

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 OCTOBER 2022

ZACCHAEUS, COME DOWN. HURRY. Great wealth had not brought happiness to Zacchaeus, a despised tax collector in prosperous Jericho. Having wandered away from God, he was lost. Then he met Jesus, the rabbi who consorted with sinners; and his life was never to be the same again. We are called to imitate Zacchaeus in his repentance and Jesus in his merciful love.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 37:22-23

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!**

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have
mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: 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 and merciful God, by whose gift
your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy
service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten
without stumbling to receive the things you
have promised. 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 Wis 11:22–12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom
*You have mercy on all things because you love
everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a
grain of dust that tips the scales,
like a drop of morning dew falling on the
ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can
do all things
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing
of what you have made in abhorrence,
for had you hated anything, you would not
have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a
thing persist,
how be conserved if not called forth by you?
You spare all things because all things are
yours, Lord, lover of life,
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.
Little by little, therefore, you correct those
who offend,
you admonish and remind them of how they
have sinned,
so that they may abstain from evil and trust
in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord.

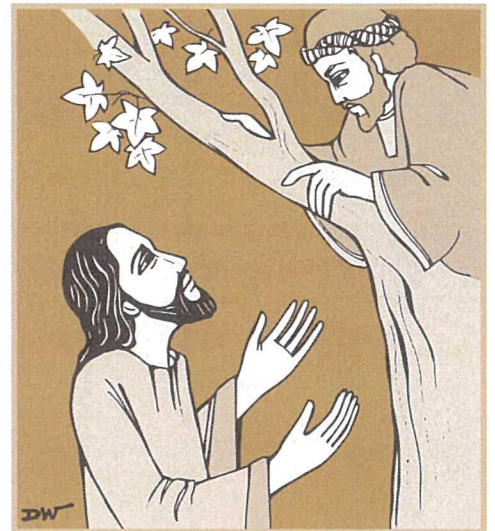
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. cf. v. 1

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my
king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, /
I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless
you day after day / and praise your name for
ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion, / slow to anger, abounding
in love. / How good is the Lord to all, /
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**



3. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their
blessing. / They shall speak of the glory
of your reign / and declare your might,
O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and
loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports
all who fall / and raises all who are bowed
down. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Thess 1:11–2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Thessalonians

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be
glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make
you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil
all your desires for goodness and complete
all that you have been doing through faith;
because in this way the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you
in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be
gathered round him: please do not get excited
too soon or alarmed by any prediction or
rumour or any letter claiming to come from us,
implying that the Day of the Lord has already
arrived.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God loved the world so much, he gave
his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have
eternal life.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 19:1-10

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.

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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. May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

 cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. 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

SALVATION HAS COME

'Could God really love me?' All too often Christians labour under the burden and misapprehension that God's love and forgiveness must be earned or merited. Aware of their frailty and need for God's mercy there is the fear that God could not love them given the mistakes they've made. Sometimes there is a sense that while God might be gracious and forgiving for others, this would be too much to hope for themselves. The book of Wisdom reminds us that while God patiently longs for our repentance we are always loved because our very existence is proof of God's love for us.

As Paul writes to the Thessalonians, he sets out to calm their fears about the return of the Lord at the end of time. He encourages them with the knowledge that he always prays that they will become worthy of the call that they have received as Christians. Paul knew that none of us can ever earn our salvation, it is always God's free and loving gift. His concern was more that we would learn to respond generously and appropriately to the marvellous gift we have received.

Zacchaeus is a fine example of a generous response to the Lord's loving initiative. Experiencing Jesus' openness and love leads him to offer to give half his considerable wealth to the poor. This meeting with a known sinner provides Jesus with the opportunity to state the purpose of his life and mission - to seek out and save what was lost.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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**

Wed 9am, Fri at St Charles Borromeo School (Tu/Thu 9:15 am St Kevin's)

**SANITISING / MASKS / ISOLATING
ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS & CARING**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Mac 7:1–2, 9–14, 2 Thes 2:16–3:5 Luke 20:27–38

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30-11am

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

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future 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 9.45 am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: First Friday of the month from 6pm-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, 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, Angelique Giacomini, Maureen Tresise **And those who died recently** Enita Rita Saunders **for the repose of the souls of** Vincenzo Donato, Teresa Bucciachio, William Maher Snr, Cecilia See Kim Hua, Ong Kok Ann and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

From the desk of the PP:

Our Gospel on this past Friday happens near the beginning of Jesus' ministry—the moment (Lk 6:12-16) where Jesus chooses twelve men in whom Jesus invests extra time and effort to help them grow in faith and understanding so they can be leaders. Our bishops of today are ordained in direct line of succession from those twelve. Jesus names them "Apostles," meaning "sent forth," and they certainly took his charge seriously and went forth after Pentecost and spread the Good News far and wide.

It would be easy to allow that choice by Jesus to be an excuse for the rest of us to leave active spreading of the Good News as something reserved to a few leaders but St Paul tells us in Ephesians that "each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift". St Paul goes on to identify five gifts for spreading the Good News: being apostolic, prophetic, evangelizing, pastoring, teaching. When St Paul says "each of us" he means each of us who is a baptized Christian.

There is a simple 'test' you could take on-line at 5-Q Central (the APEST test) to see what your gifts are. It is not just bishops who are apostolic or some people in the old testament who were prophets. We all have some measure of these five gifts. My strongest gifts are evangelising then pastoring, followed by teaching, prophecy and apostolic. So you should not be surprised that I work so much to foster mission and being disciples who go and make disciples or that I seek to grow our ministries to nurture God's people.

You may know already what your gifts are, or the test is may be useful for you. Understanding our gifts a little can help each of us to see how/where we might best grow our in spreading the Good News.

God bless, Fr Charles

Parish Consultation Forum- "Reach out- Bring People to Jesus" - 2nd November 7pm

In August, some leaders of our Parish ministries came together to begin to discern how best we might develop or expand parish ministries so that we become more intentionally a people who seeks to go and make disciples.

We are now seeking feedback from any interested parishioners who will join us on this journey. How can we as a parish improve so that we are a more vibrant parish, one which is welcoming, enriches us all, has Jesus at the Centre and is active in reaching out to bring others to know and experience the love of God.

Please come and join other parishioners in the Parish Hall at **7pm on Wednesday November 2nd**. The evening will commence with prayer and a shared pizza meal. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will then bring us all up to date with the journey so far and we will hear brief reports from some members of parish ministries. There will be an opportunity to discuss what we need to do next and how we will become a vibrant parish that reaches out to bring people to Jesus.

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**LECTORS**

Ashton Ng & Ashley Ng
 Queenie Wood, Amanda Chong
 Karen Chay, Chris Anggoro
 Mary Tonti-Filipini, Benedicta Wong
 Andrew Khalil, Yvonne Tan

MORNING TEA: Clara Jee**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Robert & Dianne McHugh
 Margaret Wallace, Queenie Wood
 Robert Rukavina, Dai Sim
 Seleana Ng, Margaret O'Donnell

Francis Yim, Alfred Lee (Cltrs)
FLOWERS Tessa Leung

NEXT WEEK 05/06 Nov

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH**LECTORS**

Margaret & Gerard O'Donnell
 Phillip Dunlop, Greg James
 Luisa Yambao, Brian Tyedin
 Francis Yim, Dot Haynes
 Stephen Ma, Lisa Moule

MORNING TEA: Jenny & Brian Tyedin**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Margaret O'Donnell & Iris O'Farrell
 Joan Dineen, Rachael Kay
 Mary Stocco, Pierre Tanzimat
 Tina Paulino

Selana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell (Cltrs)
FLOWERS Irene Dharmawan

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.

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.

There would be **NO Mass on Friday, 4th Nov** at St Gregory's.

Mass will be celebrated at **St Charles Borromeo School for St Charles Feast day at 9am.**

ALL IS WELCOME. 230-234 Serpells Rd, Templestowe.



Welcome to the families of **Elara Passarella** who will be baptised at St Gregory's Church this Sunday.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Archbishop has asked that we commend to you and your parish communities the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Please refer to the letter attached to this bulletin for ways to donate.

We ask also for your thoughts and prayers for all who are impacted by the floods as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.

**BUILD
 BRIGHTER
 FUTURES
 FOR FAMILIES
 IN EMDIBIR**

On behalf of Fr Habte, the community and church members in Emdibir, Ethiopia, thank you so much for your generous support through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your gift is helping to ensure that many families have the opportunity to access skills training and employment. Your generosity is also supporting many other mission programs for children and communities around the world.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/families

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.

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 WWC and Sign the Code of Conduct available in the church foyer or our website. If you like them emailed please email the office.

New Rosters December—March 2023

We will soon commence creating a new roster for Readers, Special Ministers, Care for the Church, Flowers, Collectors and Morning Tea for Dec to March 2023. If you would like to serve the Lord in our community please email us at doncaster@cam.org.au. Training will be provided. If you are currently on the roster and need changes made please also let us know.

Our Parish & School Working Bee will be held on Saturday

5th November from 9am to 11.00am. Please come along to our last Working Bee for the year with your gloves and gardening tools. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone support and generous contribution to our School & Parish.

**All Souls Month**

Masses—2nd Nov at 9am and 5.30pm. There will be a Morning Tea after the 9am Mass on Wednesday.

Memorial Plaques—Father Charles will be blessing them on those 2 Masses. Please contact the Office if you have ordered a plaque to let us know which Mass you are attending or if you would like them blessed at another time.

Memorial Prayers Book— is now available at the sanctuary by the baptism font. You could write the names of your loved ones that have died throughout the month of November & Father Charles will offer prayers for them weekly throughout the month.



**YOUTH
 NIGHT**

JOIN US from 6 to 9 PM

@ The Parish room at St Gregory the Great

Welcome Year 6 - 9



Every
 1st
 Friday of
 each
 month

Inviting Youths in grade 6 to year 9 to join us for our Cornerstone Youth group meeting on the first Friday of November (**4th Nov**) from 6pm to 9pm.

Cornerstone group will meet on the first Friday of each month. Our youth group is not only a good place to stay connected with friends, but to grow your faith towards God. Come journey with us!!