

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

2 OCTOBER 2022

DOING OUR DUTY. Advertisements sometimes suggest that our lives should be always fun-filled, exciting and glamorous. For most of the time, however, our lives have a mundane character – doing our daily chores, caring for our loved ones, going to work. By faithfully attending to these tasks, we express our belief that the sacred is present in the ordinary, that our simple acts are precious to God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

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

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Christ, have mercy.

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

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

GLORIA

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

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk
The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;

to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not
deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at
rights,

but the upright man will live by his
faithfulness.'

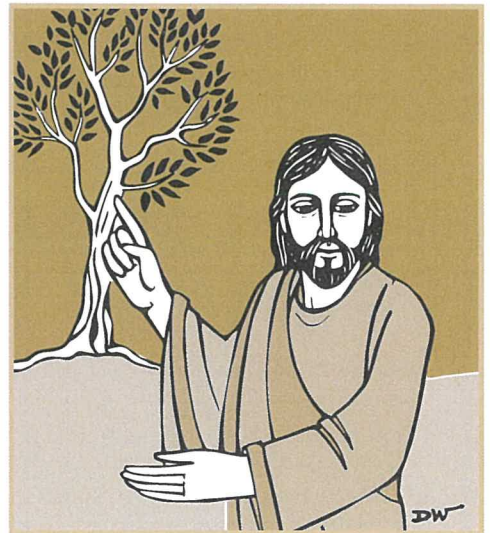
The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**



3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 17:5-10

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.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. 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 Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.

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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

INCREASE OUR FAITH

On the journey of faith there are moments when we may lose heart or be discouraged. Faced with opposition or misunderstanding it is no easy matter to maintain our trust in the Lord. At times the responsibilities of our Christian lives may be experienced as a burden. Like the first disciples, we find ourselves turning to Jesus saying, 'increase our faith!'

When we look around us there is so much suffering caused by injustice and our violence to one another. It is only natural that we question how God's plans will come to fruition when they clash head-on with human weakness. Habakkuk found himself dealing with many of the same issues. His time was one of violence and his hope and faith in God's power and the realisation of God's plans was flagging. Habakkuk is reminded in a vision that while the wheels move slowly, they are moving nonetheless, and God's purposes will come to pass for the upright who remain faithful.

In the second letter to him, Timothy is also called not to lose heart and remain faithful to his responsibilities as a young pastor. Having been commissioned and called to this ministry he may have been discouraged by its demands and complexity. The sound advice that is given is to remember there is no need to rely solely on his own resources. The precious gift of the Spirit has been given. In the ministry of leadership, it is the Spirit that will guide, empower and strengthen – there is no need to fear.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

Email: Doncaster@cam.org.au

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)

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

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

MASKS, BE CAUTIOUS & CARING, ALWAYS SANITISE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14–17 , 2 Tim 2:8–13, Lk 17:11–19

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: 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 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 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 Bishop Hilton Deakin, for the repose of the souls of Beverley Oates, all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from ... the PP's Keyboard:

I found myself in what was for me an unusual situation last weekend: I had carefully prepared my homily and it seemed to make sense when I finished it. But!!!! When I presented it at St Kevin's, it fell apart, twice (to the 5:30 pm / 10 am congregations my apologies). Then: I got focus, I think it became Ok.

I mention this because it reminds me of an important point: it is easy to make mistakes; easy to focus on 'me and what I want to say' and forget to allow the Holy Spirit space. That is what happened: I squeezed in three ideas that "I" wanted to speak about—the Holy Spirit wanted only ONE idea included. We all need to make space for the Holy Spirit—and recognize his call.

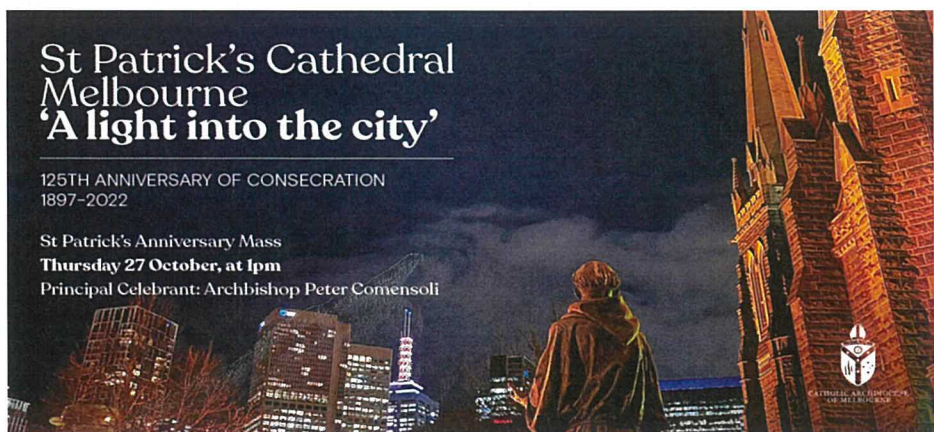
Bishop Hilton Deakin died on 28th September. Bishop Hilton played a significant role in my life and vocational call from 2004 to 2013 and occasionally since. A man, priest, bishop of great insight, passion who love Jesus Christ before all and through Christ loved the marginalized: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Timor Leste, Timor Oeste. I grieve at his death.

On a more positive note: I am about to start a series of 'leadership coaching' sessions with Ron Huntley and four parishioners have agreed to journey with me (Alfred Ablaza and Margaret O'Donnell from St Greg's and Tiziana D'Costa and Carmel Purdey from St Kevin's). They will be a support group for me, helping me to lead our parishes towards ways for the strength of faith that we already to be deepened and so that we can flourish in seeking to spread the Good News. I am not supplanting the parish councils or finance groups or any other groups but seeking to have help so we can all greater insight into how to be even better followers, disciples, of Christ.

And ... I have had meetings with the finance groups in both parishes and am pleased to say that we are in good financial health: THANK YOU, indeed, I do thank you greatly. Yes, there has been some loss of Thanksgiving income but we don't see this as the right time for a Stewardship/Thanksgiving campaign. I would however, gently ask that you to review your pledge and see if it remains current and appropriate for you today.

And finally: As we seek to get current volunteers up-to-date with Working With Children Check and Code of Conduct it also true that we need more people to step in and help with all aspects of parish life. Please look inside your heart, feel inside your soul: are you giving of your time and talent in ways which can help the parish flourish? Thank you for looking come and see me.

God bless, Fr Charles



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

Robert McHugh, Frances Cannizzo
Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis
Chris Perera, David Perrin
Francis Yim, Dot Haynes

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Iris O'Farrell, Lorna Philip
Ray & Kay Lewis
Sauro Antonelli, Ivan Ivas
Margaret O'Donnell, Tina Paolino
Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Cltrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Stephen Ma, Louise Moule

MORNING TEA: Luisa Yambao

FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan

NEXT WEEK 8 Oct/ 9 Oct

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

LECTORS

Frank Ryan, Anne Davine
Peter Molinari, Angela Molinari
Amanda Stefanovski, Mary Stocco
Jane Ma, Stephanie Ong

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moira White, Peter Whiting
Queenie Wood, Joan Dineen
Fred & Agnes Fulia
Mary Tonti-Fillippini, Judy Ablaza
Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell (Cltrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Carole Tang, Clelia Tedesco

MORNING TEA: TBA

FLOWERS: Mary Piccoli

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



Welcome to the families of
Joel Ratna Noel Anthony & Nathaniel Raj Noel Anthony
who will be baptised at St Gregory's Church this Sunday

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.

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!

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 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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will RESUME on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7.45pm in St.Gregory's Church Meeting Room. This will be a "Getting to Know You" session. "

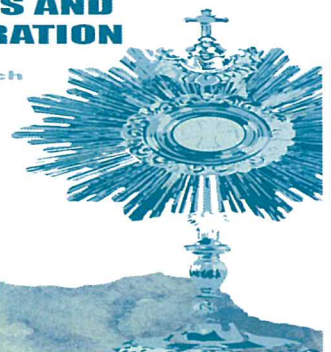
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"
-Matthew 11:28-

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



YOUTH NIGHT

Join us 7pm till 9pm

@ The Parish room at St Gregory the Great

Welcome Year 6 - 9



Inviting Youths in grade 6 to year 9 to join us for our Cornerstone Youth group meeting on the first Friday of October (7th Oct) from 7pm to 9pm.

This session will be focussing on Rosaries and will include games for all.

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!"

Every 1st Friday of each month