

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

30 APRIL 2023

THEY KNOW HIS VOICE. At times it can be hard to recognise the voice of Jesus as there are many who claim to speak in his name. A useful guide is to look at people's actions. We can listen to those whose lives reveal the qualities of Jesus: love, compassion, justice, self-sacrifice. They are the good shepherds in our midst.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were  
made, alleluia.

## 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,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach

where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
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, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with  
the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a  
loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be  
certain that God has made this Jesus whom  
you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart  
and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What  
must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,'  
Peter answered 'and every one of you must be  
baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the  
forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the  
gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was  
made is for you and your children, and for all  
those who are far away, for all those whom the  
Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to  
them for a long time using many arguments,  
and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this  
perverse generation.' They were convinced by  
his arguments, and they accepted what he  
said and were baptised. That very day about  
three thousand were added to their number.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 22:1-6. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want. (or Alleluia!)**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is  
nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are  
the pastures / where he gives me repose. /  
Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive  
my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he  
is true to his name. / If I should walk in the  
valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You  
are there with your crook and your staff; /  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me /  
in the sight of my foes. / My head you have  
anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow  
me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own  
house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**



**SECOND READING** 1 Pet 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter  
*You had gone astray but now you have come  
back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing  
punishment patiently when you are punished  
after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you are called to do,  
because Christ suffered for you and left an  
example for you to follow the way he took.  
He had not done anything wrong, and there  
had been no perjury in his mouth. He was  
insulted and did not retaliate with insults;  
when he was tortured he made no threats  
but he put his trust in the righteous judge.  
He was bearing our faults in his own body on  
the cross, so that we might die to our faults  
and live for holiness; through his wounds you  
have been healed. You had gone astray like  
sheep but now you have come back to the  
shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 10:14

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good  
shepherd, says the Lord; I know my  
sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Jn 10:1-10

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.**

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone  
who does not enter the sheepfold through the  
gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a  
brigand. The one who enters through the gate  
is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper

lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

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. Grant, we pray, O Lord,

that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,

so that the renewal constantly at work within us

may be the cause of our unending joy.

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: 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

**The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. 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,  $\text{X}$  and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### FULLNESS OF LIFE

The readings for today invite us to reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus and its consequences for us. As Peter concludes his preaching on the day of Pentecost, he reminds the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem that Jesus' brutal and wrongful death has been reversed by God raising him as Lord and Christ. That is not all, because the resurrection provides them with the possibility to think again and so accept the gracious forgiveness that God is unexpectedly offering. In the midst of human frailty, misunderstanding and violence God's love will find a way to bring life out of death.

In the second reading the focus shifts as Peter pays close attention to Jesus' manner of dealing with his own suffering and death as a model for disciples as we confront suffering and injustice. As the shepherd, Jesus goes before us carrying our weakness and brokenness on the cross transforming them by the power of his healing love. In our turn, we are called to follow his example of forgiving and life-giving love.

The Gospel today invites us to accept Jesus as the Good Shepherd who calls, protects, and enlivens us. Jesus is the Shepherd who gave himself for the sake of the sheep, the one who still calls us to hear his voice and follow. He has come so we might have life and have it to the full. In Jesus, we have the sure hope that whatever struggles lie before us he will lead us safely home if we listen to his voice and follow where he leads.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

## Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

### 29/30 April 2023

#### Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri 9.30am to 3.30pm**

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

Words & Communion at St Kevin on Thursdays, 9.15am

**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:** 5th Sunday of Easter

Act: 6:1-7, Pet: 2:4-9, John: 14:1-12

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

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, Chianna Sacco, Roy Dos Santos, Lilia Go, Maria Stone, Chee Mee Lian, 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 Shirley Fitzgerald and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Agnese Conte, Caroline Perrin**

From the desk of ... the PP,

By the time this is issued I shall be on my way from the United States to the United Kingdom.

I have no idea what I will have seen and done beyond attending a two day conference in Rochester, Minnesota and having spend nearly two days in aeroplanes.

When I plan my holidays I rely on my friends and family to point me to good things to do at the 'other end' – during the time I spend with them. Partly that is because it allows them to show off what is important in the places they live. Partly because I don't make the time to trawl through travel books to find the things that really attract me. Partly because what I most want is to spend time with friends and family – the things and places of the world are often beautiful and awe inspiring but the truly great evidences of God's work in my life lie in the people I meet and the family and friends I spent time with.

On my last trip, back in 2019, on my way home my flight took me through Los Angeles and there was a long queue waiting to get through security. One guard had the most delightful laugh and joking way of moving us along "just move ahead here, keep the line going, ah, sonny tie your shoe lace but tie it loosely because you'll need to take your shoes off, ah, no no, we don't wear hats inside the lighting isn't bright enough to see with anyway so wearing a hat means we can't see your beautiful smiles ... and so on – what could have been a difficult 40 minutes was delightful: graced, stress was lowered, the people who needed special checks were identified with a minimum of fuss and they were happy being checked.

Finding evidence of God's love – my life's work I suppose, my gift perhaps (I don't think I have personally met a person in whom I couldn't see goodness and joy that comes from God).

Hopefully I will come back to parish life full of the energy of the Holy Spirit, charged with the love that can be found in the odd places of the world.

Stay safe, God bless, Fr Charles.

#### **St Gregory's & St Kevin's Social Justice collaboration success.**

The 45 people who registered for the recent Joint St Kevin's & St Gregory's Parishes 'Indigenous Voice & issues' online Forum on 12th April, and the 9 who joined a related excursion on April 20th to the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Thornbury were pleased not only to HEAR ABOUT The Voice but helpfully HEAR FROM a Voice 1st hand. We also learned about a very successful programme supported by the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry to help provide Koori Kids who otherwise couldn't afford an education of their choice. Hearing first hand case studies highlighted both the importance and effectiveness of such encouragement and education for Koori Kids, both for their personal development and the wider benefit to society. The one hour Forum and its Q & A were recorded and anyone interested can request a link to the video from the Parish Office or St Kevin's Social Justice Action. Our 2nd Collection today in parallel with the St Kevin's campaign will help support the highly successful and important work of the Opening Doors Foundation. Just before the 2nd collection we'll watch a 1'40" video from just one of the Koori Kids who have benefited from the Opening the Doors Foundation, which you're invited to support today— John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice Action, 0409 967 207.

**Reminder:** No Weekday Masses at St Gregory's & St Kevin's until the 16th May  
Words and Communion followed by Rosaries and Eucharistic Adoration at St Gregory's on Wednesdays.  
Words and Communion at St Kevins on Thursdays.

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

**THIS 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

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

**MORNING TEA:** TBA

**COLLECTORS**

Stephanie Ong  
**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung  
Tessa Leung

**NEXT WEEK 6/7 May**

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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Mal de Alwis, Ray Lewis

**LECTORS**

Robert McHugh, Gerard O'Donnell  
Queenie Wood, Rachel Kay  
Brendan Pon, Aditya Hendarto  
Joseph Philip, Lorna Philip  
Boris Klaric, Stephen Ma

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Ray & Kay Lewis  
Sauro & Lilian Antonelli  
Caterina Gioffre, Seleana Ng

**MORNING TEA:** TBA

**COLLECTOR**

Alfred Lee  
**FLOWERS:** Mary Piccoli  
Geraldina Donato

**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 of 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.



Welcome to the family of **Brandon Robert Sonnen** who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Sunday.

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**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](mailto:st.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com) and Jess will get back to you. Tennis club use for tennis playing: contact Gianna on 0438 410 506.



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Today is the World of Prayer for Vocations . Pope Francis tells us:

*There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow his path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



CORNERSTONE 

**YOUTH GROUP**

JOURNEY WITH US AND OTHER YOUTHS TO GROW CLOSER WITH GOD!  
**BRING A FRIEND!**

**3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7 PM**

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