

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

21 AUGUST 2022

ENTERING GOD'S KINGDOM. It is frustrating to arrive at a shop a few minutes after it has closed, or at an event only to discover that all tickets have been sold. There is nothing we can do about it. We have no automatic right of entry. The same applies to God's kingdom. To join the many people from east and west at the heavenly banquet we must strive to follow Jesus along the narrow and sometimes difficult path of love.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal 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.

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. O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Isa 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

R. Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News (or Alleluia!)

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, / acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

2. Strong is his love for us; / he is faithful for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those



that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 13:22-30

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.

From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets,” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

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. O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.

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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

 cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. 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

WORTH THE STRUGGLE

While the people of Israel were rightly thankful for being chosen by God, they often reflected on their relationship with the nations that surrounded them. The experience of the exile would change them forever since Jews could then be found throughout the ancient world. What was their role among the nations? Would the nations come to worship the living God? One response is represented for us in the last chapter of the book of Isaiah who saw that the role of the survivors of the exile was to be a light to the nations. Their faithful witness would result in conversion and worship in Jerusalem.

When Jesus was asked, ‘will there be only a few saved?’, his reply adds a new dimension to the equation. The nations will come and take part in the banquet of the Messiah, but some of those who felt they had reserved places will be forced to look on from outside! The determining factor is how people respond to the salvation and life which Jesus offers. Simply being part of the people of Israel is not enough; later Jesus weeps over Jerusalem because ‘you did not know the time of your visitation’ (Luke 19:44).

Today’s passage from the letter to the Hebrews sets out to help Christians who were discouraged by the opposition and suffering they were experiencing. Rather than suffering being a sign of God’s rejection, they are encouraged to see it as how they are being prepared to take their places at the messianic banquet.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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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: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecc 3:19–21, 30–31, Heb 12:18–19, 22–24, Lk 14:1, 7–14

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30-11am

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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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 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 Slavko Brekalo, 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, Patricia McLeod, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise

And Those who died recently Slavko Brekalo, Lucian D'Olivera **for the repose of the souls of** Joan Geoghegan, Carmelo Gazzo, Carmela Giordano all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words, Words, Words, ...

Congratulations Bishop Emeritus Les Tomlinson: fifty years of priesthood and still you are ministering and shepherding: thank you. And welcome to Archbishop Emeritus Hart who joins the celebrations for Bishop Les.

Last Saturday about two hundred people from across 25 parishes gathered at the Veneto Club to pray, learn and discuss matters relating to leading towards missionary renewal. I was enormously pleased to have really good representation from both St Greg's (8) and St Kevin's (5): people who came along with open but questioning minds, willing to engage with the matters being discussed quite openly and frankly. These people will help us frame our next steps and I hope they will be able to participate in taking those steps as well: but that will be their choice, they have helped us take a significant step along the way towards who we want to be as Christians for the future.

Several things struck me about the day overall.

Firstly that there was no claim from anyone that they have all the answers or want to impose a 'cookie cutter' solution: and the diocesan staff were first to show that. This is good because it means we can work with our communities and devise ways forward that suit us. I am sure there will be broad similarities for all parishes on this journey but each can find their Jesus Experience and allow that to inform them.

Secondly the speakers didn't claim to be experts, they merely shared their experience openly and freely. They left us to seek to choose from their experience the things that suit us in a timing that suits us.

Thirdly the way forwards will involve each of us taking risks: sensible risks but risks none-the-less. The principal risk is in reaching out and inviting people to come. One speaker, the leader of Alpha Australia, said she has found that the best approach to inviting people is to just ask ... and leave it at that, leaving it to the person asked to decide for themselves. She was talking about inviting people we know a bit, so there is a measure of trust that exists. It is enough to say "we are running an Alpha program, would you like to come? ... (silence)" - don't try and fill the space with explanations. Trust your credibility with people. Often the answer will be 'no' but keep on inviting.

I've mentioned the Alpha Program before: a series of about 11 evenings and a retreat weekend: people gather in tables of about 8, share a meal, watch a video on something important ... and discuss the topic openly. As the weeks progress the topics involve more and more about Jesus, and each week people are given the choice to continue or leave the group. This generates the possibility over time of significant numbers of existing Christians becoming more engaged with their faith and coming to a personal experience of Jesus Christ as well as the possibility of new converts.

But!! There has to be a whole vibrant parish community to support that effort—providing a variety of ways to come to faith (RCIA perhaps) and to live the faith together. That is the work we have been doing through the forum two weeks ago: seeking to re-energise, re-focus all the ministries of the parish.

It's a journey—I've only just scratched the surface: welcome to the journey! Come and talk to me about the details, about how you can walk the journey with the rest of the parish. God bless, Fr Charles.

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

Ward Italiano, Peter Whiting
 Peter Molinari, Angela Molinari
 St Gregory The Great School Children
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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Margaret O'Donnell, Iris O'Farrell
 Katica Puhaj, Brian Setter
 Fred & Agnes Fulia
 Matthew Collins, Seleana Ng

Seleana Ong, Michael Ong (Cltrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH

Andrew Khalil, Yvonne Tan

MORNING TEA: No Morning Tea

FLOWERS: Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli

NEXT WEEK 27/28 Aug

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 Ivass
 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

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). 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.

Mass Time Change

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

URGENT!!! ALL volunteers must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) and sign a new Code-of-Conduct (it is over two years since you last signed one so it is new for renewal). Please Renew your WWCC and Sign the Code of Conduct available in the church foyer or our website. If you like them emailed please email the office.

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!



Assertiveness - Trusting Your Own Inner Voice (via Zoom), Tuesday evening 30 Aug 2022, 7pm-9.30pm (AEST). This reflection event will explore: *assertiveness - what it is and what it is not; why being assertive is adult behaviour that builds up everyone's strength and capacity to love; finding within ourselves that voice of God that echoes who I am as good in the eyes of God; what is it that distorts this perspective and how that influences my judgement and behaviour; being assertive with God; being with an assertive God.* Led by Chris Chaplin msc (MSCX, Dip Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy, BTheol, Cert Spir Dir (Siloam)). Cost \$35. Book & pay by 26/8/22 www.heartoflife.melbourne, info@heartoflife.melbourne, (03) 9890 1101.

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. The order need to be placed by 19th Sep 2022.

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.

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.



Congratulations Bishop Les for your Golden Jubilee.

Parish and School Working Bee

Please come and join Parish and school families to assist with Working Bee on **Sat, 27 Aug 9am – 11am**. A major focus for this Working Bee will be gardening in addition to other regular maintenance tasks.

Please remember to bring your 'Working With Children Check' and your own Gardening Gloves and any tools you can! (See below). Meet in the undercroft/ BBQ are in the carpark.



Congratulations to St Gregory The Great Children that are receiving their First Holy Communion this **Sunday, 21st August** at the **10.30am** and **5pm Mass**.



Serra, named after Saint Junipero Serra, is a worldwide movement within the Catholic Church whose objective is to encourage and support vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life.

*The Serra Australia
Foundation*



The Serra Australia Foundation Inc provides funds to cover the cost of activities which directly promote vocations. The Foundation **this weekend** is conducting an appeal for funds to enable it to continue its work. On the table in the narthex are brochures which outline the work of Serra and include a form to make a donation. There are also Vocations prayers available on the table on the narthex.



The Young Adults Group

extends a warm invitation to all between 18 and 30 to join our gathering in person in the Parish Meeting room next to the school hall on **Friday 26th August 7:15pm** to 9pm. Dinner will be provided and we will be watching "The Chosen". Looking forward to seeing you there!

