am in the very fact of our being and that I am given great gifts.

I have been most blessed to be able to take this time within sight and sound of the ocean as it enters Port Phillip Bay—a place of grace, solitude, hope, Spirit. I shall be back in time for all the weekend Masses and to take up the glorious challenge of journeying with you.

God bless, Fr Charles.



Our Parish Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, 11th December** after the **5PM Mass.**

Please join us for a fun filled night with our community.

Food and drinks will be provided. Santa will make an appearance for the kids with a bag of treats.

Raffle tickets will be sold 2 weekends prior to the event and will be drawn on the night.

*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****MONEY COUNTERS:** Mal de Alwis, Ray Lewis**LECTORS**

Lorna Phillip &amp; Joseph Phillip

Ray Lewis, Tony Nimmo

Sauro Antonelli, Erin Djukiadmodjo

Jane Ma, Stephanie Ong

Carole Tang, Clelia Tedesco

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Lorna Phillip &amp; Peter Whiting

Tony Nimmo, Katica Puhaj

Tony Ting, Maggie Wong

Mary Tonti-Filippini, Judy Ablaza

**MORNING TEA:** Don & Lina Pavone

Stephanie Ong, Michael Ong

**FLOWERS** Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli**NEXT WEEK 19/20 Nov**

Sat 6.00pm

Sun 9.00am

Sun 10.30am

Sun 5.00pm

**CARE OF THE CHURCH****MONEY COUNTERS:** Don & Lina Pavone**LECTORS**

Peter Whiting, Rebecca Law

Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis

Karen Chay, Aidan Leung

Viviana Pereira

Mary Wilson, Leth Go

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Maira White, Sharron Wilkinson

Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis

Sauro Antonelli, Lucy Giardino

Viviana Pereira

**MORNING TEA:** Karen & Kai

Viviana Pereira (Ctrs)

**FLOWERS** Connie Amalfi**ISOLATING / MASKS!!!!** Christian Charity demands we give thought to others when we catch Covid/Flu etc.

**Weekday Mass times in the coming week:** Fr Charles is on retreat so there will be services of Word and Holy Communion: Tue/Thurs: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wed/Fri: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

**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 ahead of time.

**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.

**Transport :** Don't leave people stuck at home unable to come to Mass: offer a hand or let us know at the Parish Office.

**Reaching Out:** Invite a friend! Ask others to join you and discover that it's me, it's you, it's us, it's love, it's Christ who builds community.

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

For future Open Day or a School Tour 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.

**New Rosters December—March 2023**

We will soon commence creating a new roster for Readers, Special Ministers, Care for the Church, Flowers, Collectors and Morning Tea for Dec to March 2023. If you would like to serve the Lord in our community please email us at [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au). Training will be provided. If you are currently on the roster and need changes made please also let us know.

**Young Adults Group**

The Young Adults Group extend a warm invitation to all between 18 and 30 to join our gathering in the parish room on Friday 25th November at 7:15pm to 9pm. Dinner will be provided and we will be watching "The Chosen". Looking forward to seeing you there!

**VIRTUAL ADVENT SERIES**

WHEN: Tuesdays – November 22, 29, December 6, 13

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT\*

WHERE: Via Zoom meeting

COST: Free. RSVP is essential. ZOOM meeting details will be forwarded after registration.

For more information and to register online please visit

[www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-advent-series/](http://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-advent-series/)

Congratulations to our fellow parishioner **Deirdre Diamante** on being elected Mayor of Manningham!

**2022 Advent—McKinney Lecture****'An Indigenous Voice'**

A public lecture sponsored by Banyule Churches Together featuring Fr. Frank Brennan SJ AO Tue, 22 November at 7.30pm St. George's Anglican Church, 46 Warnclyffe Road, Ivanhoe East.

**All Are Welcome. Entry Donation \$5. Followed by tea & coffee**

Frank Brennan is a Jesuit priest & Rector of Newman College at the University of Melbourne. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the PM Glynn Institute at Australian Catholic University, an Adjunct Professor at the Thomas More Law School at ACU and research professor at the Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture. He chaired the National Human Rights Consultation for the Rudd Government and was a member of the Turnbull Government's expert panel which conducted the Religious Freedom Review. The Morrison Government appointed him to the Voice Co-Design Senior Advisory Group to help guide the Co-Design process to develop options for an Indigenous voice to government. Frank serves on the boards of Jesuit Social Services & the National Apology Foundation for Indigenous Australians & on the Advisory Council of the Global Foundation. His research interests include conscience and faith, human rights and the rule of law, and the rights of Indigenous peoples & asylum seekers.

**CHARISMATIC MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**St Gregory the Great Church**  
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

**Friday, 18 November 2022**

**7.00 - 8.15PM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**FOR INFO:**

**Vera: [Doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:Doncaster@cam.org.au)**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"

-Matthew 11:28-

