

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

14 JUNE 2026

THE HARVEST IS RICH. Aware of the vast numbers of people who were harassed and dejected Jesus called twelve apostles to share in his mission. They were to do the same works as Jesus, healing the sick and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. Christ still needs helpers to share in his mission. At the end of each Mass Christ sends us out to love and serve God and one another.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26: 7, 9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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 have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: 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

Glorify 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, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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 19: 2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus.

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99: 2-3, 5. R. v. 3

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

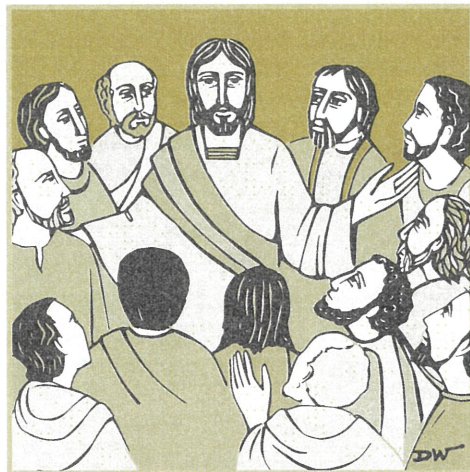
1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. / Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.



We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1: 15

Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near; / repent and believe the Good News! / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 9:36—10:8

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.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

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 in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature,

nourishing us with food

and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray,

that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. 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: 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

Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion,

O Lord,

foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church.

Through Christ our Lord.

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

WRENCHED BY PITY

After the celebration of Easter and the Feasts that immediately follow, we now return to the Gospel of Matthew. We come to a scene set after Jesus' great teaching in the 'Sermon on the Mount'. In the Sermon he taught the essential qualities of discipleship ('the Beatitudes') and how to live these out daily. Now we come to Jesus' teaching in action. He sees the crowd surrounding him and Matthew says 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek for 'felt sorry' (*splagnizomai*) means something more powerful. 'Pity' doesn't quite capture the meaning of Matthew's intent. The Greek root is linked to one's innards or 'guts'. Jesus' response to this group of harassed and dejected individuals is visceral. His innards are twisted because of what they are experiencing.

For this reason, the rest of the Gospel passage has Jesus sending his disciples on mission to respond to the tragic and forlorn experience of those who need to encounter the message of the 'kin-dom'. Twelve are especially selected. We are given their names and they enact Jesus' desire to renew the twelve tribes of Israel. Given the Jewish audience addressed by Matthew, they ratify this renewal through their proclamation of the 'kin-dom' and deeds of healing. Their focus is specifically to the 'lost' sheep of Israel. They are to care about those who are lost in spirit, need healing and are looking to be included in Jesus' household of disciples. Today's Gospel lays the foundation for what will become the 'synodal' approach of our Church today. We are to walk with and identify the 'lost' in our communities and parishes. This is our missionary focus. This is the primary mission of the synodal Church.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

13/ 14 June 2026

Parish Office:

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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 2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

UPCOMING DATES: 14 JUNE, 12 JULY

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:

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ A

Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;

Rom 5: 12-15, Mt 10: 26-33

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Email Margaret O'Donnell at 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 Elmo Silvapulle, Michael Mullens, Meredith Barnes, Sunny Boy Pereira, Anna Ziglinis, Emmly L, Roma Rouvray, Mrs Margaret Woof, Teresa Wong, Margaret Hanson, Nerie Alcala, some teenagers, those facing procedures for health, Rose Shew, Margaret Hanson, Nerie Alcala, Maria Benic, Raymond Au, Helen, Robert, Tilly, Mary Navaratne, Ivan Peterson, Amy Liu, Ann & Stephen Kennett, Chris Bannon, Yuet Sim Chow, Jason Shum, Anna Ng

and for those who died recently Divine Adili, Rene Baterbonia **and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Veronica & John McManus, Ken Mullens, Don Calderaro, Mary & Arthur Fitzgerald, Michel Baini & Raymond Arraj

Words from PP

Ordinary Time:

We have finished all the special celebrations of Easter and Trinity and Body and Blood of Christ and Sacred Heart. We are back in 'ordinary time.' Not ordinary = boring. But Ordinary in the sense of the day to day living of our lives as we head towards eternal life, the second coming of Jesus Christ. It is in Ordinary Time, the day to day living of our lives, that choosing to be intentional disciples of Jesus Christ translates into how we act as Christ in the world, worship with enthusiasm, help the poor and needy, and invite people to come and know Jesus.

I look forward to living this journey of faith with you.

Mass Times

Nearly 300 responses to the survey – thank you – that is amazing. The results form part of the discussions at the three-parishes forum on 11th June and in other discussions after that. I plan to make a decision about Mass times by next week so that we can plan to have our new Mass schedule from the first Sunday in July for a trial period of 6 months.

To ensure I have the best advice possible I have had discussions with groups across our three parishes and also with our regional bishop and with others who have experience in partnering parishes and the need for adjusting Mass times. I know the Holy Spirit is guiding us in this. Once this is in place we will be able to focus on the longer-term realities of being partnered parishes.

There will be change in Masses. I know it will be difficult to accept – but it is essential so that we can act effectively for the greater glory of God and the change is being led by the Holy Spirit.

Also: after some weeks of the current weekday Mass schedule, it is proving to be unsustainable. I am currently considering what might constitute a sustainable set of Masses which can consistently meet the needs of our parishes and our schools. I plan to implement changes at the same time as the changes to Weekend Masses.

Safeguarding our Children and others

A Reminder: Safeguarding our children and other vulnerable people is MANDATORY!

- Christ says it (love one another).
- Archbishop Peter says it (again and again).
- Pope Leo says it (and Pope Francis and Pope Benedict too).
- The criminal law of Victoria says it.

If you volunteer in any way in the church: you MUST have a Working with Children Check. You must sign the code of conduct. You must sign your position description. You must do the Safeguarding Essentials training. These are not onerous (though getting the WWCC can be a bit tedious).

Thank you to the hundreds of you across our three parishes who are compliant.

For those who are NOT compliant: please – act now – make the effort. I shall soon be going through our lists of volunteers and will remove those who are consistently non-compliant.

We are doing well with a Safeguarding culture. We need to continue to improve. We need to be 100% compliant and even more importantly, we need to be 100% willing to be people who consciously do what is required to keep our children and vulnerable people safe.

The MASS / Fr Frank

We had a marvellous session with Fr Frank O'Loughlin last Saturday. He spoke about the source of the Mass and how it has come about and why it is the way it is – and the fifty people listening we held enraptured. It was truly worthwhile and he answered all the questions the people had.

A second session will be held on the 18th of June 7-9 pm – taking our understanding of the Mass more deeply.

You can still sign up for that session – the first session is not a pre-requisite.

Please sign up – and come along. Understanding the Mass more deeply will help all of you to pray the Mass more fully, consciously and actively.

God bless, Fr Charles.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention:

In thanks for the blessings the Holy Spirit has poured upon our partnering parishes through the people he has called to follow him.

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

Joseph & Lorna Philip
 Tony Nimmo, Philip Dunlop
 Sauro Antonelli, Tony Ting
 Youth Mass

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mike Yambao**MONEY COUNTERS:** Don & Lina Pavone**NEXT WEEK**

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

LECTORS

Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Luisa Yambao, Franklin Shepherdson
 Amanda Stefanovski, Ryan Teo
 Gerard O'Donnell, Nat De Silva

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Phil Handang**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O'Farrell, Sharon Wilkinson**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Frances Cannizzo, Margaret O'Donnell
 Mary Stocco
 Maggie Yong, Lilian Antonelli, Nuccia La Rocca
 Youth Mass

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

Robert & Dianne McHugh
 Mike Yambao
 Nuccia La Rocca, Behnaz Behmadi, Erin Djukiadmodjo
 Caterina Gioffre, Dot Haynes

MORNING TEA: N/A**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan

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Celebration of the Mass is our central act of worship,
 bringing us closer to God and our community.

**THE
MASS**

Presented by:

FR FRANK O'LOUGHLIN

RETIRED PRIEST, AUTHOR AND THEOLOGIAN,
 FR FRANK WILL LEAD US IN BETTER
 UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE
 OF THE MASS AS THE CENTRAL ACT OF FAITH IN
 OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 71 Williamsons Rd,
 Doncaster

RSVP via Sign Up Sheets in the Church Foyer.
 More Info: doncaster@cam.org.au - 03 9412 8425

Session 2
Gaining a richer
understanding of
the Mass
Thursday, 18th June
7.00pm to 9.00pm

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
 MORNING TEA TO
 CELEBRATE

*Fr Charles Birthday
 & Anniversary of Priesthood*

AFTER 10.30AM MASS
 28TH JUNE 2026
 ST GREGORY THE GREAT CHURCH

The Young Adults Group extend a warm invitation to all between
 18 and 35 to join our gathering in the parish room at 7:15pm on
 Friday 26th June. Dinner will be provided. Looking forward to
 seeing you there! Info: doncaster@cam.org.au

Thank You for Your Generosity - Social Justice Action
 St Kevin's Social Justice Action Group and Catholic Care Victoria warmly
 thank all parishioners who donated winter coats to our collection for refugees
 and asylum seekers. Your generosity is a real witness to Christ's love and
 compassion, bringing comfort, dignity, and hope to those facing great hardship.
 We delivered two carloads of coats last Monday to the Dandenong Catholic
 Care office. The coats will be divided between the Geelong, Wyndham Vale
 and Dandenong offices. Thank you for your kindness and care.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**Open Days:**

29th Oct at 9.30-11.30am

School Tours: contact 9848 4483

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Parish Facilities: The Parish Hall and

Parish Room are available for use. Bookings can be made:

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2026 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Each year at about this time we ask you, the parishioners of St Gregory
 the Great Parish, to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal.
 Inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings, this is
 something you can do that will really make a difference to people in need.

As we enter this winter your commitment to help people who are
 experiencing disadvantage, poverty and homelessness is very much
 needed and appreciated. Requests for assistance have increased this year
 as the cost of living has impacted everyone but especially those who might
 normally manage on a small income. If you are able to contribute to the
 Vinnies Winter Appeal, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- donate online by visiting the direct link to our Conference
 fundraising page: [https://fundraising.svdv-vic.org.au/
 doncasteremplestoweconference](https://fundraising.svdv-vic.org.au/doncasteremplestoweconference)
- Use the QR Code to link to our Conference fundraising page.
 Receipts will be automatically emailed out to donors.
- donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12 -
 Donors can allocate donations to St Gregory the Great,
 Doncaster, by giving the name of the conference over the phone.
- There will be a second collection on June 20th and 21st where
 you can make a donation using one of the Vinnies envelopes or
 placing cash in the Vinnies Winter Appeal Donation Box at the
 back of the church.

This year the appeal will take place on the weekend of June
 20th and 21st. Members of our Conference will be availa-
 ble after each of the Masses to answer any questions about
 the Vinnies and their work. Thank you.



Cornerstone Youth Group

Friday, 19 June
 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.
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