

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

6 MARCH 2022

TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL. The temptations experienced by Jesus in the wilderness were not temptations to moral evil as we usually understand it. They were not temptations to steal or murder or commit adultery. They were far more subtle: to give priority to material comfort, to have power over others, to test God. During Lent, let us take some time to examine our own attitudes: are we giving priority to God or in subtle ways putting ourselves first and God second?

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 90:15-16

**When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.**

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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

P. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly
observances of holy Lent, that we may grow
in understanding of the riches hidden in
Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their
effects. 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

Deut 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall
take the panner from your hand and lay it
before the altar of the Lord your God. Then,
in the sight of the Lord your God, you must
make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He
went down into Egypt to find refuge there,
few in numbers; but there he became a nation,
great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-
treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted
harsh slavery on us. But we called on the
Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard
our voice and saw our misery, our toil and
our oppression; and the Lord brought us out
of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched
arm, with great terror, and with signs and
wonders. He brought us here and gave us this
land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here
then I bring the first-fruits of the produce
of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You
must then lay them before the Lord your
God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord
your God.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in
trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the
Most High / and abides in the shade of the
Almighty / says to the Lord: 'My refuge, / my
stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, / no plague
approach where you dwell. / For you has he
commanded his angels, / to keep you in all
your ways. **R.**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands /
lest you strike your foot against a stone. / On
the lion and the viper you will tread / and
trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue
him; / protect him for he knows my name. /
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with
you.' / I will save him in distress and give
him glory. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we
proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips
and in your heart. If your lips confess that
Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead, then you
will be saved. By believing from the heart
you are made righteous; by confessing with
your lips you are saved. When scripture says:
those who believe in him will have no cause
for shame, it makes no distinction between
Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord
who is rich enough, however many ask for his
help, for everyone who calls on the name of
the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.**

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endless glory!**

GOSPEL

Lk 4:1-13

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.

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by
the Spirit through the wilderness where he was
tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the
Jordan and was led by the Spirit through
the wilderness, being tempted there by the
devil for forty days. During that time he ate
nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then
the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of
God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But

Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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. Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable

and sacred time. 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 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 Mt 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

It is said that without the faculty of memory there can be no sense of identity. We don't know who we are or where we are going without knowing where we have been. For the people of Israel, it was critical to remember with gratitude the saving acts of God that had brought them to the land of promise, passing from slavery to freedom. Today's text from Deuteronomy was Israel's first creed and it played an important role in forming Israel's identity as a people cherished and chosen to be God's people in a unique way.

In the temptation scene, we see Jesus coming to terms with his identity as God's Son. Where was his life going? How was he to live as Son of God? For 40 days the devil searches and probes, entices, and challenges. Ultimately, Jesus proclaims that God is the source of his life, the devil's offer of power an illusion, and forcing God's hand is not acceptable for the person of faith.

In writing to the Christian community of Rome, Paul had to deal with the question of the identity of Christians and their relationship to the people of Israel and the Jewish law. While the people of Israel continued to have a special place in God's plans, Paul knew that the law that had been given to Moses now played a secondary role for Christians. Paul makes it clear that due to God's graciousness both Jews and Gentiles can be saved by means of faith in Jesus.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

First Sunday of Lent / Year C—6 March 2022

Parish Office:

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 Website: www.stgregs.org.au

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

**MASS OPEN TO ALL; MASKS OPTIONAL /
ENCOURAGED; MUST HAND SANITISE;
SOCIAL DISTANCING DESIRABLE**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, Phil 3:20-4:1, Lk 9:28-36

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, Joe Dimech, Lilia Go, Ralph Caparello, Theresa Yong, Maria Stone, Tony Ryan, Eliseo Pardillo, Siat Lin, Antoinette Tanzimat, Iris Henson Chan, Vincent Aloï, Margaret Dobran, Andrew Wilson, Fr Matthew Abraham CSsR, Wang Wei Qiao, Paul Materazzo, Ian Angus, Nieva Bothe, Bernadette Sheridan, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo, Julie Battanta.

Those who died recently; **Tang Tan Yue (Caroline), Wong Kwan Fook (Paul), Brian Ferreira, Rachel Cerra** and for the repose of the souls of **Boris Barac, Joseph Briffa, Barbara & Michael Sabol** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Words from Fr Charles:

War! Peace! There is a series of young adult books called "The Hunger Games" - well on through the books the central character, Katniss, says she is sick of being Snow's slave, of being manipulated into killing people by Snow, the evil dictator. Katniss chooses at that moment to respond to violence with peace/forgiveness, to turn away a threat through solidarity. Later, she fails in her aspiration: she does participate in (much) further violence. But! Her action points, perhaps not intentionally, to a key facet of Jesus Christ: he is always, always, always willing to suffer rather than respond with violence (the cleansing of the temple is an exception to prove the rule).

Violence is never the way to achieve the peace Jesus Christ desires so ardently to impart upon us. Perhaps we can impart to our Lenten prayers and actions a particularly care towards being bringers of peace, Christ's peace, to every aspect of our lives.

Lent / Easter:

The beginning of Lent has been special and different this year. Special because our preparation for Easter is not overshadowed by lockdowns—we are (largely) free to plan our Lent and our Easter as we want it to be. Different because, for me, this is the first time were the presence of children is strongly in their favour: children far outnumbering adults across all five Ash Wednesday services. Their enthusiasm, openness, honesty is a moment of grace for me, grace from the Holy Spirit .

Do you have your Lenten disciplines in place and in action? Allow them to form and develop under the influence of the Holy Spirit—calling you to start something new this year. Imagine something new, something 'out of the box' - perhaps ... making an extra effort each day to approach someone you've seen often but never spoken to.

Our scripture readings during Lent continually speak to us about doing things which will change our hearts. "Create a new heart in me of Lord ..."
Perhaps this year we can make this wish just a little more real.

Parish Secretary: we interviewed candidates and are continuing the process of selection.

God bless, Father Charles

Caritas Ukraine : The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. You can help the Caritas Ukraine on the ground to provide families with emergency food water shelter and hygiene support.

Donate at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH : Leth Go, Mary Wilson

LECTORS

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

Leth Go, Mary Wilson

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST

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

FLOWERS : (Lent—no flowers)

Sardana Family (Ctrs)

NEXT WEEK

Sat 6.00pm
 Sun 8.30am
 Sun 10.30am
 5.00pm

CARE OF THE CHURCH : Leth Go, Mary Wilson

Gerard O'Donnell, Margaret O'Donnell
 Margaret Wallace
 Jenny Tyedin, Brian Tyedin
 Mary Tonti-Filippini, Margaret Wheatley

Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Tony Nimmo, Terry Morton
 Brendan Pon, Maggie Yong
 Nita Pereira, Viviana Pereira

FLOWERS : (Lent—no flowers)

Jane Ma, Alfred Lee (Ctrs)

FACE MASKS: Please adhere to the current government directives

Stations of the Cross : Every Friday at 7pm.



**First Sunday of Lent
 5/6 March**



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

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.

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.

FACE COVERINGS / DISTANCING ARE OPTIONAL BUT ... be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful.

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

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.

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: Tue/Thur 9:15 from St Kevin's / Sun 10/10:30 depending on where Fr Charles is celebrating Mass.

Piety Stall : Volunteers are needed to help out at the Piety Stall after Mass. If you are able to help out for about 10 minutes after Mass please contact Mary Wilson on 0433682285".

Sympathy: to Caroline Tang Han Yue & family and to Rachela Cerra & family. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

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.

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.

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

Tue 15th Mar, Tue 29th Mar, Tue 3rd May, Tue 17th May & Tue 8th Nov from 9am—1pm. Register at www.sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au/events

**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.



Information session for the Permanent Diaconate

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au