

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

27 FEBRUARY 2022

TAKE THE PLANK FROM YOUR OWN EYE FIRST. Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples' shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behaviour from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 17: 19-20

**The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.**

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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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. Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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

Sir 27: 4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning / and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

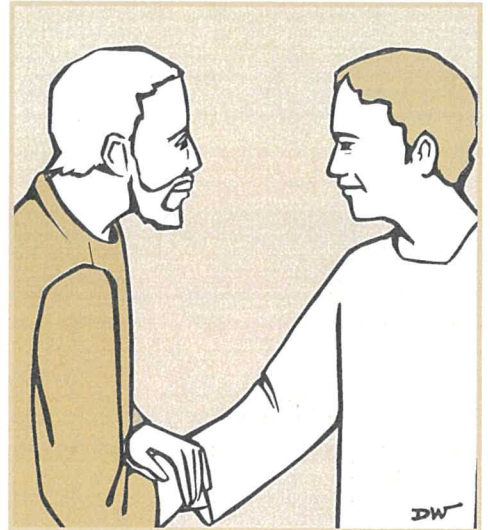
SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed



up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

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.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.'

‘There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man’s words flow out of what fills his heart.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit’s reward. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 12: 6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION


P. Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

We often hear it said that actions speak louder than words, and that talk is cheap. While these sayings may well be true, what we say provides others with a window into our hearts. Both the first reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect upon the quality of our speech and what it reveals about where our heart lies. As trees are judged on the quality of their fruit so our hearts are judged on the quality of our speech. Jesus’ words forcefully remind us that before we judge others, we would do well to look to ourselves and the quality of the fruit we bear in our actions and in the words we speak.

As Paul concludes his argument about the bodily resurrection, he praises God for the victory that has been won over sin and death. Like other Jews of his time, he understood that sin and death had entered the world through the fall of Adam. When Paul states that sin gets its power from the law, he invites the Corinthians to reflect on the paradox posed by the Jewish law. While the law calls us to righteousness, its very existence is living proof of the power of sin, since the commands of the law would not be necessary if there was no sin. Paul sees the death and resurrection of Jesus as the first fruits of a crop that is yet to come. In the meantime, the community is called to continue to live their Christian lives in the hope that they are not working in vain.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year C—27 February 2022

Parish Office:

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Parish Priest: Fr. Charles Balnaves

Parish Secretary: Mon & Tue :Nadia Bolzonello

Friday: Bernadine De Silva

MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 am

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS

MASKS NOT MANDATORY

SOCIAL DISTANCING DESIRABLE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: First Sunday of Lent

Deut 26:4-10, Rom 10:8-13, Lk 4:1-13

RECONCILIATION: See notice in the body of this bulletin

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for future bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL: Principal: Michelle Verna

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Email: principal@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: has restarted!!

Wednesdays at 9.45 am in the church meeting room.

Contact Terry Morton 0402 307 384.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: (on hold)

First Friday of the month from 7pm-9pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:

Once a month (as advertised) from 7pm—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 Roy Dos Santos, Judith Morton, Pat McLeod, Joe Dimech, Lilia Go, Ralph Caparello, Anna Girardi, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Tony Ryan, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Antoinette Tanzimat, Iris Henson Chan, Vincent Aloj, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Rina Sacco, Wang Wei Qiao, Rob & Tilly Rukavina, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Nieva Bothe, Bernadette Sheridan, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo.

Those who died recently; **Jo Allen, Maria Nhat, Fr Jose Hung**, and for the repose of the souls of **Pascal Lemos, Emilio Molinari** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from Fr Charles:

War! Who would have thought we could have war yet another war and one with such global possibilities for destabilisation. Yet another war! There are currently about two dozen wars around the world, most of which we don't hear about, many of which have been continuing for years and years, none of which has really done good. Let us pray for a change of heart in all that enables and end to war everywhere but particularly at this moment in Ukraine. Our prayers do make a difference!

Ash Wednesday / Lent / Easter:

Lenten rules are as normal: fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and following your way of penance, of showing your desire to grow in love of Christ, your efforts of prayer/fasting/almsgiving throughout this journey.

I am way behind on getting all the normal things organised that have been common in the past during Lent and leading to Easter. If you used to help Bishop Tony organise things during Lent/Easter please step forwards, call me, call the parish office. Bishop Tony sent me an outline of things that have happened in prior years: I need people to help organise them and make sure the details are done, especially if you've done it before.

I hope most things that have happened in previous years will happen this year. So far:

- Sign up sheets are in the narthex for Lenten Discussion Groups.
- Stations of the Cross will happen on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.
- Project Compassion materials are available.

I don't think we are quite ready to bring back the Parish Lenten Pilgrimage this year—too much risk of Covid-spread it seems to me. And, we didn't get organised in time. So! Next year! Where would you like to go?

Surrender! It would seem that the word "Lent" has its roots in the lengthening of days during Spring. This year, as we once again enter on our journey towards and into the mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death and resurrection let us move through prayer and mindfulness and into surrender: not giving up but giving ourselves over into God's love to call us and guide us and nurture us as we undertake our Lenten observances of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Parish Secretary: we will be interviewing candidates on Tuesday—please keep us in your prayers as we seek to find the right person for the role.

Parish Phone Answering Machine Message: I do know that the answering machine at the parish has a misleading message. The problem is that we haven't worked out how to change the message. We are investigating.!

EFT Point of Sale Giving: Would you like to see an electronic funds transfer option available in the church? To allow a donation directly without needing cash? Please let me know. It costs a little to get one but could be a useful way to simplify giving for some/many people.

God bless, Father Charles

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

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 5.00pm

LECTORS

Patrick Soosay, Frances Cannizzo
 Queenie Wood
 Paola Villanueva, Luisa Yambao
 Dot Haynes, Benedicta Wong

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

Moira White, Peter Whiting
 Ray & Kay Lewis
 Sauro Antonelli, Ivan Ivas
 Margaret O'Donnell, Judy Ablaza Gerard O'Donnell, Nita Pereira (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Dina Sardana, Yvonne Tan**FLOWERS:** (Fri 25th Feb) Geraldina Donato, Mary Piccoli**NEXT WEEK**

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 5.00pm

Erica Yeo, Xabrina Yeo
 Amanda Chong, Philip Dunlop
 Paul Williams, Rita Williams
 Nita Pereira, Francis Yim

Iris O'Farrell, Sharron Wilkinson
 Rachael Kay, Katica Pujalj
 Lucy Giardino, Mary Martin
 Vivian Pereira, Caterina Gioffre

Sardana Family (Ctrs)

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Leth Go, Mary Wilson**FLOWERS:** (Lent—no flowers)**FACE MASKS:** Please adhere to the current government directives**Lent & Easter:**

Ash Wednesday 2nd March. There will be 2 Masses at St Greg's 9am & 6pm. And 10.30am & 7:30 pm at St Kevin's.

Stations of the Cross : will be held every Friday at 7pm, Commencing from Fri 4th March.



Sympathy: to Jo Allen's families, friends and parishioners who remember her humility, warmth and welcome and mourn her passing. Her funeral was held Friday at St Gregory's Church. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



Project Compassion : Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.** With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Confession: 1st Rite of Reconciliation: Fr Charles is available on Saturdays in St Greg's Church from 9-10am. If you come early before any Mass, Fr Charles is available for the Sacrament from 30 mins till 10 mins before Mass, or after Mass. If another priest is celebrating then approach and request the sacrament.

Masses with congregations: QR Code check-in is no longer required. Still we must hand sanitise. Parish staff and volunteers within the Parish setting and its outreach are still required to be up to date with their vaccination.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

FACE COVERINGS ARE NOT MANDATORY INDOORS BUT ... be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful to protect ourselves and others with masks and physical distancing.

Coming Back: who do you know that is hesitant about re-joining the community in person? .\Perhaps you can offer to help them return.

Masses next Sunday: as per the normal 6pm/8:30 am/10:30 am/5pm schedule.

Pilgrimage Statue: Over the next few weeks, Shirley Mullens and Dot Haynes are going to seek to get the pilgrimage of Mary re-started: Call the office to let us know your desire to be a part of this prayer journey.

Weekday Mass times in the coming week: Tuesday, Thursday: 9:15 am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe; Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 am St Greg's Doncaster.

Parish Facilities: The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are becoming available. It will be after Easter for the hall but the Tennis Club facilities already 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. Perhaps a gathering is germinating in your mind as a part of arising from restrictions: maybe our facilities can be of use.

Facebook: Keep an eye on your Facebook site – if you have 'friended' or 'like' the St Greg's or the St Kevin's Facebook page(s) it will tell you when we are on line: Sunday 10:00 am at St Kevin's.

Parish Sacramental Program 2022 for the Sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist/Confirmation

We are now accepting registrations, which will commence on the 8th March with a general information evening (for Parents and Enrolment of Catholic students attending Government or Independent schools) and the first part of the Reconciliation program. It will be held in the Parish Hall, commencing at 5.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office 9412 8425 / doncaster@cam.org.au for more information.



St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School - : Open Days In 2022

Tue 1st Mar Twilight Session—5.30pm—7.30pm
 Tue 15th Mar 9.00am—1.00pm
 Tue 29th Mar 9.00am—1.00pm
 Tue 3rd May 9.00am—1.00pm
 Tue 17th May 9.00am—1.00pm
 Tue 8th Nov 9.00am—1.00pm
 Register at www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/events