

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 JULY 2026

WHEAT AMONG THE WEEDS. The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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

Wis 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, / to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. / Your justice has its source in strength, / your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. / You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned / and you expose the insolence of those who know it; / but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, / you govern us with great lenience, / for you have only to will, and your power is there. / By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people / how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, / and you have given your sons the good hope / that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full of love to all who call. / Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you / and glorify your name, O Lord: / for you are great and do marvellous deeds, / you who alone are God. **R.**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, / slow to anger, O Lord, / abounding in love and truth, / turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:24-43

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.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the dandel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the dandel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the dandel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form 13:24-30.

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 one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the
law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your
faithful servants and make it holy, as you
blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each

has offered to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all. 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 110:4-5

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have
imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from
former ways to newness of life. 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

GOOD AND EVIL

Why do bad things happen to good people?
It is a question often expressed in different
ways. Bad people seem to get away easily
with their bad deeds. Today's Gospel
teaching speaks into this perspective.
Jesus' parable teaching from last Sunday
with his focus on seed continues today.
Grain was an important agricultural
commodity in the ancient world. It was
the source of food and the means of
addressing stressing taxation demands.
Like last Sunday, the parable is about
the Kin-dom of God. In the parable, the
farmer sows good seed but, unbeknown, a
nighttime enemy sows dandel in the same
field. Both seeds sprout and produce.
The workers query the farmer about the
reason for the presence of the dandel. It is
the classic query of life: why is there evil
in a world that is essentially good? Why
dandel among the wheat when only wheat
was sown?

The solution offered by the farmer
recognises the presence of 'an enemy'
and the need to allow both seeds to grow
until the harvest when the wheat could
be gathered into the barn and dandel
destroyed. Jesus' wisdom in this parable
is salient. We live in a world and faith
communities where good and bad co-exist.
The coexistence of 'dandel' and 'wheat'
should not surprise us—but it is not
forever. There is the harvest time when
justice will be meted out. This awareness
of a definitive act of divine justice at
time's end, one for which we pray in
every celebration of the Eucharist for the
coming of Jesus at the end of time, allows
us to live in this in-between time as we
seek to do good but, at times, experience
the presence of evil and the agency of the
'enemy'. Nevertheless, God's kin-dom will
be ultimately fruitful.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

18/19 July 2026

Parish Office:

Hours: **Mon—Fri** 8.30am to 3.20pm

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Tue, Thurs & Fri: Luisa Yambao

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

Sacristan: Mary Stocco - Mob: 0412 742 657

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: 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:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / A

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52

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:

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, Mike
Yambao, Teresa George, Caroline Tang, Teresa Macciocca,
John Green, Sunny Boy Pereira, Anna Ziglinis, Emmy L, Roma
Rouvray, Mrs Margaret Woof, Teresa Wong, Margaret Hanson,
and for those who died recently
Sherajh Mohamed Rahim, Wen Chau Sen

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now
Giovanni & Mina Pezzin, Bev Curtis, Susheela Sadashivam,
Grazia Carli, Teresa Salvo, Catherine Mastro, Clare Mastro

Words from PP

Please Welcome New People: Say hello 😊

See new people around? Say hello.

Three weekends but only two weeks into our new Mass Schedule. Please look around – people from St Clement's / St Greg's / St Kevin's may be sitting next to you and settling in to new times and new locations: look around – see the new faces, welcome them into the community. OH! And thank you to those who continue to give their Thanksgiving envelopes in a new location: the money does get to its intended destination. It is a grace to me to see your continued support for our Jesus Christ and his mission.

If you are new to Bulleen, Doncaster, Templestowe or Templestowe Lower, or have just started coming to Mass in one of our communities: Please look for a sign up / census form and a register yourself and give us your details so we can include you in parish news and provide the bulletin and invite you to activities. And along the way please, take a risk, and say hello to the people around you in Mass.

Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod 2026

You will remember, I hope, that there is a Melbourne Archdiocese Synod underway with the main sessions to be held in November/December.

The Synod theme papers have just been released (you can find them at [Melbourne Synod 2026](#) | [Melbourne Catholic](#).) These papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

I am hopeful that we can arrange a gathering of our three partnered parishes during the first half of August but finding a date is a challenge: I am thinking a Saturday or Sunday afternoon might work. We will discuss timing etc in our joint Parish Pastoral Council meeting on 29th July.

So far I have only managed to make time to glance at the three theme papers that ask us to discern around Youth Discipleship, Formation and Participation, and Missionary Leadership.

Please follow the link above – start to have a think and a pray. Allow space for the Holy Spirit to enter your thoughts. Please provide feedback via the QR codes in the papers and then come along to the joint parishes gathering as well (when we have it arranged).

God bless, Fr Charles.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention:

That our preparations will be marked by wisdom in decision-making, courage in leadership, and humility in listening to one another. May the Spirit guide our every conversation and action. Amen.

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

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK

Sat 6.30pm
Sun 10.30am
Sun 5.00pm

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Phil Handang

MONEY COUNTERS: Philip Dunlop

LECTORS

Gerard O'Donnell, Benedicta Wong
Franklin Shepherdson, Ivonne Gunawan
Isabelle Hii, Alvin Priyana

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Robert & Dianne McHugh
Luisa Yambao, Mike Yambao, Behnaz Behmadi
Dot Haynes, Margaret O'Donnell

MORNING TEA: N/A

FLOWERS: Mary Piccoli

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Seleana Ng, Margaret O'Donnell
Agnes & Fred Fulia, Lilian Antonelli
Mary Tonti- Filipini, Viviana Pereira

MORNING TEA: Brian & Jenny

FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan

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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29th Oct at 9.30-11.30am

School Tours: contact 9848 4483

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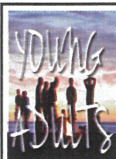
26/7/26 12pm to 2:30pm.

Dress Code: Blue sports attire

St Gregory's Hall

396 Manningham Rd, Doncaster

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1611686>



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 24th July. Dinner will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Info: doncaster@cam.org.au

PRAISE & WORSHIP Night

FRIDAY

24
07
26

7-9 PM

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71 Williamsons Rd
Doncaster

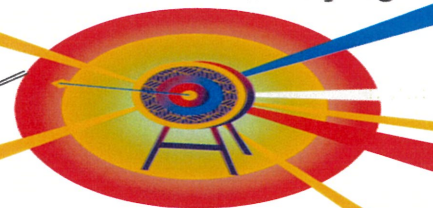
CORNER STONE YOUTH GROUP ARCHERY TAG

Friday, 24th July 7pm-9pm



Year 6 to Year 12

Come Join our October excursion of Archery Tag!



Archery Attack
Melbourne
118-120 Henty St,
Reservoir VIC 3073

COSTS:

\$25 pp

(No dinner is provided - just snacks)

RSVP by 20th July, email us at Doncaster@cam.org.au

Save the Date for our Multicultural Day Celebrations!

Sunday, 9th August after the 10.30am Mass.

Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex or

Book via trybooking QR Code.



ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN MISSION

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

New Arrivals at the Piety Stall – Special Religious Items from Italy

A parishioner has recently returned from a pilgrimage to Italy and has kindly brought back a selection of beautiful religious items, including those associated with:

St Padre Pio (San Giovanni Rotondo), St Francis of Assisi, St. Carlo Acutis, St Michael the Archangel & St Anthony of Padua.

We warmly invite you to visit the **Piety Stall** to view these special items. They make wonderful gifts or treasured keepsakes to support your faith journey. We look forward to seeing you!



We extend a warm welcome to the family of Lachlan & Julia McMillan who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday.