

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

EASTER SUNDAY / A

9 APRIL 2023

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

DAY MASS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 138:18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still,
alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me,
alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
alleluia, alleluia.

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. Lord Jesus, you are the image of unseen
God: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the firstborn 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. O God, who on this day, through your
Only Begotten Son, have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep the
solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may,
through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life. 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 Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his
resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:
'You must have heard about the recent
happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of
Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after
John had been preaching baptism. God had
anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with
power, and because God was with him, Jesus
went about doing good and curing all who
had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I,
and those with me, can witness to everything
he did throughout the countryside of Judaea
and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact
that they killed him by hanging him on a tree,
yet three days afterwards God raised him to
life and allowed him to be seen, not by the
whole people but only by certain witnesses
God had chosen beforehand. Now we are
those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk
with him after his resurrection from the dead
– and he has ordered us to proclaim this to
his people and to tell them that God has
appointed him to judge everyone, alive or
dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear
this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will
have their sins forgiven through his name.'

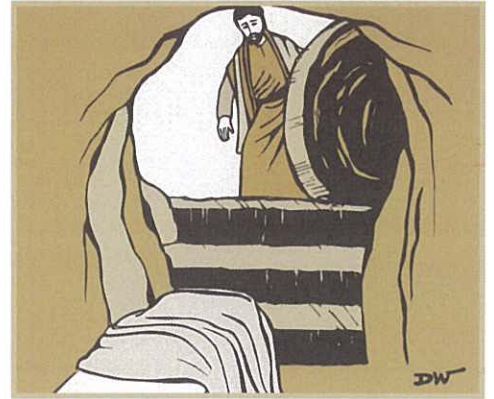
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v. 24

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let
us rejoice and be glad. (or Alleluia!).**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, /
for his love has no end. / Let the sons of
Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**



2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; /
his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die,
I shall live / and recount his deeds. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected /
has become the corner stone. / This is the
work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven, 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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer
sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are
ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the
undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father
reconciled. / Death with life contended;
combat strangely ended! / Life's own
Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. /
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see
upon the way. / The tomb the Living
did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he
rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud
with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my
hope, has risen: he goes before you into
Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from
the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy
mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Replaces the Profession of Faith.

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters), through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan?

All: **I do.**

P. And all his works?

All: **I do.**

P. And all his empty show?

All: **I do.**

P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: **I do.**

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: **I do.**

P. Do you 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?

All: **I do.**

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All: **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. Exultant with Paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished.

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 OF EASTER

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

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 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your Church, O God, with unending love and favour, so that, renewed by the Paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia!

R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

THE EASTER VIGIL



I. THE SOLEMN BEGINNING OF THE VIGIL

Preparation and Lighting of the Candle.
Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*)

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1–2:2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 103

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, / and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING Genesis 22:1–18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM from Ps 15

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

THIRD READING Exodus 14:15–15:1

CANTICLE From Ex 15

R. Let us sing to the Lord; / he has covered himself in glory.

FOURTH READING Isaiah 54:5–14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 29

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

FIFTH READING Isaiah 55:1–11

CANTICLE From Isa 12

R. You will draw water joyfully / from the springs of salvation.

SIXTH READING Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 18

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SEVENTH READING Ezekiel 36:16–28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 41

R. Like a deer that longs for running streams, / my soul longs for you, my God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:3–11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM From Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mt 28:1–10

HOMILY

III. BAPTISMAL LITURGY

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

(see far left column)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

IV. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(see middle column)

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Easter Sunday, Year A

8/9 April 2023

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

Reconciliation / Confessions: Sat. 9:30-11 am; before/after any Mass (but come early)

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; John: 20: 19-31

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30-11.00am

By request before/after any Mass (come 15-20 mins 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

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

PRAYER GROUP: Thursday of every fortnight in the School Parish Room

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:

Please pray for:

Those who are sick at this time including 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, 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 Rodófo, Angel Gustavo, Margaret Hansen.

And for those who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Helen Sant, Vito Benincasa

Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ is Risen!!!!

Thank you.

From the bottom of my heart.

Thank you—everyone who.

Your presence has brought alive the deep truth of our three-day remembering and re-living of the Last Supper, and the Passion, the Death and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Without your presence as a community we would have had only half of who we are in Christ.

As individuals, each of you is named; is called; is sent. But that is only half.

Each of us is named as part of the community of the Body of Christ. Each of us is called as part of the community of the Body of Christ. Each of us is sent out as a part of the community of the Body of Christ. We are uniquely ourselves but we are also intrinsically a community. I can't truly be me without you.

So thank you for being you and for allowing us to be the presence and truth of Christ Jesus in our parishes—today.

Specifically, amongst the whole community, there have been people who helped to ensure that our Easter has worked:

Setting the environment of our church, preparing and placing palms for Palm Sunday, organising the liturgies for each of the Masses, preparing the PowerPoints, playing the music and singing, organising the people to have their feet washed, adults and children having their feet washed, proclaiming God's word in all the (very long) readings, helping distribute communion, finding the hymns that make sense for each Mass, welcoming you to the church, preparing and serving supper after the Easter Vigils, opening the church, clearing up after, preparing the bulletin, collecting and counting the money, helping me know who can help with what, clearing around the outside of the church, Altar Servers.

What roles have I missed?

I am deliberately not naming specific names: you know who you are, working for the greater glory of God.

We all thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I will be around next weekend and then not until the Ascension of the Lord and then it is Pentecost. Please keep the Easter Season alive for its whole fifty days. Let us surprise ourselves each day with the joy of the Resurrection, seeking to hear Our Lord Jesus Christ naming us, calling us, and sending us to be his hands spreading the Good News far and wide.

Along the way are the school holidays, along the way there will be on-going work to install our gates, along the way we have the opportunity to grow in faith.

God bless, and again thank you, Fr Charles

Deep Reflection before a new start

The deep reflection of Good Friday paves the way for Resurrection, and Hope: Easter REMINDER: We will all soon be called to decide on an Indigenous Voice. What are your thoughts? St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action group in collaboration with St Gregory's Parish has organised a 1 hr online Forum by Sherry Balcome / the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry on a Voice and other issues 7:30pm-8:30pm on Wed.12 April.

Registration essential for this very timely event. Details and Registration arrangements below, on the St Kevin's Parish Website HOME page, and in a brochure available outside Mass today. Yes it's school holiday time but if you can, please don't delay registration! You can also Register directly at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1034753&> - John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice Action, 0409 967 207

St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love

<u>NEXT WEEK</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</u>
Thu 7.30pm	Natalie De Silva, Luisa Yambao	St Gregory's School Children	Sauro & Lillian Antonelli, Edith Ma
Fri 3.00pm Good Friday	1st Reading: Margaret Wallace 2nd Reading: Luisa Yambao Passion: Sauro A, Cathy & Noel M, Marcello D, Mary T, Erin D Veneration of The Cross: Stephanie Ong, Thomas Ong, Erin Djukiadmodjo Collectors: Philip Dunlop, Iris O'Farrell		Katica Puhajj, Lillian Antonelli, Margaret O'Donnell, Sharron Wilkinson, Fred & Agnes Fulia
Sat 6.30pm Easter Vigil	Gerard O'Donnell, Natalie De Silva, Stephanie Ong, Alfred Ablaza Collectors: Iris O'Farrell, Robert & Dianne McHugh, Peter Brandon	Ian Barnes	Iris O'Farrell, Peter Brandon, Ika Hardjosantoso (Ctrs)
Sun 09.00am	Margaret Wallace, Philip Dunlop Collectors: Philip Dunlop	Diamante Family	Margaret O'Donnell, Iris O'Farrell, Robert & Dianne McHugh, Judy Ablaza
Sun 10.30am	Ordinaka Ekwunife, Brian Tyedin Collectors: Stephen Ma	Children's Liturgy Participants	Queenie Wood, Sharron Wilkinson
Sun 5.00pm N/A	Jane Ma, Isabelle Hii Collectors: Alfred Lee	Dot Haynes and volunteer	Maggie Yong, Sauro & Lillian Antonelli
CARE OF THE CHURCH Andy Ng, Yvonne Tan		MORNING TEA: No Morning Tea	FLOWERS: Tessa Leung
MONEY COUNTERS: Tony Aldridge, Ray Lewis			
NEXT WEEK 15/16 April	LECTORS	MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST	COLLECTORS
Sat 6.00pm	Anne Davine, Gerard O'Donnell, Ashley Ng	Robert & Dianne McHugh	
Sun 9.00am	Michael See, Peter Molinari, Angela Molinari	Rachael Kay, Joan Dinneen	
Sun 10.30am	Jenny Tyedin, Brian Tyedin, Karen Chay	Dai Sim, Rob Rukavina	
Sun 5.00pm	Michael Ong, Stephanie Ong, Benedicta Wong	Tina Paolino, Viviana Pereira	Seleana Ng
CARE OF THE CHURCH Stephen Ma, Louise Moule		MORNING TEA: Lina & Don Pavone	FLOWERS: Lent-No Flowers
MONEY COUNTERS: Ray Lewis, Surin Fernando			

AUTUMN THEN WINTER—more infectious illness (Covid, Flu, ...)! Perhaps our care with masks / sanitising will keep others safe.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tue & Thur 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. 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.

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

Welcoming! We have a new Welcoming Group: but still: if you see someone you DON'T know? go up and have a chat and get to know them.

COME AWAY DAYS AT PASSIONIST HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE TEMPLESTOWE. The Come Away Days program continues at the Holy Cross Retreat Centre, 207 SerpellsRoad Templestowe on Wednesday 19 April. The theme of the day is "The Spirit empowering us." The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and group interaction in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The day concludes at 2pm with a celebration of the Eucharist. The cost of the day is \$25.00 or a donation according to your means. For further details contact Frank Burke, burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au or 0407998781.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

Next Open Day **3rd May 9.30-11am**, or for 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 and Jess will get back to you.

Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Project Compassion during Lent through the envelopes or with credit cards. Those of you who have Project Compassion boxes, we ask you to change the coins into notes and to put them in the two big boxes in the foyer. Thank you very much for supporting the people in the various developing countries.

Happy Easter from All at Caritas Australia

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413



HOLY LAND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY 7th APRIL 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 7th April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing, Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2022, Australia Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send \$1.4 million (compared to: 1,126,098 (2021), \$406, 023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)). The reality for the Holy Land Mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around to world be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

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