

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

11 SEPTEMBER 2022

PARABLES OF MERCY. The parables in today's Gospel all speak of the mercy of God. When we stray from the right path, God comes looking for us, not to condemn us but to offer us forgiveness. If we are contrite, God will lift us up and carry us back to the community, as a shepherd carries a stray sheep back to the flock. What great rejoicing there will be in our reunion with God and with the community.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born 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. Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on the people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

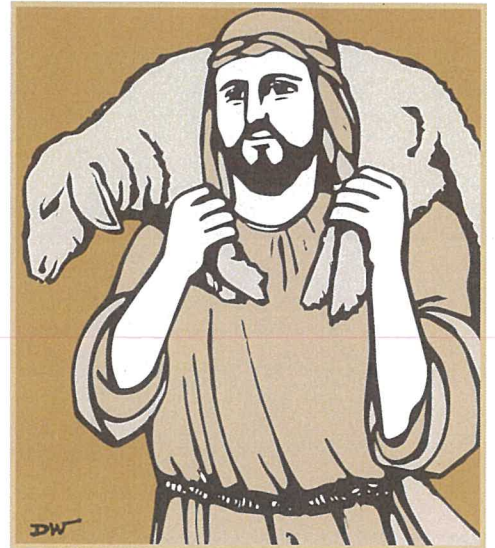
RESP PS Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk. 15:18

R. I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

3. O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. / My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; / a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Tim 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-10

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.

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends, and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Longer form Lk 15:1-32

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 with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these,

your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. 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 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

GOD'S MERCY AND FORBEARANCE

If anything could be said to lie at the heart of the Judeo-Christian tradition, it is the message of the love, mercy and forbearance of God. Many people would falsely characterise the God of the Old Testament as a God who condemns and judges. However, the incident of the golden calf is one of several occasions in the Old Testament where God's mercy is shown to be far more powerful than any desire to condemn.

The beginning of the first letter to Timothy reflects on Paul's experience of this loving-kindness of God. It was well known that he who had persecuted the Church (Galatians 1:13; Philippians 3:6) had still been called to serve the Lord as an apostle. The core of the gospel is succinctly stated in one powerful phrase: 'that Christ came into the world to save sinners'.

This is nowhere more beautifully treated in the Gospels than in Luke 15. Faced with the opposition of the scribes and Pharisees when Jesus chooses tax collectors and sinners as companions, Jesus seeks their understanding and a softening of their critical stance by using parables that speak powerfully of God's mercy. It is not simply a matter of God being merciful since it is accompanied by a call for us to share in it by rejoicing that what was lost has now been found. In the kingdom of God sinners that repent will have a special place at the banquet table. The question remains as to whether our hearts are big enough to accept it.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Parish Office:

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 Website: www.stgregs.org.au

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: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4–7, Tim 2:1–8, Lk 16:1–13

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

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: First Friday of the

month from 6pm-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 Pat McLeod, 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 Aloj, 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

And Those who died recently Francis Thinh Thomas Cilmi, Father Michael Bogusz PE, Father Dominik Jalocho op for the repose of the souls of Leonard Barlow, Srma Perera, Thomas McManus, Mavis McManus and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from the PP's Desk:

We welcome Archbishop Emertius John Ha of Kuching Malaysia. The Archbishop will be celebrating Mass with us at the 5 pm Mass this weekend.

Anniversaries! 1 year. Thank you thank you for your welcome and love.

Anniversaries creep up on you don't they. The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary this past Thursday marked a year since I arrived in Doncaster and Templestowe Parishes (yes, I did visit both that day). I arrived a little earlier than I had expected—about 2 pm. I had that morning anointed a lady near death, and celebrated a final Mass at 11 am in Meredith—the drive—a major move with no record it in my diary. How odd... I arrived to find my boxes distributed through the house not stacked in the garage. What a gift. And being gifted at St Greg's School with such a smile and welcome from Michelle, the school principal, along with the keys to the house and the church. Grace indeed! Smiles! Welcomes! From everyone as the days progressed and then the weeks and the months.

So much has changed in this past year. It started in a strong lockdown—for nearly two months—live-streamed Mass with four people in person and forty on Zoom and hundreds via Facebook—meeting just a very few people. I had time to sort my books. Then slowly slowly opening up, people coming into or back into my life in person, people getting to know each other again in person. Mass attendances growing. The beginning of meetings in person. A parish gathering in the hall. The beginnings of finding out about both parishes. Yes, I knew St Kevin's from 8 years before but not as Parish Priest. Learning then and still learning. Knitting Group. Meditation. Youth and Young Adults. Vinnies and Social Committee. Liturgy planning. Masses in Aged Care

As the months have gone on new activities have been added: a Mens-group; Adoration/Healing/Charismatic Mass; the beginnings of seeking to find how all our ministries can thrive and become more missionary. Along the way I celebrated 7 years ordained and 70 years of life.

I arrived with two things burning in my heart: I want to share the joy of the Gospel with you—to draw you further and further into the love that I know we share for Jesus Christ and I want our communities to be vibrant in faith and to that know the joy of reaching out, inviting others to come to meet Jesus.

There are lots of things I see the need for people to help with. More lectors (readers) and ministers of Holy Communion and members of liturgy groups and pastoral and finance groups; and people willing to assist with music ministry and to join Vinnies, and help interface with the schools, to join RCIA, the group helping others join our faith I could go on.

But a new area I see as urgent is to find some people who will help an evangelization effort get started: the effort our vibrant community will support: the effort that reached out and invites others to come and see. Yes, like Mary in Bethany, we are called to sit at Jesus' feet and listen. But also, our baptismal call is "To Go and Make disciples". Please, will you help? Come forwards and let me know you would like to find out more and maybe be part of this missionary effort.

None of us is worthy—but the Spirit calls us in our weakness and frailty.

Answer! Yes! Please!

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

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: Yvonne Tan & Andy Ng

FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan

NEXT WEEK 17/18 Sep

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

LECTORS

Ashley Ng & Ashwin Ng
 Amanda Chong, Philip Dunlop
 Aditya Hendarto, Erin Djukiadmodjo
 Enza Scaffidi, Mary Tonti-Filippini

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Tony Nimmo, Katica Puhaj
 Mary Stocco, Pierre Tanzimat
 Judy Ablaza, Matthew Collins
 Stephanie & Michael Ong (Cltrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Joseph Wu, Boris Klaric

MORNING TEA: Don & Lina Pavone

FLOWERS: Mary Piccoli

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.

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.

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: 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

Help Needed!! If you have a decent Computing Skills and Patience we have parishioners that need help with basic computing skills. Please email the office doncaster@cam.org.au



URGENT!!! ALL volunteers must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) and sign an 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.

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. The order need to be placed by **19th Sep 2022**.

Heart of Life
 Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

Your Personality: Gifts Differing', Saturday 1 October 2022, 10am-3.30pm. Our popular Myers Briggs reflection day, led by Peter Malone msc (BA(Hons), STL, DTheol (Honoris Causa)). Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Held at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne,

Fr. Vito Pegolo together with his Scalabrini confreres warmly invite you to his 50th anniversary Priesthood celebrations on Sat, 24th September 22 at St Brigid's Church, 378 Nicholson St, North Fitzroy. A concelebrated thanksgiving mass will commence at 10.30am followed by lunch in the parish hall. For catering purpose it would be appreciated to contact Parish Office on 9489 6777 or Giovanni 0412939030 by 16/09/2022.

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

Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at 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 and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.

Choir at 10.30am Mass: is recruiting and welcoming new members! The choir can enhance the Sunday liturgy and enable all of us to pray in song. Practice after 10.30am Mass every fortnight. All is welcome!

**Multicultural Community BBQ,****Sunday 16 October 2022 after 10.30am Mass –**

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to this social gathering. The parish will provide multicultural food and drinks and there will be a silent auction to raise funds for social activities in the parish. We ask that you please do not bring any food to share, all food will be provided. However, if you would like to contribute to this event, we welcome donations of items for the auction and please bid on the day for items in the auction. So save the date and watch this space! for more details!

**Vinnies Festival Mass**

The St Vincent de Paul, Box Hill Region's annual Festival Mass will be celebrated as part of the St Gregory's Parish Mass, on Sunday 25th September at 5pm in our Parish Church.

This Mass will include a short ceremony, where new Conference presidents and other members of the Region are commissioned.

Following Mass there will be a presentation of long service badges to Conference members followed by refreshments, in the Hall. Parishioners are warmly invited to share in this celebration.

*Embrace the Call to Global Mission*

Palms Australia

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday September 24th at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th