

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

28 AUGUST 2022

**TAKING THE LOWER PLACE.** In today's Gospel Jesus offers some wise advice on table etiquette. For Luke, the story has implications for the relationship of the rich to the poor who gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Only if all members are treated with equal dignity can it truly be called the Lord's Supper. Parishes prosper when all are treated equally regardless of how much each can put on the collection plate.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 85:3, 5

**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

## 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. God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach  
*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

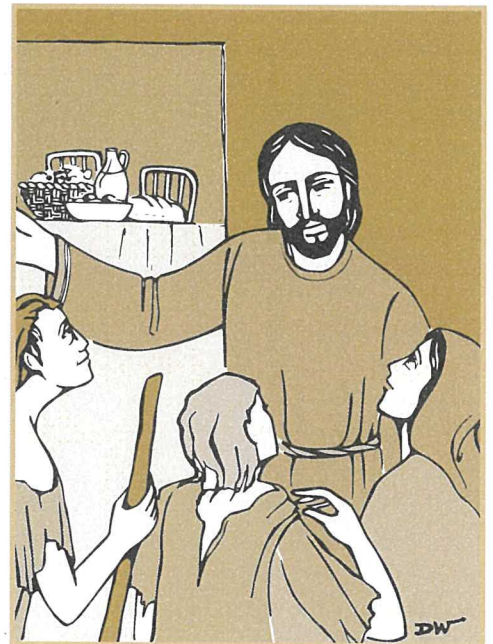
Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy. / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**



### SECOND READING

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Lk 14:1, 7-14

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.**

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power.  
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 30:20

**How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the

food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.  
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

### WONDER FOR GIFTS RECEIVED

It has been said that the problem with humility is that it's the only virtue you can't boast about! For some it is a sign of maturity, for others, it shows a lack of belief in oneself, or it can be a means of subtly advancing your own cause in a way that is socially acceptable, but self-serving.

As Jesus addresses the question of humility, he wisely takes it in stages. Firstly, using the example of the wedding feast, he leads the Pharisees to admit that a self-serving humility can result in a person being exalted. Having gained their attention, Jesus moves on to deal with the nature of authentic humility which expresses itself in care for those who are less fortunate.

Over the last few weeks, the passages taken from the letter to the Hebrews have been reflecting on various aspects of the life of faith. These passages have been both encouraging and challenging. As the reflection concludes there is a call to awe, gratitude and humility for the marvellous gifts every Christian has received. In the ancient world the firstborn son would enjoy the lion's share of the inheritance, and many Christians, as slaves, did not enjoy the status of citizenship. This meant that they had, at best, limited rights. As Christians, however, their status has been radically changed. The covenant in Jesus' blood makes us all 'firstborn sons', sharing the same dignity and status as citizens in the heavenly Jerusalem.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

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 [www.facebook.com/StGregsDoncaster](https://www.facebook.com/StGregsDoncaster)

 Website: [www.stgregs.org.au](http://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: (For Coming Week)

**Saturday:** 6.00pm

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

**Wed & Fri:** 9:00 am

**MASKS, BE CAUTIOUS & CARING, ALWAYS SANITISE**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13–18, Phil 9–10, 12–17, 22–24, Lk 14:25–33

**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: 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:

### Please pray for:

Those who are **sick** at this time including 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 Pardo, 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, Angeliqve Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

**And Those who died recently Emmanuel Rusli for the repose of the souls of** George Zogherb, Michael Drakos, Giovanni Li Rossi, John Bey and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from the PP's desk:

One of the people I've spent quite some time with via Zoom over the past year has been Ron Huntley—a man who is passionate about helping parishes grow in leadership so that they can grow in nurturing their existing community to be vibrant, open and welcoming and at the same time to grow in capability and willingness to invite new people to join (to be more missionary).

Amongst a lot of valuable ways he helps leaders there are two things that come to my mind this week. They come to mind because in all three of the schools I help lead I arrived to ask a question and walked in on a moment where children were being led through a restorative justice process after they had behaved badly. The children's behavior was being called out respectfully and the teacher/principal was comfortable in the role.

The two areas that these incidents brought to mind are "our culture" and "being in a role that is the 'right role for me'"

Culture can easily be 'how we do things' with no thought for right/wrong or just/unjust. I think we've got a pretty good culture as parish: open, honest, tolerant, willing to speak up, seeking what is good for our children, faith-filled. I would be interested to know what you think. Do you agree? What gaps or flaws do you see? Strengths/improvements? Are we willing to call out bad behaviors (as was done at the schools)?

I'm not thinking about your paid job but rather your participation in faith life, parish life. Are you called to the ministry you are undertaking? Should it change? Do you want a new challenge? Do you have gifts from the Holy Spirit that you could bring to bear in new ways?

There are tools (e.g. Called and Gifted) which can help tease out possibilities. Would you like to learn some more about yourself and your faith?

We can arrange a workshop for one of these tools or point you to places on line.

Please let me know your thoughts.

And yes, for the record: please praise me for the good ways I work but please doubly call me out when something I do could be improved.

God bless, Fr Charles.

## *Heartfelt Thank You from Bishop Tony & Bishop Les*

A sincere Thank You from Bishop Tony and Bishop Les for your thoughtfulness and kindness in attending their celebrations. They were extremely grateful and overjoyed by the congratulatory messages and gestures.

A special Thank You for the Church Social Committee that work tirelessly organising and running both events smoothly.

*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**

Noel McClelland, Cathy McClelland  
Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis  
Jenny Tyedin, Brian Tyedin  
Francis Yim, Dot Haynes

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Lorna Philip, Moira White  
Ray & Kay Lewis  
Lucy Giardino, Ivan Ivas  
Margaret O'Donnell, Nita Pereira

Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira (Cltrs)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

Stephen Ma, Lisa Moule

**MORNING TEA:** Karen & Kai Chay

**FLOWERS:** Connie Amalfi

**NEXT WEEK 03/04 Sep**

Sat 6.00pm  
Sun 8.30am  
Sun 10.30am  
Sun 5.00pm

**LECTORS**

Ashley Ng, Ashton Ng  
Jerard Sardana, Michael See  
Chris Perera, David Perrin  
Jane Ma, Stephanie Ong

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Peter Whiting, Sharron Wilkinson  
Margaret Wallace, Queenie Wood  
Nuccia La Rocca, Brendan Pon  
Caterina Gioffre, Tina Paolino

Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Cltrs)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

Carole Tang, Celia Tedesco

**MORNING TEA:** TBA (seeking volunteers)

**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung

**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.

**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). Any Mass with children participating will 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/](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.

**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.

**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to our generous parishioners from the members of Doncaster St Vincent de Paul Conference. In July we informed you that the Winter Appeal had raised \$842, with more donations to be processed over the coming weeks. All monies have now been totaled and we are delighted to report that the final amount from our parishioners is an amazing **\$4,018**. Thank you so much for your generosity. These funds will enable our local Conference to support the needy in our area.



**Mass Time Change NEXT WEEK!!!**

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

**Fathers' Day Appeal:** Next Sunday being Father's Day we shall have a second collection at all Masses for the support of the retired priests of the Archdiocese. There are envelopes on the seats and on the tables in the foyer. Please take an envelope home & bring it back next week with a considered donation.



**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!



**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](mailto:Doncaster@cam.org.au). The order need to be placed by **19th Sep 2022**.

St Gregory Feast Day Mass  
on Saturday, 3rd September 2022 at 10am

**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 new 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.

"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, 9 September 2022  
STARTS at 6.30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Contact: [Vera\\_doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:Vera_doncaster@cam.org.au)



**YOUTH NIGHT**

Join us 7pm till 9pm

@ 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 September (**2nd Sep**) from 6pm to 9pm.

This session will be a special movie and Pizza night. Come in your PJs for PJ movie night from 6 o 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!"