

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

23 APRIL 2023

HE WALKED BY THEIR SIDE. In today's Gospel we meet a person who walks with us, and talks with us, even when we walk away from him. Jesus will never abandon us. Let us invite him to eat with us. He will bring us joy, and give us the enthusiasm we need to continue to proclaim our faith in the resurrection.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 65:1-2

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

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. May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

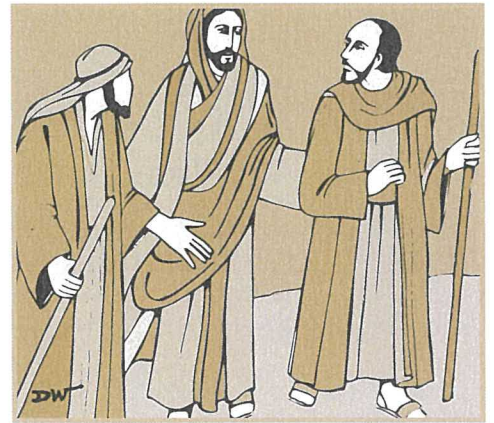
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, / for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. / So my heart was glad / and my tongue cried out with joy: / my body, too, will rest in the hope / that you will not abandon my soul to Hades / nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. / You have made known the way of life to me, / you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



RESP PSALM Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v. 11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. (or Alleluia!)

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**
4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Pet 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! / Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: / make our hearts burn with love when you speak. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 24:13-35

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.

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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, / Aorn 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. Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. 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-V OF EASTER

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 24:35

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries

may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. 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

CHRIST'S FULFILMENT OF GOD'S PLAN

In order to piece a jigsaw together, a great deal of patience is required, as well as the skill of being able to work out the relationship of one piece to the pieces around it. Slowly, large patterns begin to take shape, and so it was with the early Church. In the light of the experience of the Risen Lord, and the catalyst provided by the gift of the Spirit, the first generation of Christians was able to place the life, death and resurrection of Jesus into their proper context. The gift of the Spirit enabled Peter to see that all that had taken place in the life of Jesus was part of a larger plan, and took place with God's foreknowledge. Even Jesus' death was but a preliminary step towards his exaltation and ability to pour out the gift of the Spirit on those who believe.

In a similar vein, Peter saw that promises made before the world began were now fulfilled in Jesus. While the end of days was seen to have already begun, the final pieces of the jigsaw had yet to be put in place. In the meantime, the community was called to remember with gratitude the price Jesus had paid for our freedom, and to live appropriately till the Lord's return. For the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it was not an easy matter to see how the pieces of the puzzle of Jesus' life fitted together. As they journeyed, they were helped by the Risen Lord to finally understand the message contained in the Scriptures and to recognise him with them in the breaking of the bread.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

22/23 April 2023

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

Tel: **9412 8425**

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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

No Weekday Masses.

Words & Communion at St Kevin on Thursdays, 9.15am

Words & Communion followed by Rosary & Adorations at St Greg's on Wednesdays, 9.00 am

Reconciliation / Confessions: No Confessions this weekend

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Common sense hygiene please: Masks, sanitising, isolating if testing positive for Covid-19, etc..

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4th Sunday of Easter

Act: 2:14, 36-41; Pet: 2:20-25, John: 10:1-10

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

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at DoncasterRE@cam.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

Wednesdays at 9.45am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: Third Friday of the month from 7.00pm-9.00pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 4th Fridays 7:15pm—9.30pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: 3rd Mondays 7.30pm in the School Parish 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 Judy Jones, Nick Morton, Luke Kakoschke, Victor, Natalie, Max Passarella, Teresa Yong, Helen La Manna, Alex Ablaza, Mary Grace Lim Siew Lan, Mr & Mrs Tan Chai Kun, Narsis Tencic, Sio Dewi, 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.

And for those who died recently Fr Bob Maguire
and for those whose anniversaries occur about now
Antonio Ferraro

From the desk of ... the PP,

Thirty years ago my family and I were visiting the Minnamurra Falls near Kiama, New South Wales. There was a sign by the path and it said: "A small stone taken is nothing. A pretty flower taken is nothing. But there are two million visitors to these falls each year. If each person takes a stone – there would be nowhere to put the paths along this river. If each person took a flower – the three varieties unique to these falls would become extinct."

Small things: consequences!

Recently at St Greg's, I sat down to pray while awaiting people to come to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with me. As I adjusted my seating my fingers closed over a piece of ... chewing gum. Yuck! I got curious, and spent ten minutes running my hand under all the leading edges of the pews in the church and counted 308 pieces of chewing gum, spread pretty uniformly across the church. The pews were last cleaned over a decade ago and there are four Masses per weekend (let's assume weekday Masses don't leave chewing gum). So, 10 years and 52 weeks and 4 masses and 150 people per Mass, that is only one piece of chewing gum per one thousand people who come through the church: not much. Small things. Yet the consequences will take significant effort to rectify when next we do the pews.

Those are rather negative views. But let's take a positive view.

If each visitor donated \$1 to the management trust for Minnamurra Falls, that national park could do wonders to improve the environment and the sustainability of the falls park lands. Small things: consequences.

Allowing that there are health / infirmity matters that limit many people, if each person who attends Mass committed to assist with one ministry for hour a month (in addition to gathering in praise and joy around Word and Eucharist) that would make 1800 hours at St Greg's, 1000 hours at St Kevin's. Imagine what that commitment could lead to. Small things: consequences.

Stay safe, God bless, Fr Charles.

Update on Progress Report

You will recall Fr Charles wrote a progress report in March on parish planning and future thinking.

Following the report, Fr Charles and the four parishioners supporting him (Alfred Ablaza, Margaret O'Donnell, Tiziana D'Costa and Carmel Purdey) held small group consultations with parishioners from St Gregory's and St Kevin's. The consultations are designed to give parishioners the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions following the Progress Report. The staff from both parish offices have also been consulted.

The consultations have given the parishioners from both parishes a chance to get to know one another and to exchange views. Each time, the dialogue was open, constructive and frank.

These are the themes that have emerged from the consultations:

- *Widespread support for consultation, dialogue and cooperation between the parishes.*
- *Keep communication open and up to date on parish planning.*
- *Widespread acceptance that Fr Charles is the parish priest of two parishes and two communities. We need to work together to alleviate the obvious pressures of one parish priest looking after two parishes. Sharing resources where appropriate, for example, administration could be a way forward to address this.*
- *Acknowledgement that each parish has its own history, traditions and culture.*
- *Support for sharing of resources (eg safeguarding committee) and learning from each other.*

Stay tuned for more updates after Fr Charles' return from leave.

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

THIS WEEK 22/23 April

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH**MONEY COUNTERS:** Boris Klaric, Ana Klaric**LECTORS**

Ashton Ng, Ashley Ng
 Sauro Antonelli, Tony Nimmo
 ANZAC DAY Mass
 Alfred Ablaza

Mary Wilson, Leth Go

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Robert & Dianne McHugh
 Katika Puhaj, Margaret Wallace

Mary Tonti-Filippini, Tina Paolino
MORNING TEA: Seleana & Thomas Ong

COLLECTORS

Viviana Pereira
FLOWERS: Connie Amalfi

NEXT WEEK 29/30 April

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH**MONEY COUNTERS:** Sharron Wilkinson, Iris O'Farrell**LECTORS**

Frances Cannizzo, Ian Barnes
 Peter Molinari, Angela Molinari
 Tony Ting, Aditya Hendarto
 Stephanie Ong, Natalie De Silva

Boris Klaric, Stephen Ma

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Karen D'Souza, Iris O'Farrell
 Rachel Kay, Joan Dinneen
 Fred & Agnes Fulia
 Margaret O'Donnell, Viviana Pereira

MORNING TEA: TBA**COLLECTOR**

Stephanie Ong
FLOWERS: Tessa Leung
 Irene Dharmawan

AUTUMN THEN WINTER—more infectious illness (Covid, Flu, ...)! Perhaps our care with masks / sanitising will keep others safe.

For those who are **Coeliac**, we can provide low gluten (<20ppm) hosts or a separate chalice. Please let the priest or sacristan know your need.

Anointing of the Sick, can be provided before, during or after any Mass. Just let the Sacristan or the Priest know ahead of time.

Transport : Don't leave people stuck at home unable to come to Mass: offer a hand or let us know at the Parish Office.

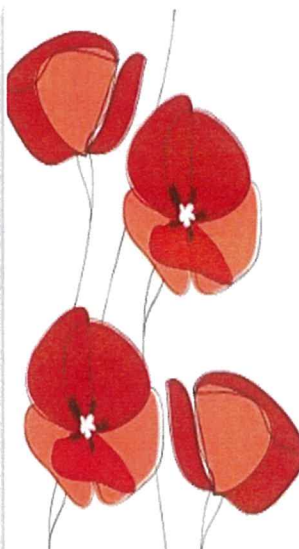
Welcoming! We have a new Welcoming Group: but still: if you see someone you DON'T know? go up and have a chat and get to know them.

The Young Adults Group extend a warm invitation to all between 18 and 30 to join our gathering in the parish room on **Friday 28 April 7:15pm to 10pm**. Dinner will be provided and we will be watching "The Bible Timeline". Looking forward to seeing you there!

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

Next Open Day **3rd May 9.30-11am**, or for 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.



We remember Anzac Day.

We remember heroes
 and what
 they gave for our
 tomorrow.

Welcome to our Veterans and their families to our Special Anzac Day Mass at 10.30am this Sunday

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend
"Live Your Best Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details.**

Date: 28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne. Info/ Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 83676** or **vicbookings@wwme.org.au** Website: **wwme.org.au**



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Thanks to everyone who assisted with the Easter Ceremonies including those who worked behind the scenes in the sacristy, flower ladies, the choir, readers, commentators, Minister of Holy Communion, the collectors and altar servers. Your dedication allowed us to pray these days well.

Also, Thanks to those who prepared the supper at the **Easter Vigil**.

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of volunteers to greet and hand out the Mass Sheets to people attending our weekend Masses. Ideally we need 2-3 more people for each of the Masses. If you are interested in meeting new people and put smile on people's faces please email the office doncaster@cam.org.au.

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Reminder: No Weekday Masses at St Gregory's and St Kevin's until the 16th May 2023.

Weekday Mass will resume at St Gregory's on the 17th May at St Gregory's and 18th May at St Kevins. Words and Communion followed by Rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration at St Gregory's on Wednesdays. Words and Communion at St Kevins on Thursdays.