

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

20 MARCH 2022

UNLESS YOU REPENT. When misfortune strikes people considered to be sinners, others might say: 'They had it coming! God is punishing them!' In today's Gospel Jesus criticises such attitudes on two grounds. Firstly, it is wrong to see the wrath of God in every tragic event. Secondly, we need to recognise that we are all guilty of sin and in need of conversion. Instead of judging others, let us ask God to forgive our sins and help us as we undertake the difficult task of reform.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 24:15-16

**My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

## 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. O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, by your mercy.

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** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

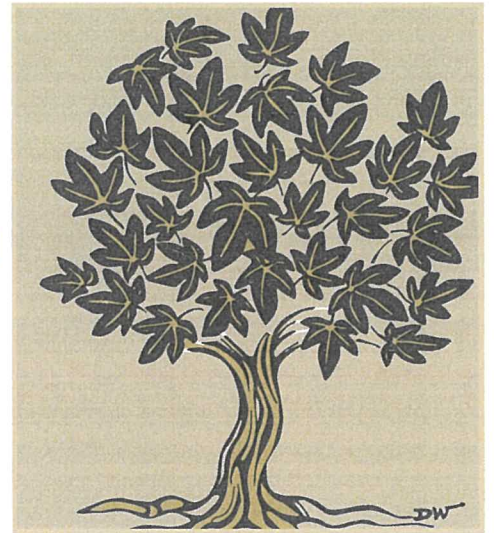
**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**



2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, / gives judgement for all who are oppressed. / He made known his ways to Moses / and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

4. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

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

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mt 4:17

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**  
**Repent, says the Lord;**  
**the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**  
**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL** Lk 13:1-9

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.**

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*  
Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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. Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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 OR II 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: 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 83:4-5

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from

on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. 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**

**CALL TO REPENT**

For the people of Israel, the Exodus was understood to be the series of events that forged them as a people. When Moses is commissioned to go to the people and tell them what God is about to do for them, Moses asks for God's name. In reply, he is given the riddle of God's name in Hebrew that means 'I am who I am, I have been who I have been, I will be who I will be'. Moses and the people are invited to enter into a mystery. On the journey towards the land of promise, they will discover who God is, and who they are as God's people.

Paul uses the example of Israel's time in the desert to lead his wayward converts of Corinth to partake in the celebration of the Eucharist in a fitting manner. Some of them felt that they could eat meat that had already been sacrificed to idols, while others were scandalising their brothers and sisters by being drunk when the poor arrived for the Eucharist. They are forcefully reminded that even the people of Israel in the desert who ate the spiritual food and drink that God provided could be punished. In other words, there is no room for any complacency or arrogance that would justify us disregarding others.

In the Gospel too, Jesus challenges the complacency of his hearers. He makes use of contemporary events in Jerusalem to shock and unsettle. Ultimately, we are reminded of God's forbearance and mercy but are also called to make the most of the present opportunity to repent.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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# WELCOME TO ST. GREGORY'S—DONCASTER

## Third Sunday of Lent / Year C—20 March 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

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

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Lk 13:1-9

**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](mailto:principal@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au)

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Contact Margaret O'Donnell at [DoncasterRE@cam.org.au](mailto: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 Sheridon, Eliasari, Dennis Clarke, Veronica, Maria, Veronica, Luz, Carolina, Andrea, Marisa, Rodolfo, Angel, Gustavo, Julie Battanta, Margaret Hansen, Fati, Mary Jansz, Sheyna Jansz, Teresa Danker.

*rieto*

Those who died recently; and for the repose of the souls of **Pascal Paul Lemos, Winifred Perrin, Maria Tomassello, Maria Ferraro, Giuseppe Connitto, Rose Liew, Maria Ferraro, Giuseppe Cannizzo**, and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

### Words from Fr Charles:

I have now been here as Parish Priest for a little over six months. I am beginning to know some names to put with faces. It is a slow process. Sometimes I think I should have put a lot more new things in place: done a lot more to open the future.

But, already: the school children know me, a little. School staff and parents know me a little. Quite a lot of parishioners know me a little. It takes time doesn't it: getting to know each other.

When I finished my first degree I scraped through with bare pass in applied mathematics. Throughout the three years of the degree we were taught how to describe the world: develop a mathematical description, we were told, and you can solve any problem (ANY problem!); gather the data and develop the solution: analytic thinking with logic wins every time!

It took me some years to realise that my lecturers had been describing an approach to one type of problems: physical / empirical problems. Perhaps it is true we can solve all physical problems, though we are a long way from that. They never mentioned other classes of problems such as spiritual problems because they are not empirical; they are about human / God relationships. Relationships can't be quantified beyond some general terms (good/bad; strong/weak; nurturing/harmful and so on). Relationships must be developed and discerned and discernment requires allowing room for the Holy Spirit and for Jesus Christ: not only are they not measureable, they are never just about you and me—they usually involve other people and they always involve God in some way.

Why do I raise this? Because I don't want you to get impatient or to think I am not taking action to help the parishes I lead to grow. I know that we need to nourish and renew and re-enthuse our wonderful community of faith. And I know that we need to find ways to grow by spreading the Good News that Jesus died for us and God loves us. To pursue these means we need to move together with the Holy Spirit, to discern ways forward that grow from our relationship. This means allowing "God's time" for us to get to know each other and for the Holy Spirit to move and guide/lead us towards the future (with a lot of hard work on our part).

Along the way, I will talk about possibilities of things we might do that rejuvenate or reach out or galvanise or create new opportunities. I may talk of concerns I have about matters. What I won't do is suddenly impose a solution: to do so would make the work 'mine' not "God's".

Holy Week will be the next major celebration and ceremony through which we will learn something more about each other—and I have been humbled by the energy that people are putting in to help develop uplifting/Spirit-filled liturgies for each of the Masses/Services that week.

Please, journey with me, help me to learn about you and your vision for the parish.

### God bless, Father Charles

**COVID MARSHALS: THANK YOU!!!** Thank you for two years of wonderful service to our parish. You are invited to a celebration of thanksgiving after the 5:00 pm Mass: 3rd April. Marshalls and partners are invited to a simple gathering in the Parish Hall. For catering please RSVP by 27th March. Go to your emails for the link to confirming your attendance.

**Caritas Ukraine:** The way violence is escalating in Ukraine reminds me strongly of how violence escalates in a controlling, abusive relationship: irrationally, wrong, unjustified. We can't change that ourselves, we can help 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****LECTORS**

Noel & Cathy McClelland  
Angela Molinari, Peter Molinari  
Joseph Fernandez, Paola Villaneuva  
Jerard Sardana, Brenda Fearon  
Agnes Chee, Clelia Tedesco

**MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST**

Lorna Philip, Margaret O'Donnell  
Brian Setter, Joan Dinneen  
Dai Sim, Mary Stocco  
Mary Tonti-Filippini, Judy Ablaza  
**FLOWERS** : (Lent—no flowers)

Sardana Family (Ctrs)

**NEXT WEEK 26, 27 March**

Sat 6.00pm  
Sun 8.30am  
Sun 10.30am  
5.00pm

Ian Barnes, Robert McHugh  
Philip Dunlop, Michael See  
Erin Djukiadmodjo, Luisa Yambo  
Dot Haynes, —

Peter Whiting, Margaret Kenshole  
Margaret Wallace, Katica Puhaj  
Muccia La Rocca, Pierre Tanzimat  
Tina Paolino, Caterina Gioffre

Francis Yim, Gerard O'Donnell (Ctrs)

**CARE OF THE CHURCH**

2 Apr: Dinah Sardana, Yvonne Tan

**FLOWERS** : (Lent—no flowers)**FACE MASKS: Please adhere to sensible caution****Third Sunday of Lent  
19/20 March**

**Janice 44**, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future. 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](http://lent.caritas.org), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Confession: 1st Rite of Reconciliation: NOTE:** For Sat 26th March only:

Reconciliation will not be available in the morning.

Normal is: Saturdays in St Greg's Church from 9-10am. Any Mass, Fr Charles is available 30-10 mins before. If there is another celebrant, please ask for 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:** be sensible and respect others and the need for still being careful. **Doubly so with a new sub-variant around.**

**Masses next Sunday:** 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:** It is getting more difficult to live-stream as we have many Masses where children are a direct part of the celebration of the Mass. I will continue to live-stream when possible (9:15 am from St Kevin's Tu/Th; Sunday morning 10:00 St K or 10:30 St G).

Easter Working Bee: 9th April—please come along and help clear up all around the church ... WE will let you know what is needed as the time approaches closer. Lots of hands means it's easy work and much gets done.

**Easter at St Gregory's****Holy Thursday 14th April:**

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7.30pm

**Good Friday 15th April:**

Stations of the Cross—10.00am

Passion Ceremony—3.00pm

**Saturday 16th April:**

Easter Vigil—6.30pm

**Easter Sunday 17th April:**

Masses—8.30am, 10.30am &amp; 5.00pm

**During Lent: Stations of the Cross :** Every Friday at 7pm.

**Vigil:** We are planning to provide a small thank you gift at Easter. Historically this would be shared food. To be inclusive of all given vaccination limitations, this year we will provide something as 'take away' so that everyone is included. We are pondering how to deliver a shot of sherry Covid-safely ☺ (Children will be offered a (wrapped) chocolate.)

**Missionary Sisters of Peter Claver:** 26th March 9 am—2 pm: 154 Cotham Road Kew: a great big sale of stuff—for charity. Call 9817 3715.

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

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

**Parish Facilities:** The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are becoming 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. Thinking of a gathering? Think of us (after Easter).

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

Thank you for everyone who participated at the information session. You may have now received all the information in relation to the Sacramental class dates and times.

**Piety Stall : Marketing/Sales Skills?** Perhaps you could help us re-imagine the Piety Stall to engage people and provide support to their faith. And: Got 10 minutes after Mass? 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".

**Pilgrimage Statue:** We have located some names from the past of this wonderful prayer ministry. Dot or Shirley may call you to see what you would like to have happen with this pilgrimage.

**The Doncaster RSL** needs help for ANZAC day: call 0466 026 820 or 0425 718 937 or Email [appealsdoncasterrsl@gmail.com](mailto:appealsdoncasterrsl@gmail.com)

**Permanent Diaconate**

COME & SEE! Information Session: **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 - 11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.  
**Contact:** Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)