

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

18 SEPTEMBER 2022

SLAVES OF GOD OR MONEY? The Christian community must contribute to the welfare of the broader human society. We have a duty to pray for civil leaders and to act justly in our places of work. We must do what we can to ensure that the institutions of our society are devoted to the well-being of all citizens. If we ourselves are devoted to God and not to money, we will bring great riches to our society.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal 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

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos
The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,

you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

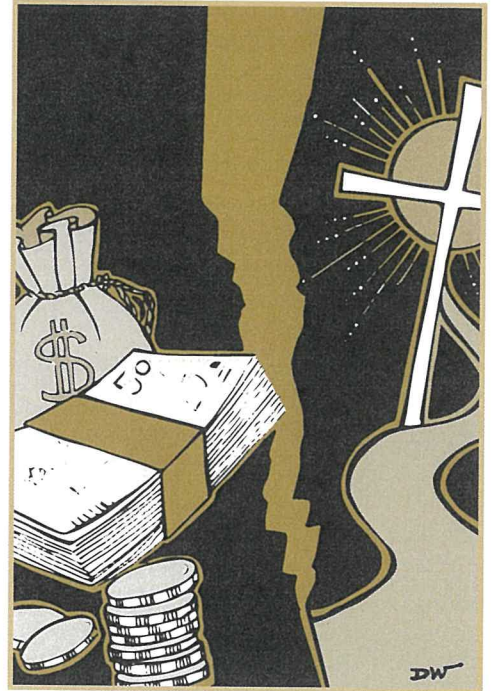
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7

R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor. (or Alleluia!)

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, / praise the name of the Lord! / May the name of the Lord be blessed / both now and for evermore! **R.**
2. High above all nations is the Lord, / above the heavens his glory. / Who is like the Lord, our God, / who has risen on high to his throne / yet stoops from the heights to look down, / to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, / from the dunghheap he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:10-13

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.

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Longer form Lk 16:1-13

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 with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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: 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 Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;

may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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

NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS

How are we to live in the world and yet remain faithful to the living God? What attitudes to wealth and material goods are appropriate for the person of faith? How are we Christians to balance the demands of the world and those of our faith? Each of us has to address these complex questions and today's readings provide us with some useful orientations.

Amos had the courage to call some of his contemporaries to account because they had come to see their poor brothers and sisters as an opportunity for personal gain. They are reminded that while they have forgotten their responsibilities, God has not. Jesus' statement that none of us can be the servant of two masters goes straight to the heart of the matter. We are called to use material goods astutely but to always remember that these have been entrusted to us.

A regular part of civic life in the ancient world was the worship of the gods of the city and empire. But how were Christians to resolve this dilemma? Timothy's community members are encouraged to live their Christian lives in peace by making it known that they prayed to their own God for their rulers and authorities. It is made clear to them that this is not a case of having divided loyalties. God is the ultimate authority and God's plan is that all be saved through Jesus. By means of this creative response, these Christians were able to remain faithful to the demands of faith and their rulers.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Twenty Fifth 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)

Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

MASKS, BE CAUTIOUS & CARING, ALWAYS SANITISE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1, 4–7, 1 Tim 6:11–16, Lk 16:19–31

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30-11am

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

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL: Principal: Michelle Verna

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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

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, 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 Elizabeth Setter for the repose of the souls of Silippo Scrofani, Wah Sing Wong, Gino De Melis, Giovanni Bucciaccio, Vincenzo Sammarsino and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from the PP's Desk:

I spent Wednesday with the Archbishop and about 150 priests of the Archdiocese. We discussed Taking the Way of the Gospel at some length. One priest commented that to him it feels as though the Archbishop is saying that we haven't been following Jesus Christ and the Good news in the past, that we haven't been seeking to be missionary. As he spoke, with some grief in his voice, it struck me that perhaps that sense is felt by others: you maybe.

Please, please know that this is not what is meant. We only exist as parishes today because of all the wonderful work you have done as disciples over the decades since the sixties when our parishes were established. But ... it is painfully obvious that times have changed. That new ways of evangelising are needed to speak the Good News into today's world around us, a world where people want to be shown the path and choose it consciously for themselves rather than immediately trusting the person who points out the path.

Taking the way of the Gospel is about finding those new ways of speaking the Good News, of inviting others to come and meet Jesus Christ, of learning about him and of becoming a disciple who follows intentionally.

Within each of St Greg's and St Kevin's there is much going on to seek to refresh, reenergise, renew, our ministries and to grow new ministries: all with the overarching view of seeking to open our hearts to learn where the Holy Spirit is leading us so that we can speak into the lives of those thirsting for faith and hope and love in their lives.

In addition, the Archbishop spoke of a few things that are coming up:

- Childsafe Audit: the Commission for Children and Young People has advised the Archdiocese that there will be an audit of the Archdiocese at some stage this year. This audit will include some parishes. We don't know which parishes but when that is known each parish that is audited will get two weeks notice and then there will be an assessment of records, observation of practice, conversation with young people, clergy, staff and volunteers and a survey of standards, culture and practice. These audits are intended to help us grow into a culture that effectively and proactively provides a safe environment for all people, and particularly children, who participate in our community. Please act to get your Working with Children Check / Code of Conduct in place as soon as possible (we are at about 60% coverage at present).
- 27th October for four days: there will be celebrations for the 150th anniversary of St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne – have a look around on line to find out what is happening
- 19th-25th February will be the 50th Anniversary of the International Eucharistic Congress that was held in Melbourne – a congress which was a turning point for Melbourne in its richness of liturgical life. There will be celebrations / thinking
- World Youth Day 2023 will be held in Lisbon. Do you know anyone who would like to go? Encourage them, help them raise funds, let us know. The Archbishop Peter would like to have 500 young teachers go – two from each Catholic School in the Archdiocese. Not sure what we can do directly but perhaps encourage the young people you know.

God bless, Fr Charles

PS: A New Prayer Group: Would you like to join a group fortnightly for an hour to read the readings for Sunday and reflect on them (a bit like Lenten Groups)? If so, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. First gathering October 6th 7 pm in the parish room.

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

Noel & Cathy McClelland
Amanda Chong, Philip Dunlop
Aditya Hendarto, Erin Djukiadmodjo
Enza Scaffidi, Mary Tonti-Filippini

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Noel & Cathy McClelland
Tony Nimmo, Katica Puhali
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**NEXT WEEK 24/25 Sep**

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

LECTORS

Rebecca Law, Ian Barnes
Greg James, Rachael Kay
Karen Chay, Aidan Leung
Margaret Wheatley, Benedicta Wong

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Robert & Dianne McHugh
Brian Setter, Margaret Wallace
Tony Ting, Maggie Yong
Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng

Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira (Cltrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Andrew Khalil, Yvonne Tan

MORNING TEA: Caroline Tang & Mary Liew**FLOWERS:** Geraldina Donato

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 WWCC and Sign the Code of Conduct available in the church foyer or our website. If you like them emailed please email the office.

**The Young Adults Group**

extends a warm invitation to all between 18 and 30 to join our gathering in person in the Parish Meeting room next to the school hall on **Friday**

30th September 7:15pm to 9pm. Dinner will be provided and we will be watching "The Chosen". Looking forward to seeing you there!

**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.



Are you interested in BECOMING A CATHOLIC and learning about Jesus? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will soon begin its next series of meetings at St.Gregory's.

For more information, phone Cathy & Noel on 9848 5447 or leave your details with the Parish Office or speak with Fr.Charles. Please give this notice to anyone who might be interested.

**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.

ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

We warmly invite parishioners and friends to join us for fellowship, food and fun at our



on Sun 16 Oct 2022 after the 10.30am Mass

Multicultural food and drinks provided (please do not bring any food to share). Outdoor sports and games available.*

SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE

* Parents and carers are requested to please supervise their children at all times. Please be mindful of food intolerances or allergies, as food and drinks may contain allergens.

We will be holding a silent auction and a raffle during our event, to raise funds for social activities in our parish. Please come along, to bid for items at the auction and buy tickets for the raffle.

You can also contribute by donating items for the auction and the raffle. Please hand them to Fr Charles, or leave them in the church foyer (on the table marked "Donations for Silent Auction & Raffle") by Mon 3 Oct 2022.

Need more details? Please call Pia (0409 582 029) or Yvonne (0421 788 413).

Thank you for your support and see you there!

Online Parish Presentation 29 September evening: Asylum Seekers and a newly elected Australian Government

Social Justice Sunday was observed recently across Catholic Parishes, but of course The issues extend far beyond one weekend and national boundaries. **St Kevin's Parish Templestowe** has arranged a presentation on the above topic by someone who has passionately devoted much of her life to this cause, **Brigidine Asylum Seeker's Project (BASP) Co-Founder, Sr Brigid Arthur AO, csb**. It will provide a timely update on the growing reality of issues faced by Asylum Seekers reaching Australia. John Costa, Convenor of St Kevin's recently re-established Social Justice Action group warmly invites our sisters and brothers at St Gregory's Parish to join us and register for this free online event on:

Thursday 29th September from 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

It will be in the context of Catholic Social Justice thinking and the recent election of a new Government, and Q&A session.

Further details are available [HERE](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=956800), and early online registration is recommended via TRY Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=956800> For those concerned about Social Justice issues this is an opportunity to further consider the dire situation for Asylum Seekers.