

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

13 MARCH 2022

STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH. In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

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.

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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis
God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.

Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' **R.**

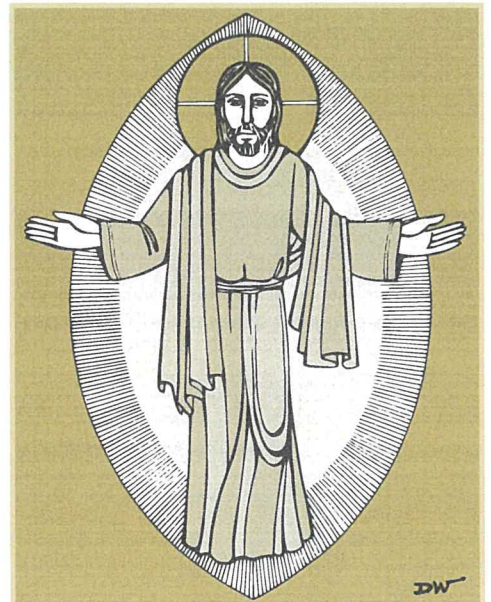
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 3:20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from



heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Lk 9:28-36

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.

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing

which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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. May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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 OF 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

OUR TRUE GOAL

As Abraham travels towards the land of promise he seeks a sign from the Lord. While he was told that his descendants will number as the stars, he and Sarah are childless and, not unreasonably, they look for assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled. In the awe-inspiring events that follow, he is encouraged to continue the journey as God confirms the promises already made by means of a covenant.

When Jesus journeys towards his own death the disciples stand in similar need of assurance and revelation. On entering the cloud they, like Abraham before them, are filled with terror. It is in this moment of uncertainty and confusion that they hear the Lord's voice calling them to see Jesus as God's chosen one and to listen to his message. Jesus' death is not the end of his journey and mission, rather, it is to be understood as the means by which he makes his saving exodus to the Father.

Located on one of the great trade routes, Philippi was a city of great strategic importance in the Roman Empire. Large numbers of veteran soldiers were settled there in order to secure it for Rome. The word that Paul uses for homeland/commonwealth is precisely the word used to describe such a colony of relocated veterans. In the midst of the changes, uncertainties, and journeys of life, Paul reminds his converts of a power greater than Rome – the power of Jesus to transform us and subdue all of creation. It is in Jesus that we find our true home and goal.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Second Sunday of Lent / Year C—13 March 2022

Parish Office:


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 Website: www.stgregs.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue :Nadia Bolzonello

Friday: Bernadine De Silva

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am

**MASS OPEN TO ALL; MASKS OPTIONAL /
ENCOURAGED; MUST HAND SANITISE;
SOCIAL DISTANCING DESIRABLE**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Lk 13:1-9

RECONCILIATION: See notice in the body of this bulletin

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future 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: has restarted!!

Wednesdays at 9.45 am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: (on hold)

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

Once a month (as advertised) from 7pm—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 Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Joe Dimech, Lilia Go, Ralph Caparello, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Tony Ryan, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Antoinette Tanzimat, Iris Henson Chan, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Nieva Bothe, Bernadette Sheridan, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo, Julie Battanta. Terry Morton, Margaret Hansen.

Those who died recently; and for the repose of the souls of **Pasquale Salvatore, Francesco Salvatore, Rosa Barone, Anna Iori** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from Fr Charles:

Lenten Observances! The Lenten RULES from "The Church" these days are pretty short: Fast and abstinence on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday and practice prayer fasting and alms giving. Once upon a time there were quite a large number of very specific rules mandated from on high. Now, responsibility for how we live our lives has been left more to us to determine: the big picture is that Jesus Christ tells us to love our enemies, to love one another as he loves us.

This does not reduce the importance of Lenten observances!

One of the major outcomes of the Second Vatican Council was to say that we are responsible together for living and spreading the Good News: as individuals in community. Not "me deciding what is right"; not "the magisterium telling us what to do" but the mix of all of us living as disciples.

This means in a way that Lenten observance become more difficult because we have each of us to take responsibility for our own way within the broad rules. But it becomes more energising also because in this world of shared responsibility my way can be what God is calling ME to: an individual call within the great commission to take up my cross and follow and to go and make disciples.

On this past Friday I participated in a discussion group talking about the urgent need for us, as individuals and as a church, to take up the second half of that commission. It is essential to live good lives, to forgive our neighbour. It is equally essential that we be disciples who actively go out and make disciples: calling people to repent and believe the Good News that the Kingdom of God is near: that God's love is available to everyone.

It isn't easy to make that change in ourselves. There is so much to do in our lives just to live them as well as we can. So much needs doing within our parishes to nourish our faith. So much needs doing to provide help to the poor and marginalised. Where is the time? Yet, at the end, just before his Ascension, Jesus' command is for us to go and make disciples.

I have spoken or written of this need before. Covid-19 and lock downs and uncertainty have demanded and continue to demand care in how we interact. As we now progressively are able to come together and plan together making some change to how we live our lives as Christians will become more and more a part of what we will do as a parish. There is no recipe though there are many tools (and I have spoken about Alpha as one of those tools, inviting people to come and chat about important matters, including Jesus).

Expect to hear more, begin to explore for yourselves. Go to the Proclaim pages at MelbourneCatholic.org.au; look up Divine Renovation; have a look at Ron Huntley's pod-casts. Start to open your heart and mind to how you might respond to God's call to go and make disciples in today's world.

God bless, Father Charles

COVID MARSHALS: THANK YOU!!! Thank you for two years of wonderful service to our parish. You are invited to a celebration of thanksgiving after the 5:00 pm Mass: 3rd April. Marshals and partners are invited to a simple gathering in the Parish Hall. For catering please RSVP by 27th March. Go to your emails for the link to confirming your attendance.

Caritas Ukraine: The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. You can help the Caritas Ukraine on the ground to provide families with emergency food water shelter and hygiene support.

Donate at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

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

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
Sun 8.30am
Sun 10.30am
5.00pm

CARE OF THE CHURCH :**LECTORS**

Gerard O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell
Margaret Wallace
Jenny Tyedin, Brian Tyedin
Mary Tonti-Filippini, Margaret Wheatley
Leth Go, Mary Wilson

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Noel & Cathy McClelland
Tony Nimmo, Terry Morton
Brendan Pon, Maggie Yong
Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira
FLOWERS : (Lent—no flowers)

Jane Ma, Alfred Lee (Ctrs)

NEXT WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
Sun 8.30am
Sun 10.30am
5.00pm

Noel & Cathy McClelland
Angela Molinari, Peter Molinari
Joseph Fernandez, Paola Villaneuva
Jerard Sardana, Brenda Fearon

Lorna Philip, Margaret O'Donnell
Brian Setter, Joan Dinneen
Dai Sim, Mary Stocco
Mary Tonti-Filippini, Judy Ablaza

Sardana Family (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH Agnes Chee, Clelia Tedesco**FLOWERS :** (Lent—no flowers)**FACE MASKS:** Please adhere to the current government directives**Stations of the Cross :** Every Friday at 7pm.**Second Sunday of Lent
12/13 March**

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Confession: 1st Rite of Reconciliation: Saturdays in St Greg's Church from 9-10am. Any Mass, Fr Charles is available 30-10 mins before. If there is another celebrant, please ask for the sacrament.

Masses with congregations: QR Code check-in is no longer required. Still we must hand sanitise. Parish staff and volunteers within the Parish setting and its outreach are still required to be up to date with their vaccination.

FACE COVERINGS / DISTANCING ARE OPTIONAL BUT ... be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful.

Masses next Sunday: the normal 6pm/8:30 am/10:30 am/5pm schedule.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tuesday, Thursday: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

Facebook: Keep an eye on your Facebook site – if you have 'friended' or 'like' the St Greg's or the St Kevin's Facebook page(s) it will tell you when we are on line: Tue/Thur 9:15 from St Kevin's / Sun 10/10:30 depending on where Fr Charles is celebrating Mass and the involvement of children.

Piety Stall : Volunteers are needed to help out at the Piety Stall after Mass. If you are able to help out for about 10 minutes after Mass please contact Mary Wilson on 0433682285".

Pilgrimage Statue: We have located some names from the past of this wonderful prayer ministry. Dot or Shirley may call you to see what you would like to have happen with this pilgrimage.

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

Tue 15th Mar, Tue 29th Mar, Tue 3rd May, Tue 17th May & Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/events

Australian Catholic University and Catholic Theological College: want to learn some more about the thinking that informs and enriches our belief in Jesus Christ? Go to the ACU or CTC websites and look for a course that appeals to you.

Mission Spirituality: interested in the idea? Go to the Catholic Mission website and look for "Mission: One Heart, Many Voices" - and register.

Missionary Sisters of Peter Claver: 26th March 9 am—2 pm: 154 Cotham Road Kew: a great big sale of stuff—for charity. Call 9817 3715.

Mediation on Jesus? Interested? Sat 19th March—Boronia: Call 9762 6625

The Doncaster RSL has asked for our help to find people willing to sell badges prior to ANZAC Day. Dates: April 8 - 24. The sites are all indoors and you can be seated. One or more hours of your time would be greatly appreciated Ring 0466 026 820 or 0425 718 937 Email appealsdoncasterrsl@gmail.com

Parish Facilities: The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are becoming 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. Thinking of a gathering? Think of us (after Easter).

Parish Sacramental Program 2022 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

Thank you for everyone who participated at the information session. You may have now received all the information in relation to the Sacramental class dates and times.

Permanent Diaconate

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! Information Session: **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 - 11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

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