

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

12 JULY 2026

LISTEN, ANYONE WHO HAS EARS. Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives – the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; / I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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. Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another:
Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of our sin and division:
Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us with the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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. O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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

Isa 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brims over / to provide its grain. **R.**

2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you drench its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. **R.**

3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,

see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form 13:1-9.

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. Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 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. Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord,

that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow.

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

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

For the next several Sundays we will be in the very heart, the centre, of Matthew's Jewish-oriented Gospel. Jesus absorbed Jewish wisdom and sayings and taught them to his followers. He wanted to teach them about God's 'kin-dom'. Today's Gospel has Jesus surrounded by a large crowd. He gets into a boat, sits down in the posture of a rabbinic teacher and instructs the crowd on the lakeside.

The parable that he offers is the most important in the whole Gospel. The principal agent is a sower scattering seed in typical fashion of the time. The farmer is oblivious to where the seed falls but intent that a harvest comes. The seed falls in places characteristic of the Galilean countryside: on the edge of paths and eaten by birds, on rocks, amongst thorns and in places with little depth of soil. But the seed also falls in rich soil and produces an extraordinarily abundant harvest. To a Galilean farmer, a twelve-fold harvest would be a wonderful gift. It would offer food for the coming year and pay off the taxes imposed by Rome and the Jewish religious authorities for the support of the Temple. The production is not twelve-fold, but a *hundred-fold, sixty or thirty!* This would be like a farmer winning the mega-lottery!

And this, says Jesus, is what the Kingdom is about. Despite apparent signs of frustration and even death, God's reign will be spectacularly rich and abundant. Jesus' parable teaching is an invitation to the Gospel audience and to us to believe in the ongoing abundant blessings of God's presence despite what appears to the contrary.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

11/12 July 2026

Parish Office:

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MASS TIMES:

St Gregory's: Sat Vigil 6.30pm, 10.30am & 5.00pm

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Weekdays: Wed: 6.30pm & Fri 9.00am followed by
Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

YOUTH MASS 2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 5PM

UPCOMING DATES: 12 July, 9 August, 13 September

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

Weekdays: Tue & Thurs 9.15am

St Clement's: Sat Vigil: 5pm; Sun 9am, 11am (Italian)

Weekdays: Tue (Italian) & Wed 9.15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Gregory's: Saturdays 9.30am-11.00am (or by
appointment or before/after any Mass but allow time)

St Kevin's: By appointment

St Clement's: Saturdays 4.30-4.50pm or by appointment

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

Please practice sensible at home and at church.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / A

Wis 12:13, 16-19, Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16,

Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

Fridays 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
Elmo Silvapulle, Michael Mullens, Meredith Barnes, Caroline
Tang, Teresa Nacciocca, John Green, Sunny Boy Pereira, Anna
Ziglinis, Emmly L, Roma Rouvray, Mrs Margaret Woof, Teresa
Wong, Margaret Hanson, Nerie Alcalá, some teenagers

and for those who died recently

Sherajh Mohamed Rahim

and for those whose anniversaries occur about

now Ignatius See, Leo Scaffidi



Words from PP

Please Welcome New People: Say hello 😊

I know people have changed Masses and the church in which they attend Mass. This change is still new. Please – be doubly aware of the people around you – welcome those who are new to you. If you are new in one of our congregations, please, introduce yourself.

Home Visits:

If you or a relative are unable to get around much, mostly at home, unable to attend Mass, in an Aged Care home: let us know. We can organise someone to come and visit regularly.

Fr Anton or I are available to provide the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and/or Reconciliation (Confession) if you wish – as well as bringing Holy Communion.

Please let us know. Call or email the parish office (any of our three partnered parishes – see your bulletin for phone / email addresses).

World Youth Day 2027 Seoul, South Korea August 3-8, 2027

If you are interested in going, or know someone interested in going, to World Youth Day as a pilgrim or as a leader: please let us know soon. You don't have to know for sure – but we need to begin getting ready with numbers, fund raising needs, forming groups ...

Email the office and let us know numbers, contact details so we can begin coordinating.

Society of Saint Pius X: Sadness

You may have heard that, with great sadness, Pope Leo has formally promulgated that anyone officially and intentionally a part of the Society of St Pius X (SSPX) is now in schism from the Catholic Church, and formal member may be in a state of excommunication.

This is a great sadness to me, and, I imagine, to all of us. That there should be such great division without room for reconciliation grieves me deeply. Please hold everyone involved in your prayers: calling on the Holy Spirit to guide everyone towards a return to unity.

PS: This is not about going to a legitimately approved Old Rite (Tridentine) Mass – that is still allowed when approved by Archbishop Peter. This is about acting deliberately and consciously against teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and especially Vatican II.

We pray. We pray.

Archdiocesan Synod 2027

I just received a pile of papers about parish and regional consultations in preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod. Please keep a look out for more information about this important moment in taking a synodal path, journeying together, towards the church we are inspired to be today. Three themes: Formation and Participation; Mission Leadership; Youth Discipleship. We will need a gathering to reflect on these themes so we can provide input to the synod itself that happens late in the year. Stay tuned!!

God bless, Fr Charles.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention:

For the broad population of Bulleen, Doncaster, and Templestowe: that everyone will come to know Jesus' healing and loving touch.

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

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.30pm

Sun 10.30am

Sun 5.00pm *Youth Mass***CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Mary Wilson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O'Farrell**LECTORS**

Noel & Cathy McClelland

Sauro Antonelli, Justin Green

Jocey Pranata, Samantha Medina

NEXT WEEK

Sat 6.30pm

Sun 10.30am

Sun 5.00pm

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mike Yambao**MONEY COUNTERS:** Sharron Wilkinson**LECTORS**

Lorna & Joseph Philip

Aditya Hendarto, Jay De Graff

Gerard O'Donnell, Nita Pereira

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Frances Cannizzo, Peter Whiting

Maggie Yong, Lilian Antonelli, Mary Stocco

Mike Yambao, Mary Tonti-Filippini

MORNING TEA: Seleana Ng**FLOWERS:** Geraldina Donato**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Robert & Dianne McHugh

Luisa Yambao, Mike Yambao, Behnaz Behmadi

Dot Haynes, Margaret O'Donnell

MORNING TEA: N/A**FLOWERS:** Mary Piccoli

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

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Women's only charity event to support struggling individuals and families in our community.

26/7/26 12pm to 2:30pm.

Dress Code: Blue sports attire

St Gregory's Hall

396 Manningham Road, Doncaster

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PRAISE & WORSHIP Night

FRIDAY**24
07
26****7-9 PM**

**WITH
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATIONS
TESTIMONIES**

**GROUP
DISCUSSIONS**

ST GREGORY'S
71 Williamsons Rd
Doncaster



We extend a warm welcome to the family of Sofia De Gregorio who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at St Gregory the Great Church.

ST GREGORY'S PARISH MULTICULTURAL DAY FUNDRAISER 2026

YOU CAN SUPPORT US IN MANY WAYS

DONATE UNOPENED GIFTS, GIFT CARDS, OR UNUSED VOUCHERS FOR OUR RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION. DONATIONS DUE BY 15TH JULY.



Drop your donations at the Church or Church Office



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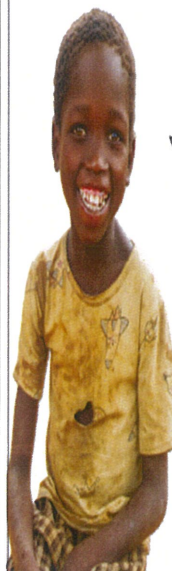


ENJOY THE MULTICULTURAL DAY FESTIVITIES, BID IN OUR SILENT AUCTION, AND PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH COMMUNITY.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Multicultural food & beverages provided
Children activities led by our Youth Group
Come in your cultural costumes or colours
Celebrate the vibrant diversity of our community

St Gregory's Hall
after 10.30AM Mass



For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.



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

*Name changed for privacy