

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

3 APRIL 2022

STRAINING AHEAD. The Israelites in exile, St Paul the apostle and the woman caught in adultery all had shameful pasts. They acknowledged their sins but were not weighed down by them because they experienced the forgiveness of God. Freed of the burden of their sin they were able to continue on their way. We also are sinners but with God's forgiveness we too can put the past behind us and strain ahead for the prize to which God is calling us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 42:1-2

**Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.**

### 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. Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

You open for your people the way from death into life: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

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

**R. Amen.**

*The Gloria is not said during Lent.*

### COLLECT

P. By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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

Isa 43:16-21

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**

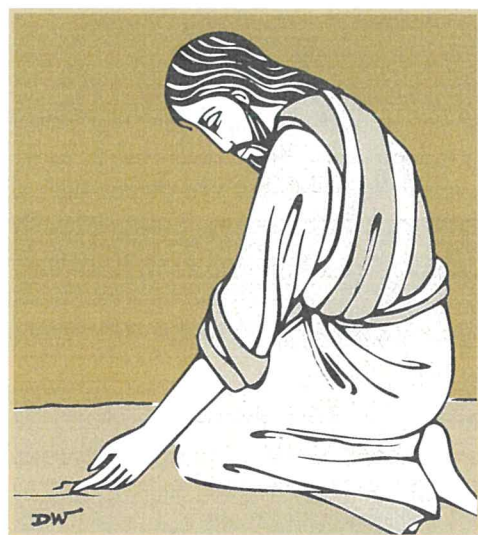
### SECOND READING

Phil 3:8-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on



everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### GOSPEL

Jn 8:1-11

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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. Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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 OR II OF LENT

*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 Jn 8:10-11

**Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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

### LIVING WATER

To the people of Israel in exile, Isaiah speaks of a new highway that God is making in the wilderness, a highway that would change the face of the wilderness forever. No longer desolate, the people would have what they needed, and their thirst for vindication and homecoming from exile would be satisfied.

On the road to Damascus, Paul's world had been changed forever. He had come to see that, for him, the living water that Jesus the Messiah offers is the only prize worth striving for. As a Pharisee, he had sought perfection through faithfulness to the Jewish law. He had come to appreciate that, as beautiful as the Jewish law was, Jesus' death and resurrection had opened a new pathway to God's grace. He knew he was not perfect. In response to his experience of the Risen One, he set out to travel that road with all his heart and love as a missionary and apostle.

The episode of the woman caught in adultery is another moving example of how the living God can break into our world and provide water in the desert of the human heart. Surrounded by rejection and mistaken self-righteousness, this woman is isolated and faces the threat of a brutal death. As her accusers call for her execution Jesus writes in the sand. Ever so gently a new highway is being laid and we are invited to walk it. By not condemning or judging, Jesus shows how, we too, can walk this path and provide living water for each other.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Fifth Sunday of Lent / Year C—03 April 2022

### 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)

### Words from Fr Charles:

Thank you for joining me in the prayers entrusting and consecrating ourselves and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Such prayers in common can and do make a difference. This action by us responds to violence with peace. Think how different “that moment” in the Academy Awards would have been if the aggrieved person could have stormed onto the stage and hugged the other and said “that joke was really off mate, really really off, it hurt my wife deeply but perhaps we can learn from this about humour and how to target it better.” Think how different the world would be if all anger were used to build positive directions. Our actions in this DO make a difference, thank you.

And thank you for your prayers as I go through a mild bout of Covid-19. I have no idea where I caught it. I haven't been completely rigorous about wearing an N-95 mask but ... pretty careful especially in shops and big groups. I guess that just goes to show how contagious this virus is. I am sorry that I shan't be able to celebrate with you in person this week and weekend.

I have been reflecting on Lenten Observances. I had a discussion during which I proposed an approach to Lenten Observances based in ‘taking up something new, something good’ the consequence of which would be giving up something else. The other side of the discussion was grounded in the giving up of something (giving up time for prayer, giving up some eating, giving up some money), very much the way I was taught as a child.

During the discussion I suspect I pushed my view and didn't listen deeply enough to the other.

In light of this observation, I am seeking to correct any impression I give that we don't have to give up things for Lent. Yes the tradition is a good one: prayer, fasting and alms giving. We are physical beings and undertaking observances which bring our bodies into the picture is essential: making space and time and physical attitude to pray; stopping some form of consumption; giving of our goods to help those in need. These are essential. But they are not enough in themselves.

These bodily things must help lead us to change. They actions of this world must help us to enact the beatitudes. These practices in life must draw us towards living the baptismal promises we make each year at Easter.

It is at this point that the need to take up new things becomes evident. In order to change we mustn't leave a vacuum of ‘not doing’ we must make use of the ‘space’ that is made by giving up things. The opportunity is created for us to take up something better: to grow in faith and hope and love. And I find this aspect the hardest. Though I, personally, struggle to remain true to my observances for forty days I find it even harder to take up something new and adhere to it and follow it through.

The effort to maintain the prayer, fasting and abstinence is well worthwhile. The effort to fill the space positively so we can grow in faith and hope and love is well worthwhile. And I think it is the effort that Jesus wants of us: keeping on trying to become more Jesus-like in our lives, each day, in the small things and the large: by giving up and by taking up..

God bless, Father Charles

**Covid Marshalls**— You are invited to a simple gathering over pizza and wine at The Parish Hall after the Sunday 5PM Mass. Thank you all for your contribution and support.

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am

**MASS OPEN TO ALL; MASKS / DISTANCING BE SENSIBLE & CARING / ALWAYS SANITISE;**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Palm Sunday

Isa 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Lk 23:1-49

**RECONCILIATION:** See notice in the body of this bulletin

**BAPTISMS:** Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

### ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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### 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: (on hold)

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: (has restarted)

Hopefully monthly on a Friday from 7pm—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 Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Joe Dimech, Lilia Go, Ralph Caparello, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Tony Ryan, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Antoinette Tanzimat, Iris Henson Chan, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSSR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Nieva Bothe, Bernadette Sheridon, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo, , Margaret Hansen, Fati, Patricia McLeod

And Those who died recently Rosana Sunanta and for the repose of the souls of Guido Antoninni, Ernesto Rocca, Enresto Argiro, Henry Carter, Pat Maher, Pascal Paul Lemos, Thomas Perrin, Yap Huat Goon, Lee Kim Heok, Lucia Verrasso, Kiky Alimwidjaja, Rosana Sunanta, Vito Benincasa Guido Antoninni and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

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

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| <b>THIS WEEK</b><br>Sat Sat 6.00pm<br>Sun 8.30am<br>Sun 10.30am<br>5.00pm         | <b>LECTORS</b><br>Frances Cannizzo, Frank Ryan<br>Greg James, Rachael kay<br>Joesph Fernandez, Aidan Leung<br>Jane Ma, Stephanie Ong | <b>MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST</b><br>Noel & Cathy McClelland<br>Joan Dinneen, Rachael Kay<br>Edith Ma, Mary Martin<br>Nita Pereira, VivianaPerera<br>Francis Yim, Gerard O'Donnell (Ctrs) |
| <b>CARE OF THE CHURCH</b> Leth Go   |  | <b>FLOWERS</b> : (Lent—no flowers)  |
| <b>NEXT WEEK 9, 10 April</b><br>Sat 6.00pm<br>Sun 8.30am<br>Sun 10.30am<br>5.00pm | Anne Davine, Patrick Soosay<br>Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis<br>Chris Perera, David Perrin<br>Nita Pereira, VivianaPerera                     | Robert & Dianne McHugh<br>Ray & Kay Lewis<br>Brendan Pon, Robert Rukavina<br>Mary Tonti-Filippini, Judy Ablaza  |
| <b>CARE OF THE CHURCH</b> Andrew Khalil, Boris Klaric                             |  | <b>FLOWERS</b> : (Lent—no flowers, restart 15 Apr.)   |

**FACE MASKS:** Please act with to sensible caution

**PROJECT COMPASSION** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**  **02/03 April 2022**


**Shaniella 23**, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413

**BAPTISM**



Welcome to the families of **Zara Latina, Valentina Catherine Tonizzo and Henry Claus Treacher** who will be baptised at St Gregory's Church this Sunday.

**Reconciliation Service**  
**April 7th 7:30 pm St Gregory the Great**  
A reconciliation service will be held at 7:30 pm this coming Thursday evening.  
*Sorry for the late advertising.*  
There will be individual confession and absolution available at the end of the service

**Easter at St Gregory's**

**Holy Thursday 14th April:**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper—7.30pm  
**Good Friday 15th April:**  
Stations of the Cross—10.00am  
Passion Ceremony—3.00pm  
**Saturday 16th April:**  
Easter Vigil—6.30pm  
**Easter Sunday 17th April:**  
Masses—8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm



**Confession: 1st Rite of Reconciliation:** No confessions this Saturday 2 April 2022.

**Masses with congregations:** QR Code check-in is no longer required. Still we must hand sanitise. Parish staff and volunteers within the Parish setting and its outreach are still required to be up to date with their vaccination.

**FACE COVERINGS / DISTANCING:** be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful.

**Masses next Sunday:** the normal 6pm/8:30 am/10:30 am/5pm schedule.

**Weekday Mass times in the coming week:** Tuesday, Thursday: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

**Facebook:** It is getting more difficult to live-stream as we have many Masses where children are a direct part of the celebration of the Mass. I will continue to live-stream when possible (9:15 am from St Kevin's Tu/Th; Sunday morning 10:00 St K or 10:30 St G).

**Easter Working Bee: 9th April 9 am—Noon:** General cleaning / clearing up around the church.

**During Lent: Stations of the Cross :** Every Friday at 7pm.

**Holy Week Sign Up Sheets:** sheets are in the narthex of the church please put your names down to help: we need lots of help to ensure we can give fulsome praise to Jesus Christ in his passion, his death and his resurrection.

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

Tue 3rd May, Tue 17th May & Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at [www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/events](http://www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/events)

**Parish Facilities:** The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are becoming 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. Thinking of a gathering? Think of us (after Easter).

**The Doncaster RSL** needs help for ANZAC day: call 0466 026 820 or 0425 718 937 or Email [appealsdoncasterrsl@gmail.com](mailto:appealsdoncasterrsl@gmail.com)

**Piety Stall : Marketing/Sales Skills?** We've had a few people offer help but still need more. We still need the marketing side: please, a one-off provision of advice. Contact Mary Wilson on 0433682285".

**Pilgrimage Statue: The Statue of Mary** is available for home visits for two or more weeks. If you like to also have Her on any special dates throughout the year ahead please contact Dot Haynes on 0425718937 or email to [dothaynes041@gmail.com](mailto:dothaynes041@gmail.com).