

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

20 NOVEMBER 2022

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. With a wooden cross for a throne, at a place where thieves were crucified, the king of the Jews meted out a judgement to a common thief: 'this day you will be with me in paradise'. This king can still be found among the criminals and outcasts of our society, in the worst parts of our cities and towns. Worshipping him in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience his compassionate judgement.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

**How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

## 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. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel  
*They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESP PSALM Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

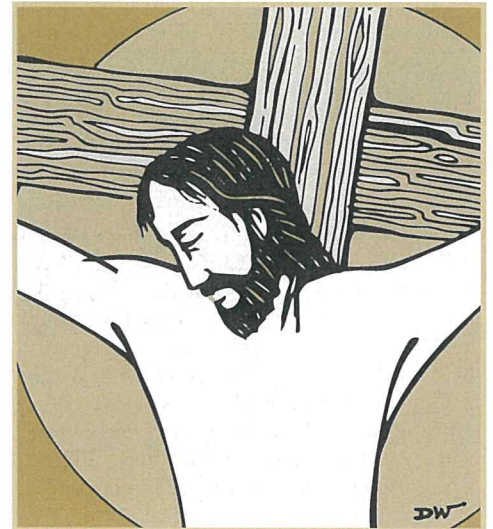
**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us go to God's house.' / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. **R.**
3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties,

Powers —  
all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9, 10

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 23:35-43

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.**

*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations

the gifts of unity and peace. 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 OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

*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 Ps 28:10-11

**The Lord sits as King for ever.**

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### VICTORY DEARLY-WON

While the idea of the monarchy may be a difficult and controversial one in contemporary Australia, today's feast calls us to reflect on the paradoxical kingship of Christ. We are invited to ponder with awe and gratitude a kingship unlike any other. In the ancient world, people such as Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar became kings or emperors as a result of their military exploits. David was acclaimed king by the tribes of Israel precisely on that basis. His military prowess was seen to be a sign of God's blessing upon him and his descendants.

When we reflect on the kingship of Jesus it is patently clear that Jesus' exploits and prowess are of another kind. His battles were against sin, suffering and death. His victory was dearly won and his enthronement took place on a rocky outcrop called Calvary, surrounded by misunderstanding, ridicule, rejection and calls to exercise his kingship by saving himself. Both the early Christian hymn of Colossians and Luke's passion narrative bear eloquent testimony to a kingship based on service and self-giving love.

In the hymn from Colossians, we witness the outpouring of the faith of the early Church as it praised Jesus as Lord of creation, head of the Church, and firstborn from the dead. However, they did not lose sight of the fact that it was on the cross that victory had been won, wounds healed and all creation reconciled with God.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Christ the King Year C

### Parish Office:


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 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)

**Sacristan:** Mary Stocco - Mob: 0412 742 657

### MASS TIMES: (This Week)

**Sat: Vigil 6.00pm; Sun 9:00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm**

**Wed & Fri: 9:00 am** (plus Tu/Thu 9:15 am St Kevin's)

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** 10.30am Mass

**CAUTION & CARE! Covid-19 has not gone completely MASKS / SANITISING / ISOLATING**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 1st Sunday of Advent

Isa 2:1-5 , Rom 13:11-14 , Matt 24:37-44

**RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30-11am**

By request before/after any Mass (come 15-20 m early)

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

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

**PRAYER GROUP:** Thursday every Fortnight in Church Meeting Room

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

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 Theresa Yong, Michael Mullens, Pat McLeod, Gilbert De Claro, Gabrielle Byrne, Brian Croft, Chee Choong Seng, Chee Mee Lian, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, 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, Kevin Parker

**And Those who died recently** Alonzo Puey and **for the repose of the souls of** Ellen Sunjaya, Joseph Cilia, Mary Cilia, Charles Xerri, Jenny Chang, Elizabeth Glynn, Cecilia See Kim Hua, Giuseppe Arturo Luna and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

A few thoughts from the desk of the PP:

Archbishop Peter has issued a letter titled "Welcome Home" (copies available in the Narthex). We are once again obliged to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, he provided us all a dispensation from this Obligation (though we still desired to attend). This dispensation has been ended from the 1st Sunday of Advent. In lifting this dispensation Archbishop Peter comments "the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (e.g. for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc.). So, as has always been the case, you must take proper consideration of your personal circumstances when deciding to participate in our gathering for Mass. Whilst gathering for Mass is a vital element of living our being as Catholics, our desire and obligation to attend Mass must not be at risk to our health or the health of others.

From this weekend, I am no longer going to live-stream Masses. Our full return to Mass, the rapid decline in numbers viewing live-streamed Masses, an extensive discussion among the Safeguarding Committee about the risks of having our children visible on line, and ongoing technical difficulties with live-streaming mean that the need for making Mass available no longer outweigh the risks associated. If this change causes you any issues, please contact the office (phone, email)./

Another decision that arose from our Safeguarding Committee meeting is to prohibit photography during Masses due to the risks associated with children being visible on social media. If there are baptisms or people receiving sacraments then photographs can be taken after Mass instead of during. This emphasises the importance and solemnity of the Mass and at the same time helps us to develop and embed our culture of conscious care for and safe-guarding of our children and other vulnerable people.

### ADVENT / CHRISTMAS!!!!

Wow—this weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and next week Advent begins and we enter a new liturgical year: Year A, a year focussing through the Gospel of Matthew.

We have settled on the schedule of Masses for Christmas—the schedule is up on the notice board. On December 15th at St Kevin's Church, there will be a Joint Parishes Rite of Reconciliation, with personal, individual, absolution available after the body of the service. We will start the service at 7:00 pm (there is plenty of parking behind St Kevin's Church as well as along the road, and you can drop off those with mobility constraints at the front door before parking).

This week, we wend through the final week of "Ordinary" time of the liturgical year, beginning with the Feast of Christ the King (the king who dies ignominiously through crucifixion). Let us allow this contradiction to rest with us: a King and such a lowly, terrible death—and that leads to our salvation, and a world that grows in goodness (slowly, imperfectly). Perhaps ... in our weakness and in our times of great difficulty, the opportunity for us to bear witness to God's great love is most evident.

God bless, Fr Charles.



Our Parish Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday, 11th December** after the **5PM Mass.**

Please join us for a fun filled night with our community.

Food and drinks will be provided. Santa will make an appearance for the kids with a bag of treats.

Raffle tickets will be sold 2 weekends prior to the event and will be drawn on the night.

*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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH****MONEY COUNTERS:** Don & Lina Pavone**LECTORS**

Peter Whiting, Rebecca Law

Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis

Karen Chay, Aidan Leung

Enza Scaffidi, Viviana Pereira

Mary Wilson, Letho

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Moira White, Sharron Wilkinson

Ray Lewis, Kay Lewis

Sauro Antonelli, Lucy Giardino

Viviana Pereira

**MORNING TEA:** Karen & Kai

Viviana Pereira (Collectors)

**FLOWERS** Connie Amalfi**NEXT WEEK 26/27 Nov**

Sat 6.00pm

Sun 9.00am

Sun 10.30am

Sun 5.00pm

**CARE OF THE CHURCH****MONEY COUNTERS:** Maria Verrocchi, Maggie Yong**LECTORS**

Ian Barnes, Robert McHugh

Peter Molinari, Angela Molinari

Chris Perera, David Perrin

St Gregory The Great School Children

Boris Klaric

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Margaret Kenshole, Margaret, Margaret O'Donnell

Brian Setter, Margaret Wallace

Fred &amp; Agnes Fulia

Caterina Gioffre

**MORNING TEA:** TBA

Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Collectors)

**FLOWERS** Tessa Leung**ISOLATING / MASKS!!!! Christian Charity demands we give thought to others when we catch Covid/Flu etc.****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 ahead of time.**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.**Who has not rejoined?** Have you got friends who haven't come back to our community fully yet? Maybe ask them if you can help?**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

For future Open Day or a School Tour 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.**All Souls Month****Holy Souls Masses:** fill in a Holy Souls envelope and drop it in the box provided. Fr Charles will organize for Mass to be offered. AND/OR **Memorial Prayers Book**— is now available at the narthex. Throughout November, you could write in the names of your loved ones that have died over the years we will keep the book present with us in the church so that we can pray for them all the time.Copies of the **Christmas Catalogue** of That Catholic Shop are available at the Narthex. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in need. Visit [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com) to order online.**New Rosters December—March 2023**

The Rosters have been sent out via email. Please let the office know if you haven't received them in your inbox. We thank you for your Ministries and continuous support

**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 WWCC and Sign the Code of Conduct available in the church foyer or our website. If you like them emailed please email the office.**COME AWAY DAY AT HOLY CROSS**

The final Come Away Day for this year will be held on Wednesday 30 November at the Passionist Holy Cross Retreat Centre, 207 Serpells Road Templestowe. The theme of the day is "Welcoming the Light." The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, meditation, silence and group interaction in the beautiful grounds of Holy Cross. The day concludes at 2pm with a service of Anointing and Eucharist. All are welcome. BYO lunch. The cost of the day is \$25.00 or a donation. Registration is at 9.30am. For further details contact Frank Burke - burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au or 0407998781.

**Social Justice Action  
St Kevin's Parish Templestowe****"Go to where many people struggle, and offer service as an echo of the love shown by Jesus".** Last Sunday Pope Francis celebrated Mass with the poor and re-opening of a mobile health clinic in St Peter's Square. For November focus he also spoke on "For Children who Suffer", a powerful 2 minute video now linked to St Kevin's Social Justice webpage at <https://www.stkevinsparish.org.au/community/get-involved/social-justice-action/> A 2nd visit to the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry has been arranged for Wednesday 30 November from 12-2:pm to explore timely Indigenous Issues & Opening The Doors Foundation (giving Koori Kids an education of their choice). Those interested are invited to register or enquire at [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au) or 0409 967 201, John Costa, SJA**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works***2022 Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

Each year at about this time we ask you, the parishioners of St Gregory the Great Parish, to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. As we enter the Advent season, we focus our thoughts prayers and actions on preparing for the coming of Jesus and the joy of Christmas. Inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings, donating to the Vinnies Christmas appeal is something we can do that will really make a difference to people in need. As we approach Christmas in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to help people who are experiencing disadvantage, poverty and homelessness is very much needed and appreciated. If you are able to contribute to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- -Donate online by visiting [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) - Donors can allocate donations to St Gregory the Great, Doncaster, by putting the conference name in the comments field. Receipts will be automatically emailed out to donors and all donations are tax deductible.
- Donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12 - Donors can allocate donations to St Gregory the Great, Doncaster, by giving the name of the conference over the phone.
- Make a cash donation using one of the Vinnies envelopes or placing cash in the Vinnies Appeal Donation Box at the back of the church.
- Donate a toy or gift card for a needy family by taking a request label from the Christmas tree and buying a gift relevant to that label. Please do not wrap gifts.

**This year the appeal will take place on the weekend of Nov 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

Members of our Conference will be available after each of the Masses to collect donations or answer any questions about the Vinnies and their work. We are looking to recruit new members so if you have a few hours a month to spare and you would like to directly help those in need, please speak to one of our members.