

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

14 AUGUST 2022

THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN. Some of the first converts to Christianity were shocked to find that their lives as Christians still contained many difficulties. In some cases, becoming a Christian added to their troubles as they met opposition from non-Christian family members. We too face difficulties of one kind or another. Participating in the Eucharist does not eliminate our problems, but gives us the strength and courage we need not to give up in the face of them.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 83:10-11
**Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have
mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. / We
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks
for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /
you take away the sins of the world, /
have mercy on us; / you take away the sins
of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are
seated at the right hand of the Father, /
have mercy on us. / For you alone are the
Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you
alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, /
with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God
the Father. / Amen.**

COLLECT

P. O God, who have prepared for those who
love you good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of
your love, so that, loving you in all things and
above all things, we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire. 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 Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole
world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let
Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably
disheartening the remaining soldiers in the
city, and all the people too, by talking like
this. The fellow does not have the welfare of
this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He
is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah
answered 'for the king is powerless against
you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him
into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court
of the Guard, letting him down with ropes.
There was no water in the well, only mud, and
into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace
and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he
said 'these men have done a wicked thing by
treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they
have thrown him into the well where he will
die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the
Cushite the following order: 'Take three men
with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of
the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

R. Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he
stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. **R.**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from
the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock /
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, /
praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear /
and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**



4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the Lord
thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my help, /
O God, do not delay. **R.**

SECOND READING Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.
With so many witnesses in a great cloud on
every side of us, we too, then, should throw
off everything that hinders us, especially the
sin that clings so easily, and keep running
steadily in the race we have started. Let us not
lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith
and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the
joy which was still in the future, he endured
the cross, disregarding the shameful of it,
and from now on has taken his place at the
right of God's throne. Think of the way he
stood such opposition from sinners and then
you will not give up for want of courage. In
the fight against sin, you have not yet had to
keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

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.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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. Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. 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

Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,

we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WE ARE NOT ALONE

Jeremiah could have been excused for thinking that he had been taken out of the frying pan and cast into the fire! No sooner had he been released from prison and placed under the watchful eyes of the royal guard, than he found himself up to his neck in mud in a water cistern! Little wonder he poured out his heart to God 'the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision' (Jeremiah 20:8). The lot of those who speak the word of God is often one which meets with misunderstanding, rejection and isolation. Speaking the truth is no guarantee of being accepted. Jesus was aware that his mission of preaching the good news to the poor, bringing freedom to captives, and proclaiming the Lord's year of favour (Luke 4:18-19) would bring about division and rejection. As the early Church knew all too well, even family members could be divided based on their response to Jesus' message.

The letter to the Hebrews continues its reflection on the life of faith by noting that despite opposition and difficulties we are not alone. Just as the people of Israel in the desert were accompanied by a cloud that guided them, we are now surrounded by a cloud of witnesses – people of faith that stretch back through the ages to Abraham and Sarah. Above all, Jesus' presence, his example of endurance and his courage in facing the cross, can help us to keep running steadily in the life of faith.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Parish Office:


Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

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

Wed-Fri: Vera Arief

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

MASKS, BE CAUTIOUS & CARING, ALWAYS SANITISE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa 66:18–21, Heb 12:5–7, 11–13, Lk 13:22–30

RECONCILIATION: **Saturday 9.30-11am**

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 7pm-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: (has restarted)

Monthly 4th Fridays from 7:15pm—9.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: Third Monday of

the month at 7.30pm in Church meeting room

ST GREGORY'S TENNIS CLUB: Membership enquiries:

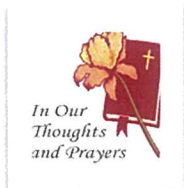
Gianna Alessio (President) 0438 410 506

Please pray for:

Those who are **sick** at this time including Slavko Brekalo, Gilbert De Claro, David Perrin, Gabrielle Byrne, Brian Croft, Chee Choong Seng, Chee Mee Lian, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Marisa Rodolfo, Angel Gustavo, Margaret Hansen, Patricia McLeod, Angeliqne Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently

Hendra Sungkono, for the repose of the souls of Maria Zandegu, and Rina Franceshini all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.



Words from the PP

Once in a while I sit down to plan my life and before I can blink life changes. Or so it seems.

There is an element of truth to this: At the beginning of last week, I looked and saw that I had Wednesday and Thursday free this week: and before the thought had even gelled into being an opportunity: calls came for me to celebrate two funerals. Any thought I might end up having time to reflect deeply on what I thought of the forum held at St Greg's on August 2nd or to seriously review the new website at St Kevin's and suggest new things to add to the page, was gone.

Yet ... the perspective is wrong: my perspective was wrong.

Life hasn't changed: life continues and I have fallen into the trap of wanting life to stop for me! And that is impossible: life is change: without change there is no life for us in this space-time world.

Life continues: and it was like that for Jesus. Remember that after John the Baptist's beheading Jesus just wanted to get away and go and grieve and pray alone: but the people found him so he ministered to them.

This insight is important for us!

As we seek to grow in being missionary disciples, we must do so while engaging with the life that is happening around us and to us.

If we don't engage with the here and now we will find ourselves like the priest or the Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Yes there is a place and time for prayer and worship and for planning and strategizing: but those things must happen within the context of life: not separate from life and from within the context of life will arise threads we can follow which will enrich our thinking and planning.

I was contacted by a parishioner: would I be willing to have a retired archbishop celebrate Mass with us one weekend soon! Oh! Another thing to plan! ... No! No! an opportunity to hear a voice from elsewhere, helping inform us of Jesus Christ's message from the perspective of a different culture.

Now that could be useful for us.

I spent, as you know, thirty years in mathematics / engineering with fixed deadlines and largely well constrained problems to solve. So that mindset tends to be uppermost in my mind sometimes, even today twenty years later.

The love Jesus brings is not a well constrained problem: it is a boundless opportunity to love and each interaction is unique.

I and a total for fifteen others from across St Kevin's and St Greg's will attend a workshop this weekend entitled "Leading Parish Renewal." I am hoping that the workshop will help us be open to the call of the Holy Spirit for our parishes. Keep us in your prayers please.

God bless, Fr Charles.

On Monday, 15th August, we are celebrating the Feast of the Assumption.

Mass will be celebrated at St Kevin's Templestowe on Monday @ 9.15am and at St Gregory the Great Church @ 6.30pm



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

THIS WEEK Sat 6.00pm Sun 8.30am Sun 10.30am Sun 5.00pm	LECTORS Anne Davine, Patrick Soosay Rachel Kay, Tony Nimmo Amanda Stefanovski, Mary Stocco Enza Scaffidi, Mary Tonti-Filippini	MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST Robert & Dianne McHugh Rachel Kay, Tony Nimmo Maggie Yong, Sauro Antonelli Mary Tonti-Filippini, Judy Ablaza Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell (Cltrs)
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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 Gregory's Doncaster.

Masses with congregations: No check-in, no vaccination checks. Let's be good examples and be extra careful of each other amidst all the Covid/Flu that surrounds us: please join me and others in erring on the side of masks.

Facebook: Live-streaming: Normally 9:15 am from St Kevin's Tu/Th; Sunday morning 10:00 St Kevin's or 10:30 St Gregory's (alternating). Mass with children participating will generally not be live streamed.

Reaching Out: Know people you haven't seen / spoken to for a long time? Perhaps visit or make a little time this week to call, say hello, invite them to come to Mass with you. Maybe they need other help

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

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.



Bishop Les is Celebrating Golden Jubilee.

Please join us in Mass and Celebrations at St Gregory's Church Doncaster and followed by Afternoon Tea celebrations at the Hall. Sunday 21st August at 2.30pm

Mass Time Change

From **Sunday, 4th September, 2022**
Sunday morning Mass Time will change from 8.30am to **9.00am**.

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 would be after 10.30am Mass every fortnight. All is welcome!



Please pray for St Gregory The Great Children that are receiving their First Holy Communion next **Sunday, 21st August** at the **10.30am** and **5pm Mass**.



PIETY STALL

Our little stall sells a wide selection of suitable Christian gifts and cards for the significant sacraments and liturgical times of year. The stall carries a range of Christian items such as gifts for Baptisms, Confirmations and First Holy Eucharist; devotional items; greeting cards and prayer cards.

The 2022 Knights of the Southern Cross, Priests Support and Education Fund, **Archbishop's Dinner** will be held:
Date: Friday, 19 August 2022
Venue: Moonee valley Racecourse
Time: 7.00 for 7.30 P.M. start
Cost: \$150 per person

Come and meet the Fund's Patron, the Most Reverend Peter Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne and be entertained by our Guest Speaker, Emeritus Professor Greg Craven and our compere Bryan Martin, OAM. Parishioners of St Gregory the Great can contact **David Perrin on 9842 4951** to arrange for prospective attendees to be given more information and "sort out" payment and tickets.



This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable & marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Serra, named after Saint Junipero Serra, is a worldwide movement within the Catholic Church whose objective is to encourage and support vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. The Serra Australia Foundation Inc provides funds to cover the cost of activities which directly promote vocations. The Foundation **next weekend** is conducting an appeal for funds to enable it to continue its work. On the table in the narthex are brochures which outline the work of Serra and include a form to make a donation. There are also Vacations prayers available on the table on the narthex.

The Serra Australia Foundation



The Young Adults Group

extends a warm invitation to all between 18 and 30 to join our gathering in person in the school hall on **Friday 26th August 7:15pm** to 9pm. Dinner will be provided and we will be watching "The Chosen". Looking forward to seeing you there!

