

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) / A

12 APRIL 2026

I AM SENDING YOU. When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** 1 Pet 2:2

**Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, 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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the first born of all creation:

Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood

they have been redeemed. 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** Acts 2:42-47

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end,' / Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

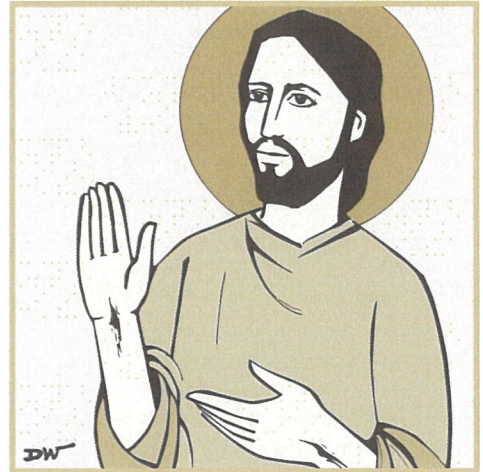
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling / but the Lord was my helper. / The Lord is my strength and my song; / he was my saviour. / There are shouts of joy and victory / in the tents of the just. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Pet 1:3-9

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*



Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia! / You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; / happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! / Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Jn 20:19-31

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.**

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to

them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him;

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. 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 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: 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. Jn 20:27

**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing,  
alleluia.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may

have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. 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, alleluia, alleluia!

**R. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

#### THE GIFT OF PEACE

Today is the extension of Easter Sunday. It is such an important and central feast in our Liturgical calendar that we celebrate it for a whole week, and Easter itself, over six weeks. Today's Gospel from John is the appearance of the Risen Jesus to his frightened disciples. They have locked themselves in a room for fear of the religious authorities, that what happened to Jesus might also happen to them. To their surprise, the Risen One stands in their midst.

Three things now take place. First, Jesus speaks. His first words are 'Peace be with you.' These words gifted to John's audience are also gifted to us: the gift of peace, of 'shalom', heals all division. Second, Jesus sends his frightened disciples, now filled with joy, John notes, on mission. Their mission is the same as that of Jesus, 'As the Father sent me, so I send you.' And third, he breathes on the disciples. Jesus' breath, the symbolic presence of God's life and Holy Spirit, empowers the disciples to accomplish their Easter mission.

The final part of the Gospel is taken up with Thomas, his incredulity at the presence of the Risen Jesus reported to him by the others. When he is finally reconnected to the community of disciples—and this is the point of the story—Thomas, too, comes to Easter faith, declaring Jesus, 'My Lord and my God'. This beautiful Gospel underscores for us the presence of the Risen One amid our fears, his empowering of us, and our need to be always connected to our discipleship communities.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

## Second Sunday of Easter (A)

11/ 12 April 2026

### Parish Office:

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Parish Secretary: Mon & Wed: Vera Arief

Tue, Thurs & Fri: Luisa Yambao

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

Sacristan: Mary Stocco - Mob: 0412 742 657

### MASS TIMES:

St Greg's: Sat Vigil 6.00pm; Sun 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

Wed & Fri 9.00am followed by Holy Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

YOUTH MASS EVERY 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 12 APRIL, 10 MAY, 14 JUNE

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11.00am (or by appointment or before/after any Mass but allow time)

Anointing of the Sick before/after any Mass or by appointment

St Kevin's: Sat Vigil 5.30pm; Sun 9.15am; Tue & Thurs 9.15am

**"Wash your hands" says my son to his daughter: sensible hygiene is essential at home and at church.**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1 Pet 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

#### ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Tel: (03) 9848 4483

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

#### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Email Margaret O'Donnell at [margaretodonnell@gmail.com](mailto:margaretodonnell@gmail.com)

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

Wednesdays at 9.45am in the church meeting room

Contact Paola Cheng 0415 280 216

#### CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP: 3rd Fridays of the month

7.00pm-9.00pm

#### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 4th Fridays 7:15pm—9.30pm

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: 3rd Mondays

7.00pm 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 Helen, Robert, Tilly, Mary Navaratne, Ivan Peterson, Amy Liu, Ann & Stephen Kennett, Camilla Bannon, Mary S.N Wong, Yuet Sim Chow, Jason Shum, Camilla Banon, Elmo Silvapulle, Anna Ziginis, Anna Ng, Monia Iaconi, Meredith Barnes, Michael Mullens, Siv Cuasay, Chee Mee Lian, Emmly Luethamphakdee

**and for those who died recently** Belinda Maniscalco, Mario Marasco, Maria Roselli, Vincenzo Morizio

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Helen Sant, Elena Toh, Emelia Effendi, Anna Peduto, Mary Chan Foong, Caterina Chiodo, Wei Qiao Wang

### Holy Week – Easter – Resurrection – New Life: Hallelujah!!!:

*Holy Week! Palm Sunday / Last Supper / Passion / Vigil / Resurrection*  
Went Amazingly well. Excellent in all aspects. Marvelous. Wonderful. Joyful. Deep. Mystical. Crowded/Full. Prayerful. Spiritual. Full of life/ appropriately solemn.

Some of the words or phrases people have used to describe to me their experience of Holy Week. The celebration of our salvation in Jesus Christ the Nazarene never gets old. It is always fresh and there is always something new to be learned.

Numbers don't capture faith – but across our two parishes we had about 3800 people attend across the whole week's services, roughly the same as last year. A full church for the Solemn Celebration of the Passion and again for the Easter Vigil and main Easter Morning Mass.

When the time comes for us to turn up and witness to our faith in the Lord, we come – you come.

Thank you to those who helped with all the ministries across the week, and thank you who came and helped bring the various Masses / services to life with you presence, your voices, your prayer, your joy.

43 more days of the Easter Season till we get to Pentecost: another vital moment in our growth as the Church that Jesus Christ loves..

### Easter Initiations:

Congratulations to James (Paul) and Sok (Jeanne) – both now fully initiated as Christians in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church. Your journey of faith continues and that journey continues as part of this wonderful facet of the Body of Christ that is St Greg's.

### New Path:

You will have seen as you drove down the driveway or walked into church via the front doors: we have a new path so you can walk directly from the gate down to the car park/school without negotiating the steep section of the entrance to the church. Hopefully this will make pedestrian access to the car park / school easier and safer.

Please though!! I say again: Think Safety: for yourself and for others. Be aware of your mobility and the space around you. Use handrails whenever possible. Perhaps take a slightly longer path that is gentler to negotiate. Or maybe it is time to arrange for someone drive you with drop off / pick you up the doors to the church.

We love you and care for all of you. Please take care.

*God Bless, Fr Charles.*

### **Stewardship Contributions– New Set of Envelopes**

The new set of stewardship envelopes is almost ready. Due to a significant decrease in Cash Stewardship contributions, we need to renumber the envelopes once again. This adjustment helps us reduce the cost of the envelopes and minimize paper waste, as we can only order consecutive envelope numbers from our suppliers.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding during this process.

If you are interested in switching to Direct Debit or Credit Card contributions, please fill out the Pledge Card with your payment details or notify the office as soon as possible. This will help us in the renumbering process and ensure your contributions are processed smoothly.

If you are not part of our Stewardship program and would like to contribute please contact the Office or fill out the Pledge Card available in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.



### Fr Charles' Prayer Intention:

We praise the Lord and give thanks for the great grace of Holy Week and the deep joy that our Celebration of the Resurrection has brought into our lives.

*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

**LECTORS**

Noel & Cathy McClelland  
Christ Perera, Paola Villanueva  
Ivonne Gunawan, Sauro Antonelli  
Jonathan & Jane Gunawan, Adriel Furtado

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Stephen Ma

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Marian See, Josie Masters

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Sharron Wilkinson  
Margaret Wallace  
Nuccia La Rocca, Behnaz Behmadi, Lilian Antonelli  
Vera Arief, Erin Djukiadmodjo  
**MORNING TEA:** Stephanie Ong  
**FLOWERS:** Mary Piccoli

**NEXT WEEK**

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

**LECTORS**

Joseph & Lorna Philip  
Tony Nimmo & Amanda Stefanovski  
Gril Job & Erin Djukiadmodjo  
Nita Pereira, Jocey Pranata

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Mary Wilson

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Philip Dunlop, Christopher Lim

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Robert & Dianne McHugh  
Iris O'Farrell & Joan Dinneen  
Agnes & Fred Fulia, Rob Rukavina  
Mary Tonti-Filippini  
**MORNING TEA:** Erin Djukiadmodjo  
**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan

For those who are Coeliac, we can provide low gluten (<20 pmm) hosts. Please let the priest or sacristan know your need.

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

**Open Days:**

Tue, 5th May and Thurs, 29th Oct at 9.30-11.30am

School Tours: contact 9848 4483 [sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au](http://sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au)


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**Parish Facilities:** The Parish Hall and Parish Room are available. Room bookings can be made: [St.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com](mailto:St.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com)

**Ways of Giving—**  
**Thank you for your generosity and continuous support!**

**Scan and Give**  
Scan this code with your phone camera and donate directly to our church. Choose Payment for Church Donations. It's simple and secure.



**Give by Contactless**  
Use our Eftpos Machine located in the church Narthex. You can donate with: a debit/credit card. It's simple and secure.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS**  
**St Gregory's Parish Bake Sale**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**  
**Bake Goods Donations Needed**

Our parish is raising funds for a new church sound system, and we need your help!  
We warmly invite parishioners and families to donate homemade baked goods for our upcoming Bake Sale.  
Ideas for donations:  
• Cakes • Cupcakes • Cookies • Brownies • Muffins • Slices

Please drop off your baked goods on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at the Parish Room 5-7pm or before Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Baked goods to be packed and ready to sell with the list of ingredients to be included or presented.

Your delicious creations will help us improve the sound in our church so everyone can clearly hear and participate in Mass.  
Thank you for supporting our parish community!  
For more info contact: 03 9412 8425 or [doncasterecam.org.au](http://doncasterecam.org.au)

**Matthew 19:14 (NIV): "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"**


**Mini Alpha**  
**Preschoolers & Primary School Kids**

Journey alongside your children as we come together in the presence of the Holy Spirit to grow in faith, and deepen our relationship with God and Jesus.

**When: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2026**  
**Time: 11.30am – 1.00pm** (after 10.30am mass)  
Pizzas will be provided or BYO Lunch (Nuts free)

**Where: St Gregory's School Hall**  
**RSVP: 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
Booking forms available in the Foyer

**Alpha**



**Cornerstone Youth Group**

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL**  
**7-9PM**

**Youth from 12 to 17 years old**  
Build your faith and connect more deeply with God while hanging out, having real conversations, and making lasting friends. Come be part of an amazing journey!

St Gregory the Great Parish Room.  
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster  
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**ST GREGORY'S YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**  
*Kayaking Excursions*

**Fairfield Park Boat House**  
All young adults are welcome! Whether you're already part of the group or new, we'd love to have you! Bring a friend and come enjoy a meaningful day of fun, fellowship, and connection.

**SUNDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

Start: Mass at St Gregory's Doncaster at 10:30am  
We'll then head to Fairfield Boathouse together  
Location: Fairfield Boathouse  
Finish: Around 4:00pm  
Cost: \$30-\$45 (depending on kayak type)  
Lunch: BYO or available for purchase at the venue

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