

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

21 JUNE 2026

DO NOT BE AFRAID. In the face of many attacks Jesus courageously proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom. His courage stemmed from his firm belief in the Father's love for him. Likewise, the prophet Jeremiah was not destroyed by intense opposition because he knew that his cause was with God. May we also be courageous witnesses to the values of the Gospel knowing that God's love for us far outweighs any opposition we may encounter.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 27: 8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

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

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. Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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

20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,

‘“Terror from every side!”

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”

All those who used to be my friends

watched for my downfall,

‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!’

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe

with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

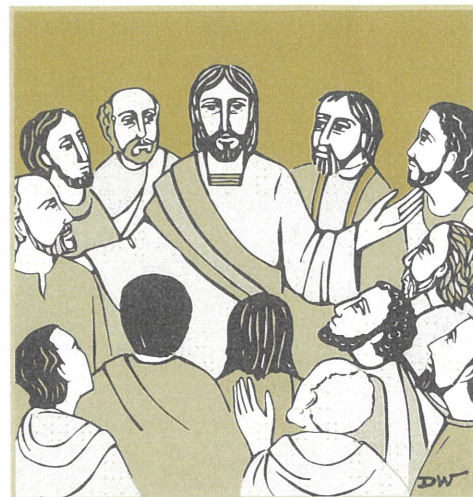
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS

Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that shame covers my face, / that I have become a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my own mother's sons. / I burn with zeal for your house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**



2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: / Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 12-15

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

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15: 26-27

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 26-33

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.

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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. Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. 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 144: 15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished

by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,

we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption. 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

DIVINE PRESENCE

The instruction to the Twelve that concluded last Sunday's Gospel continues today. Again, the Gospel offers us a missionary mandate and insight. The mission is essentially optimistic because 'everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.' No way of life for the disciples, of their missionary commitment and engagement will be lost. It may appear to be covered and hidden but, ultimately and eventually, God's goodness and the work of the 'kin-dom' will be revealed. No longer will the message of the Gospel be spoken in the dark or whispered. It will be proclaimed from the housetops!

The affirmation of the fruitfulness of the missionary task spills over into the way God will care for those on mission—and this is what is addressed also to us: We are looked after by God, in every detail of our lives. As Matthew puts it in the final verses of today's Gospel, Jesus will affirm us before God.

There is one translation point worth noting in today's Gospel. What is translated about God's care of even the sparrows, which is translated as 'yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing', is better and more accurately translated, 'and not one of them falls to the earth without your Father'. It is not about God's knowledge of the falling sparrow, it is the very presence of God accompanying the falling or dying sparrow that is affirmed. That same God accompanies us. There is nothing in our life that happens without God's presence intimately caring for us. God is joined to us in intimate care and accompaniment. This God we celebrate today in our liturgy!

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

20/ 21 June 2026

Parish Office:

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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 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:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ A

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16; Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19;

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11; Mt 10: 37-42

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Tel: (03) 9848 4483

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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 Zigliinis, 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

Vera Pezzi, Lawrence Rey Cambrey, Luigi Zandegu

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now
Alfredo Spina, Li-Ling Tay, Karolina Mohar, Rigor Silva, John Dinneen

Words from PP

Revised Mass Times

I have written a letter to accompany our New Mass times: please take a copy. For ease of access here are the new Mass times for Weekends and for Weekdays. Please come and see me or members of your Parish Council if you need help adjusting to the new Mass time on Saturday.

Weekend Masses: Starting 4th/5th July

St Gregory the Great: Saturday evening 6:30 pm Sunday morning 10:30 am Sunday evening 5:00 pm	St Clement of Rome Saturday evening 5:00 pm Sunday morning 9:00 am (with the Italian Mass at 11 am)
St Kevin Saturday evening 5:30 pm Sunday morning 9:15 am	

Saturday evening Masses remain but times change at St Clement's / St Gregory's. 9:00 am Mass at St Gregory's ceases.

Weekday Masses: Starting 7th of July

The Weekday Mass schedule has proven unsustainable. The new schedule will be as follows:

Monday	No Masses	Thursday	9:15 am St Kevin
Tuesday	9:15 am St Clement of Rome (Italian) 9:15 am St Kevin	Friday	9:00 am St Gregory the Great; Includes Mass for Grades 3-6
Wednesday	9:15 am St Clement of Rome; Includes School Class Masses 6:30 pm St Gregory the Great (for those who work)	Saturday	No morning Mass
			Solemnities and other special feasts during the week will be scheduled as needed.

9:00 am Loss / 6 pm change of time - consequences

I will be at St Greg's next week (27th/28th June) so I will be able to preside with you for the 6:00 pm before it moves to 6:30 pm and for the last 9:00 am Mass. I know these changes cause grief and loss for those of you who attend these Masses. I am hopeful that with the Holy Spirit you will be adjust. Perhaps you will move to another of our St Greg's Masses or go to St Clement's 5:00 pm Mass or 9 am Mass or St Kevin's 5:30 pm Mass or 9:15 am Mass. If you need help in adjusting, in arranging transport: please let me know, or work with your Parish Pastoral Council members (Alfred, Mary, Margaret, Dot, Francis, Yvonne, David) or those around you.

God bless, Fr Charles.

Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

On Wednesday, 24 June, we celebrate the Nativity of St John the Baptist. Masses will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church at 9.00am, St Clement of Rome Church at 9.15am, and St Kevin's Church at 7.00pm. All welcome.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention:

Holy Spirit, guide us as we change some Mass times, help us to settle into new times for gathering to worship and pray and be nourished by Jesus Christ.

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

COMMUNION MINISTERS

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Phil Handang**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O'Farrell, Sharon Wilkinson**MORNING TEA:** N/A**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan**NEXT WEEK**

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

LECTORS

Frances Cannizzo, Benedicta Wong
 Margaret Wallace, Chris Perera
 Jane Gunawan, Ivonne Gunawan
 Isabelle Hii, Stephanie Ong

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Mary Stocco
 Fred and Agnes Fulia, Edith Ma
 Mary Tonti-Filippini, Margaret O'Donnell

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Agnes Chee, Sharron Wilkinson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Philip Dunlop, Marian See**MORNING TEA:** N/A**FLOWERS:** Le Nguyen

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

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Use our Eftpos Machine
 located in the church Narthex.
 You can donate with: a debit/
 credit card.
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Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity.

For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

The Come Away Day program is a long - time retreat and reflection ministry at Holy Cross. Come Away Day for 2026 will be held at Holy Cross on WEDNESDAY JUNE 24th. The theme of the day is 'Called to embrace the Mystery of the Heart'. The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means. Registration is helpful for planning purposes. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome.

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

Join us for Fellowship and Prayers!

We extend a warm invitation to all individuals between the ages of 18 and 30 to come together for an inspiring and uplifting gathering.

- 👉 Connect with others
- 👉 Deepen your faith
- 👉 Share in meaningful prayer
- 👉 Build lasting friendships

**Young Adult
 Group**
 (18-35 Years of Age)

Friday, 26 June 2026, 715PM
 St Gregory the Great Parish Room
 Dinner is provided
 Info: doncaster@cam.org.au

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: office@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au

2026 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

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 our Conference fundraising page: <https://fundraising.svdv-vic.org.au/doncastertemplestoweconference>
- 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 available after each of the Masses to answer any questions about the Vinnies and their work. Thank you.



ST GREGORY DONCASTER

**Social
 Night**

12TH JULY
 AFTER OUR 5PM
 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MASS

PIZZA.MUSIC.GAMES

MEET NEW PEOPLE |
 ASK QUESTIONS | HAVE SOME FUN



Registration through trybooking.
 Parents/guardians of under 18 participants **MUST** 'sign in' & 'sign out' their children. Parents of primary school children must accompany their children at the event.
 Sign-in commences after Mass at the Parish Hall.



We extend a warm welcome to the family of Olivia Wyn and Valentina Emma Brekalo who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday.