

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

7 AUGUST 2022

KEEP AWAKE TILL HE COMES. The early Christians applied this teaching of Jesus to their expectation of his second coming. More generally speaking, today's Gospel parables should encourage us to be morally vigilant at all times and ever ready to encounter, in the midst of daily life, the 'God of surprises'. Paul has similar advice for us: 'Keep alert, stand firm in your faith' (1 Cor 16:13).

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones  
for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who  
seek you.

## 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, whom, taught by  
the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father,  
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts  
the spirit of adoption as your sons and  
daughters, that we may merit to enter into  
the inheritance which you have promised.  
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

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us  
glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,  
so that, once they saw what kind of oaths  
they had put their trust in they would joyfully  
take courage. This was the expectation of  
your people, the saving of the virtuous and  
the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act  
with which you took vengeance on our foes  
you made us glorious by calling us to you.  
The devout children of worthy men offered  
sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they  
struck with one accord: that the saints would  
share the same blessings and dangers alike;  
and forthwith they had begun to chant the  
hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

**R. Happy the people the Lord has  
chosen to be his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you  
just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. /  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the  
people he has chosen as his own. **R.**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere  
him, / on those who hope in his love, / to  
rescue their souls from death, / to keep them  
alive in famine. **R.**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The



Lord is our help and our shield. / May your  
love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our  
hope in you. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*We will look for the city designed and built by  
God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that  
we hope for, or prove the existence of the  
realities that at present remain unseen. It was  
for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the  
call to set out for a country that was the  
inheritance given to him and his descendants,  
and that he set out without knowing where he  
was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner,  
in the Promised Land, and lived there as if  
in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob,  
who were heirs with him of the same promise.  
They lived there in tents while he looked  
forward to a city founded, designed and built  
by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of  
being past the age, was made able to conceive,  
because she believed that he who had made  
the promise would be faithful to it. Because  
of this, there came from one man, and one  
who was already as good as dead himself,  
more descendants than could be counted, as  
many as the stars of heaven or the grains of  
sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving  
any of the things that had been promised,  
but they saw them in the far distance and  
welcomed them, recognising that they were  
only strangers and nomads on earth. People  
who use such terms about themselves make  
it quite plain that they are in search of their  
real homeland. They can hardly have meant  
the country they came from, since they had  
the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact  
they were longing for a better homeland, their  
heavenly homeland. That is why God is not  
ashamed to be called their God, since he has  
founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put  
to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered  
to sacrifice his only son even though the

promises had been made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 24:42,44

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Be watchful and ready:**

**you know not when the Son of Man is coming.**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Lk 12:32-40

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.**

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Longer form Lk 12:32-48*

## 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. Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. 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** Ps 147:12, 14

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your 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

### A TWO-EDGED SWORD

The word of the Lord is said to be a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12) and so it is with the readings for today – encouragement and warning stand side by side. Both the passage from the book of Wisdom and that from Hebrews, invite us to see our journey of faith in a positive light. The examples of Abraham and Sarah, as well as the people of the Exodus, show us that others too have had to trust in God's promises when the way forward has not been clear. The most vivid instance of this is when Abraham was called to sacrifice his only son Isaac. One can only try to imagine his distress when called to sacrifice the very one by whom God's promises were to be accomplished. Despite revulsion and fear he still took the leap of faith, and his faith was rewarded.

The two-edged sword of God's word continues as Jesus reminds his disciples that while there is no need to fear we must live in a manner appropriate for people of faith. The leap of faith may not call us to sacrifice our children but it will challenge us to show that our hearts are in the right place by being prepared for the Lord's return. The example of the faithful servants who are ready for their master's return, even after a long delay, is powerfully contrasted with those who lost sight of the trust that they had been given.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

### Parish Office:

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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:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri: 9:00 am

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

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 , Heb 12:1-4 , Lk 12:49-53

**RECONCILIATION: Not Saturday 6th Aug**

**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: Gianna Alessio (President) 0438 410 506

### Please pray for:

Those who are **sick** at this time including David Perrin, 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, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

**And Those who died recently** Roy Ellard, Marko Lijovic, **for the repose of the souls of** Julie Nunes, Nathan Sawis, June D'Souza, Carmelo Di Benedetto, and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.



### Words from the PP

## Safeguarding update: URGENT!!!

If you didn't hear the message last week: we need urgently to bring our Safeguarding records up-to-date.

Thank you to the 40 volunteers who signed a Code-of-Conduct last weekend! And to all of you who are already up to date or acting to be up to date for our safeguarding needs.

I've had a couple of comments about not wanting to puff ourselves up as good people, or feeling put out because there is no trust in the world. Or that these checks are a waste of time as they are reactive.

These checks are not about that at all. For a start they are confidential: you are known to be compliant by the fact of being a volunteer. These checks are about making a statement and taking action to keep safeguarding of children. And indeed all people, in our minds as a conscious behaviour, maintaining an appropriate awareness of keeping an eye out for things that might put our children at risk. Please do comply, it is a small thing.

There are two things we need to do:

- 1. Sign the Code-of-Conduct again: it's been three years and a renewal is mandated.**
- 2. Check your Working With Children Check (WWCC):**
  - *Is it still current? If yes, do you have St Gregory's Parish included as your volunteer organisation (with the St Gregory's Church not school address). Include the school if you also volunteer there.*
  - *No? Not current? Please get it renewed ASAP and ensure St Greg's is named. Please don't volunteer until you have got the renewal process underway – and please let us know you are applying.*
  - *If you are a volunteer and don't have a WWCC, please put in an application for a WWCC as soon as possible, including St Gregory's as a volunteer organisation. Include the school if you also volunteer there. Please don't volunteer until your application is underway (and let us know you have applied).*

Volunteers are all people who help around the church on a regular or semi-regular or casual basis. This includes everyone over 18 years old. The net is cast wide by Government and by the Archdiocese so if in doubt please get a check.

WWCC's are free for volunteers and your photo can be taken using your phone or computer's camera.

We can help at the office if needed: please call or drop in.

God bless, Fr Charles

**On Monday, 8th August, we celebrate the feast day of our very own Australian Saint – St Mary Mackillop.**

**Mass will be celebrated with the school children of St Charles Borromeo at their school in Templestowe on Monday @ 10.00am, followed by Mass at St Gregory the Great Church @ 5.00pm that afternoon.**

*St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love*

**NEXT WEEK 6/7 Aug**

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

**LECTORS**

Robert McHugh, Frank Ryan  
 Philip Dunlop, Greg James  
 Chris Perera  
 School Childrens

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Noel & Cathy McClelland  
 Queenie Wood, Ray Lewis  
 Pierre Tanzimat, Tony Ting  
 Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira

Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Collectors)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

Mary Wilson, Leth Go

**MORNING TEA:** Seleana Ng & Chin Teong Ong**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung**NEXT WEEK 13/14 Aug**

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

**LECTORS**

Anne Davine, Patrick Soosay  
 Rachel Kay, Tony Nimmo  
 Amanda Stefanovski, Mary Stocco  
 Enza Scaffidi, Mary Tonti-Filippini

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Robert & Dianne McHugh  
 Rachel Kay, Tony Nimmo  
 Maggie Yong, Sauro Antonelli  
 Mary Tonti-Filippini, Judy Ablaza

Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell (Cltrs)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

Joseph Wu, Boris Klaric

**MORNING TEA:** TBA (Seeking Volunteers)**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan

**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 Gregory'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). Mass with children participating will generally 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.



Bishop Les is Celebrating Golden Jubilee.

Please join us in Mass and Celebrations at St Gregory's Church Doncaster and followed by Afternoon Tea celebrations at the Hall.

Sunday 21st August at 2pm

**St Kevin's Men's Social Group**

It's time to get together and have fun, to rekindle connections and make new friendships. St Kevin's parish is starting up a Men's Social Group. Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Socialising in person is good for our wellbeing! Share food, drinks, chat and mingle - the footy will be playing in the background. When: Second Friday of the Month. Beginning on **Friday, 12 August 2022 at 7.30 pm** in the gathering space at St Kevin's church - 44 Herlihy Road, Lower Templestowe. To assist with costs, suggested donation \$7 - BYO alcoholic drinks. Supper provided. For catering purposes, please register your interest by emailing [Tiziana Costa tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:Tiziana.Costa@cam.org.au) or ring the parish office on 03 9850 5983.

The 2022 Knights of the Southern Cross, Priests Support and Education Fund, **Archbishop's Dinner** will be held:  
**Date:** Friday, 19 August 2022  
**Venue:** Moonee valley Racecourse  
**Time:** 7.00 for 7.30 P.M. start  
**Cost:** \$150 per person

Come and meet the Fund's Patron, the Most Reverend Peter Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne and be entertained by our Guest Speaker, Emeritus Professor Greg Craven and our compere Bryan Martin, OAM. Parishioners of St Gregory the Great can contact **David Perrin on 9842 4951** to arrange for prospective attendees to be given more information and "sort out" payment and tickets.

**PIETY STALL**

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.



CatholicCare VICTORIA



Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [supportforpeople.org.au](http://supportforpeople.org.au) or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

"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, 12 August 2022  
 STARTS 6.30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME

Contact: [Vera.doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:Vera.doncaster@cam.org.au)

