

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 OCTOBER 2022

PRAY CONTINUALLY. The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

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

Ex 17:8-13

*A reading from the book of Exodus
As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

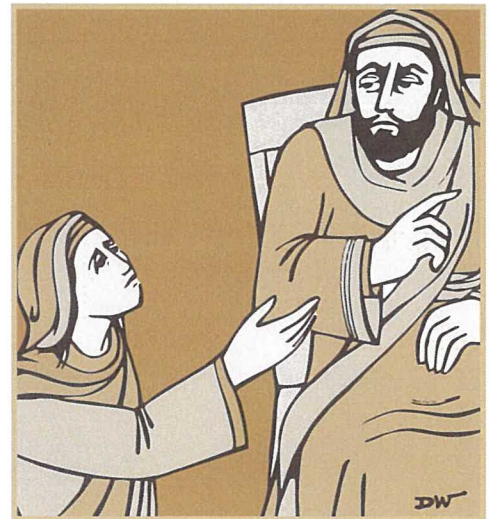
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

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.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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 us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

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 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. 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

PRAYER AND THE SCRIPTURES

Many people find the scriptures both fascinating and confusing. Written for different times and cultures between 2000-3000 years ago, it should come as no surprise that there are occasions when their meaning is not immediately clear, and their application to our lives uncertain. Today's readings from the second letter to Timothy reveal that it was not all that different for Christians late in the first century. Paul's letters were just beginning to be gathered and the gospels were just beginning to be preserved in written form. How should a community of faith make use of the Old Testament and these new Christian writings?

Timothy is challenged on a number of levels to use the scriptures as a resource for his ministry, providing sound teaching and guidance. One of the deepest challenges in the reading is that of proclaiming the message whether it is welcomed or not. It is a call to have the courage of one's convictions and persistent and enduring faith.

Jesus' parable about the widow and the unjust judge, as well as Moses' victory over the Amalekites, focus on how persistent and hope-filled prayer is essential for the life of faith. In an age when communication is almost instantaneous, it can come as a shock to learn that it is by patiently waiting and listening that we will best hear God's voice. While it may seem that God is slow to answer, sometimes it's our hearts that are slow to grow, change, and be attuned to God's plans!

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Parish Office:


Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

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Follow us on: [@StGregsDonny](https://www.facebook.com/StGregsDonny)

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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)

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)

**SANITISING / MASKS / ISOLATING
ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS & CARING**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 35:12–14, 16–19, 2 Tim 4:6–8, 16–18, Lk 18:9–14

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:

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

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, 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, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently Peter Rice, Anna Van, Sugeng Santoso, John Bumford **for the repose of the souls of** Cecilia See Kim Hua, Br Gunn, Anthony Shew, Mr & Mrs Paul Shew, Mr & Mrs Paul Yong all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

... from the PP's keyboard ...

Listening to the news on Friday morning, after the rains of Thursday evening, there was mention of flooding and SES call out in Doncaster! Jude and I had sat at dinner on Thursday evening watching the rain, commenting on it—wondering HOW heavy it was. It didn't seem heavy enough that it would cause much damage. Perhaps just enough to overflow my gutters at a low point—but damage needing an emergency call out: no!

As I write this, I have just checked my 'other' email inbox and found notice of the death of John Bumford (a retired Uniting Church coordinator in Winchelsea). John had an amazing gift for music and for three of my five years in Meredith Parish he would come on Saturday evening to play the organ for us at our (Catholic) Mass. During Advent and Lent he would organize a concert in the Catholic Church.

Neither of those events, or indeed the death of Bishop Hilton Deakin whose funeral I attended on Thursday, is of great moment in the world. Our lives will just keep going. But ...

For me though, they highlight two things we need to be aware of as we seek to flourish in faith and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The first is that there are people in need in our community—perhaps some of them right nearby: are we awake to the possibility that our neighbor is in need? Perhaps the need is not just because of rain or wind—perhaps it is loneliness or mobility challenge.

The second is to be aware of the presence of Jesus Christ through, or in, those around us. Without Bishop Hilton's insight and advice with my vocational call it is likely that my journey into ordained life would not have led to priesthood. Yet I only met him and spoke with him maybe twenty times. Without John Bumford's presence enlivening us with his music and advising me on local Winchelsea matters, I would have been unable to understand the richness and complexity of that wonderful local community.

Keeping alert to the needs of others around us. Offering our help, and our prayers, whenever possible. Remaining aware of the ways in which the Holy Spirit is calling. Seeking always to bring the touch of Jesus Christ into everything we do as Bishop Hilton and as John Bumford have for me: these are at the core of taking the nourishment we receive through Word and Eucharist into our daily lives.

Parish Consultation Forum- "Reach out- Bring People to Jesus" - 2nd November 7pm

In August, some leaders of our Parish ministries came together to begin to discern how best we might develop or expand parish ministries so that we become more intentionally a people who seeks to go and make disciples.

We are now seeking feedback from any interested parishioners who will join us on this journey. How can we as a parish improve so that we are a more vibrant parish, one which is welcoming, enriches us all, has Jesus at the Centre and is active in reaching out to bring others to know and experience the love of God.

Please come and join other parishioners in the Parish Hall at 7pm on **Wednesday November 2nd**. The evening will commence with prayer and a shared pizza meal. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will then bring us all up to date with the journey so far and we will hear brief reports from some members of parish ministries. There will be an opportunity to discuss what we need to do next and how we will become a vibrant parish that reaches out to bring people to Jesus.

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

LECTORS

Margaret O'Donnell
Tony Nimmo, Jerard Sardana
Tony Ting, Paola Villanueva
Enza Scaffidi, Viviana Pereira
Mary Wilson, Leth Go

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Sharon Wilkinson, Margaret Kenshole
Rachel Kay, Tony Nimmo
Lucy Giardino, Nuccia La Rocca
Viviana Pereira

MORNING TEA: Multicultural Community BBQ

Stephanie Ong, Michael Ong (Cltrs)
FLOWERS: Tessa Leung

NEXT WEEK 22 Oct/23 Oct

LECTORS

Sat 6.00pm Cathy & Noel McClelland
Sun 9.00am Michael See, Margaret Wallace
Sun 10.30am Karen Chay, Aiden Leung
Sun 5.00pm St Gregory's School Children
CARE OF THE CHURCH Joseph Wu, Boris Klaric

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Noel & Cathy McClelland
Katica Puhaj
Edith Ma, Brendan Pon
Caterina Gioffre
MORNING TEA: Seleana Ng & Chin Teong Ong

Viviana Pereira (Cltrs)
FLOWERS Geraldina Donato

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

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 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: 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

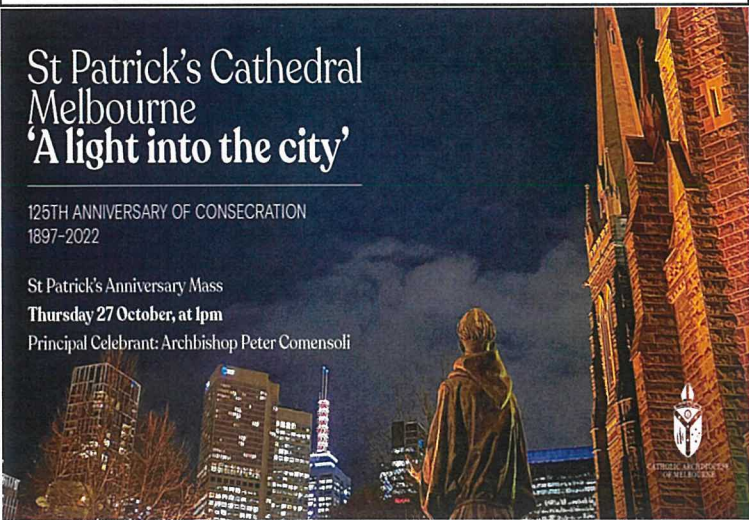
PRAYER GROUP THURSDAY EVERY FORTNIGHT

Please join us in Reflections and Prayers on Thursday, 20th October in the Church Meeting Room. For further information please contact the Parish Office at doncaster@cam.org.au

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne 'A light into the city'

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSECRATION 1897-2022

St Patrick's Anniversary Mass
Thursday 27 October, at 1pm
Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Peter Comensoli



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

-Matthew 11:28-

CHARISMATIC MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Gregory the Great Church
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

Friday, 21 October 2022
7.00 - 8.15PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

FOR INFO:
Vera: Doncaster@cam.org.au



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.

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

St Vincent de Paul Society Inner City Soup Van Hub is looking for new volunteers to pack and/or distribute food hampers to those experiencing disadvantage.

If you are interested, please access the following link for further information: <https://svdpvolunteers.applynow.net.au/jobs/SVDP1323-soup-van-volunteers>

BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR FAMILIES IN EMDIBIR

Next week, as we celebrate World Mission Month, Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Fr Habte and the Church in Ethiopia as they provide the community with the opportunity to build brighter futures.

Fr Habte has seen firsthand the benefits the current farm provided for his community in accessing nutritious milk and its by-products. Now, he believes that together, the Church and community can make a real difference for people seeking agricultural training and employment.

We hope you will join us in partnering with this life-changing program.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/families



YOUTH NIGHT

JOIN US from 6 to 9 PM

@ The Parish room at St Gregory the Great

Welcome Year 6 - 9



Every 1st Friday of each month

Inviting Youths in grade 6 to year 9 to join us for our Cornerstone Youth group meeting on the first Friday of November (4th Nov) from 6pm to 9pm.

Cornerstone group will meet on the first Friday of each month. Our youth group is not only a good place to stay connected with friends, but to grow your faith towards God. Come journey with us!!