

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

23 OCTOBER 2022

THE PRAYER OF THE SINNER. Last Sunday's Gospel told of the determined struggle of a good person, a widow, for justice. Through this story Jesus teaches that God hears the persistent cries of the just. In today's Gospel it is a sinner who prays to God for mercy and, wonderfully, God hears the sinner's humble prayer also. The only prayer to which God cannot respond is that of the self-righteous who effectively says to God: 'I do not need you.'

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

## 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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to  
you, my brothers and sisters, that I have  
greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in  
my words, in what I have done and in  
what I have failed to do, *(striking the breast)*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault; therefore  
I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the  
Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers  
and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord  
our God.

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

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

## 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, increase our  
faith, hope and charity, and make us love  
what you command, so that we may merit  
what you promise. 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 Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Sirach

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the  
heavens.*

The Lord is a judge  
who is no respecter of personages.  
He shows no respect of personages to the  
detriment of a poor man,  
he listens to the plea of the injured party.  
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,  
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.  
The man who with his whole heart serves  
God will be accepted,  
his petitions will carry to the clouds.  
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,  
until it arrives he is inconsolable,  
nor will he desist until the Most High takes  
notice of him,  
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.  
And the Lord will not be slow,  
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

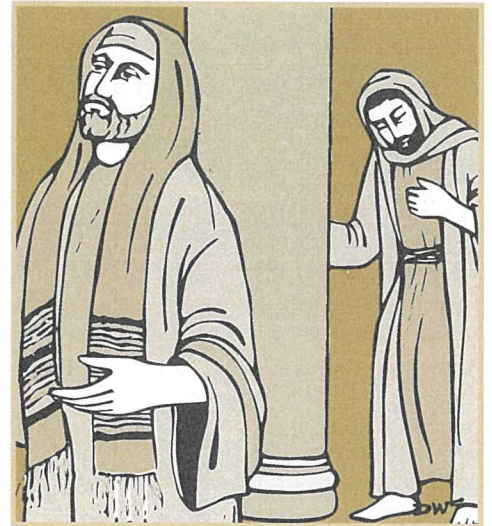
**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESP PSALM Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his  
praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my  
soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall  
hear and be glad. **R.**

2. The Lord turns his face against the  
wicked / to destroy their remembrance from  
the earth. / The just call and the Lord hears /  
and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**



3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; /  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. /  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. /  
Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul  
to Timothy  
*All that remains is the crown of righteousness  
reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a  
libation, and the time has come for me to be  
gone. I have fought the good fight to the end;  
I have run the race to the finish; I have kept  
the faith; all there is to come now is the crown  
of righteousness reserved for me, which the  
Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on  
that Day; and not only to me but to all those  
who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,  
there was not a single witness to support  
me. Every one of them deserted me – may  
they not be held accountable for it. But the  
Lord stood by me and gave me power, so  
that through me the whole message might be  
proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I  
was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord  
will rescue me from all evil attempts on me,  
and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be 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 18:9-14

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.**

*The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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. Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service

may be directed above all to your glory. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

## 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 19:6

**We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth.

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

### PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND HUMBLE

An ever-present danger for the sincerely devoted and religious person is that of falling into the trap of self-righteousness. The danger that lurks is that of seeing others as less committed and worthwhile in God's eyes than oneself. Both the first reading from Ecclesiasticus and Jesus' parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector provide us with timely and penetrating reminders that it is the prayer of the person who knows their need of the Lord that pierces the clouds of heaven. Humble and grateful acceptance of the Lord's mercy and love is our most appropriate response.

As the second letter to Timothy concludes, Paul's ministry is evaluated. Rather than think that Paul is blowing his own trumpet, it is worth remembering that this letter was probably written by one of Paul's disciples. In their judgement, Paul had indeed run the best of all races, and he was more than worthy to receive the crown of righteousness after his ministry as a fearless and tireless proclaimer of the Good News. In that ministry, he had often met with opposition, misunderstanding and sometimes even betrayal (2 Corinthians 11:21-30). Through all this, he was supported by the knowledge that the Lord was standing by his side as the source of his power. He had no illusions that he was anything but an earthen vessel that carried a priceless treasure, and that the power belonged to the Lord (2 Corinthians 4:7).

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

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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: (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:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22–12:2, 2 Thes 1:11–2:2 Luke 19:1–10

**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](mailto:principal@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au)

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at [DoncasterRE@cam.org.au](mailto: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, Angeliqúe Giacomín, Maureen Tresise

**And Those who died recently** Robert Andrews for the repose of the souls of Anna Chit, Fancis Man, Giovanni Natarelli, William Maher (JNR) and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

From the keyboard of the PP:

Congratulations and a great big thank you to the Social Committee who organised so amazingly and also to the over two hundred of you who came along to the Multicultural Festival last Sunday. Even the weather favoured us and great fun was had outside as well as all the eating and talking and bidding on silent auctions. I am told that we ran out of food! Wow!! What a measure of success! I know it is a caterers nightmare but Wow!!! What a testament to all who prepared the food and to the amazing numbers of you who tuned up. Bigger and even better next time.

You can see the invitation below to the Parish Consultation Forum: please come along. This forum is about helping us to come alive again. Helping us to discern how to grow in faith as a parish, as individuals. How to open up after Covid-19 restrictions and fears. How to open up to being disciples who go and make disciples in today's world., The multicultural festival and various other events over past months are part of beginning this journey. Starting a new prayer group and an RCIA group are marvelous and welcome signs of renewal. But ...

We are called to grow in faith and grow the faith. This forum is about helping us as a community of faith to grow in how we can allow the Holy Spirit to nourish our own faith and learn how better to share that faith, inviting others to come to know Jesus Christ.

Please consider coming along—if you can't do that—then pray for us as we continue this journey into greater life in Christ and commitment to spreading the Good News.

God bless, Fr Charles

PS: I love you! Thank you for caring for me and especially for being disciples of the one true all powerful loving God who sent his Son to life and die and rise to save us so we can praise him and love one another.

### Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group extend a warm invitation to **all** between 18 and 30 to join our gathering in the school hall on Friday 28th October 7:15pm to 9pm. Dinner will be provided and we will be watching "The Chosen". Looking forward to seeing you there!

### 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**

Cathy & Noel McClelland  
Michael See, Margaret Wallace  
Karen Chay, Aiden Leung  
St Gregory's School Children  
Joseph Wu, Boris Klaric

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

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

Viviana Pereira (Cltrs)  
**FLOWERS** Geraldina Donato

**NEXT WEEK 29 Oct/30 Oct LECTORS**

Sat 6.00pm Ashton Ng & Ashley Ng  
Sun 9.00am Queenie Wood, Amanda Chong  
Sun 10.30am Karen Chay, Chris Anggoro  
Sun 5.00pm Mary Tonti-Filipini, Benedicta Wong  
**CARE OF THE CHURCH** Andrew Khalil, Yvonne Tan

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Robert & Dianne McHugh  
Margaret Wallace, Queenie Wood  
Robert Rukavina, Dai Sim  
Seleana Ng, Margaret O'Donnell  
**MORNING TEA:** Seeking volunteers  
Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Cltrs)  
**FLOWERS** Tessa Leung

**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.



Welcome to the families of **Hadley Mae Holmes & Amelia Marie Julie Bonola** who will be baptised at St Gregory's Church this Sunday

*Welcome to St Gregory's The Great School Grade 2 and families celebrating Mass with us this weekend at 5pm Mass.*

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all parishioners and visitors that have donated their items, money and their time so generously. It was lovely to see families returning to church and gather socially after Mass last weekend. We raised a total **\$3408** from both Raffles and Silent Auctions!

**Our Raffle Winners:**

- 1st Prize: Picnic Hamper: Leslie
- 2nd Prize: Pancake Parlour Voucher \$100: Venny
- 3rd Prize: Tea Set Hamper: Maria Grazia
- 4th Prize: Bunnings Voucher \$50: Maggie
- 5th Prize: Bunnings Voucher \$50: Adi

Last but not least, **THANK YOU** to St Gregory's Parish Social Committee for putting up a wonderful event for us.

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

Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at [www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/](http://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](mailto: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 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.

**PIETY STALL**

**Christmas Cards now available from Piety Stall. Pack of 5 for \$4.** 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.

**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!"

**BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR FAMILIES IN EMDIBIR**

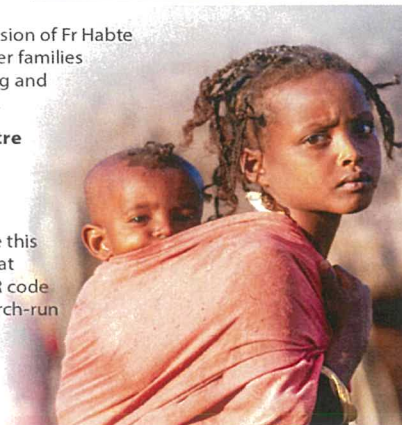
This week Catholic Mission will share the continued vision of Fr Habte and how, through the Goat Rearing Centre, many other families living in poverty are able to access agricultural training and employment that they would otherwise be unable to.

**As shared by Fr Habte, when established, the Centre will not only provide nutritious milk but job creation and agricultural training for farmers and community members.**

Please give generously this weekend to help continue this program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/families](http://catholicmission.org.au/families) or by scanning the QR code below. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/families](http://catholicmission.org.au/families)



**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>