

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

28 JUNE 2026

HARD SAYINGS. Today's Gospel includes a number of so-called 'hard sayings' of Jesus. They identify the basic paradox of our Christian faith: it is only by emptying ourselves in imitation of Jesus (Phil 2: 7) that we can receive the fullness of life which is his gift (Jn 10: 10). There can be no real growth in the Spirit if self-interest prevails.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 46: 2

**All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

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.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to
you, my brothers and sisters, that I have
greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in
my words, in what I have done and in
what I have failed to do, (striking the
breast) through my fault, through my
fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my
brothers and sisters, to pray for me to
the Lord our God.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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 through the grace of
adoption chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped
in the darkness of error but always be seen
to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem,
a woman of rank who lived there pressed him
to stay and eat there. After this he always
broke his journey for a meal when he passed
that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am
sure the man who is constantly passing our
way must be a holy man of God. let us build
him a small room on the roof, and put him
a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp;
whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the
upper room and lay down. 'What can be
done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant)
answered, 'Well, she has no son and her
husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The
servant called her and she stood at the door.
'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will
hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

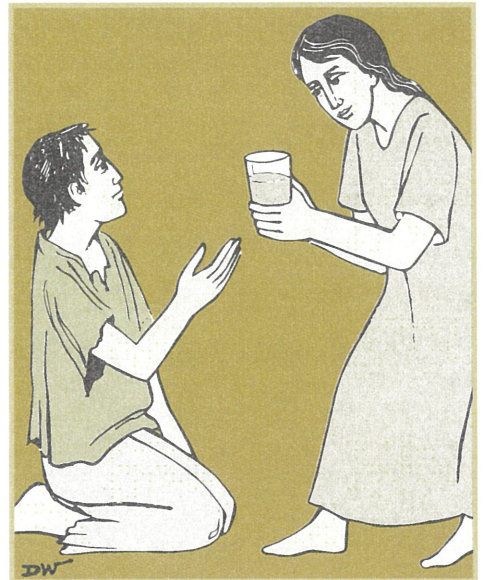
Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; /
through all ages my mouth will proclaim
your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your
love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly
established as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a
king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your
face, / who find their joy every day in your
name, / who make your justice the source of
their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory
of their strength; / it is by your favour that
our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in
the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the
keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

*Having been buried with him through baptism,
we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we
were baptised in his death; in other words,
when we were baptised we went into the
tomb with him and joined him in death, so
that as Christ was raised from the dead by the
Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ
we shall return to life with him: Christ, as
we know, having been raised from the dead
will never die again. Death has no power
over him any more. When he died, he died,
once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with
God; and in that way, you too must consider
yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God
in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 2: 9

**Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise
God who called you out of darkness and
into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

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.

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy
of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is

not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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 graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received

fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever.

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

HOW SHOULD I LIVE AND ACT?

If Jesus were to meet you (and he does constantly!) and you were to ask him, 'How should I act and live my life?', the answer would come into today's Gospel. It continues Jesus' teaching concerned with disciples (us!) on mission. As our church deepens its practice of synodality, the instructions Jesus offers are meant for all: our focus is to be on Jesus. Our relationship with him guides every other relationship and commitment. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Twelve, the symbolic leadership group of disciples who spearhead the Jesus missionary movement, 'Anyone who prefers ...[fill in the blanks] ... is not worthy of me.' His words are not a rejection of one's relationships or family ties but the preference in all relationships is to be guided by our abiding commitment and friendship with Jesus.

The second collection of sayings in today's Gospel concerns hospitality. Those who welcome others, members of the Jesus household, and act in holiness or speak prophetically are also welcoming the presence of Jesus. This spirit of openness and receptivity continues into the last part of today's Gospel. Offering a welcoming drink to 'one of these little ones'—those regarded as social nobodies without prestige or status—and discerned, surprisingly, as disciples, as members of Jesus' community of believers, will be eternally rewarded: '...they will most certainly not lose their reward.'

Today's Gospel is not about earning rewards, though. It is about how to live, with a firm commitment to Jesus and welcoming all, especially the 'little ones' and identifying as disciples the most unlikely.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

27/ 28 June 2026

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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: 12 JULY, 9 AUGUST

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:

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ A

Zech 9:9-10, Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14,

Rom 8:9, 11-13, Mt 11:25-30

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

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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
and for those whose anniversaries occur about now
Angela Formica

Words from PP

REMINDER:

Most Masses remain at the same time and location. BUT: next weekend the new schedule starts July 4th/5th **New weekend Mass times are:**

St Clements: 5 pm Mass Saturday not 5:30 pm.

St Gregory's: 6:30 pm Mass Saturday not 6:00 pm

St Greg's: there will be NO 9:00 am Mass.

Other Masses unchanged.

I shall be celebrating all the Masses for St Clement's and St Gregory's in the first week with the new times.

And the new weekday Mass schedule begins also from 7th July.

Weekday Mass times:

Tuesdays: St Clement's 9:15 am Italian / St Kevin's 9:15 am

Wednesdays: St Clement's: 9:15 am (with school sometimes)

Wednesdays: St Gregory's: 6:30 pm (especially for workers)

Thursdays: St Kevin's 9:15 am

Fridays: St Gregory's 9:00 am (with Gr 3-6 from School)

Becoming Partnered Parishes

Discussions about new Mass times have dominated our thinking (my thinking I suppose) because the changes needed to be implemented quickly.

But! Partnering is about much more than adjusting Mass times.

Partnering is about deliberately looking to see what things we can do together. Things that will help us to flourish in faith, grow in our outreach to the needy and be a welcoming and invitational people who seek to share the basic truth that through Jesus Christ we are brought into the Father's loving embrace.

Already, we plan to work together on our Safeguarding efforts; and we've agreed to have regular joint meetings of three Parish Pastoral Councils. Our Alpha group is considering using the Clifton Centre (St Clement's); people from all three parishes came to Fr Frank O'Loughlin's talks; and I've had a request to organise training for lectors/readers and for those who assist in distributing Holy Communion.

Over time, we will be sharing and planning events together that will help each parish grow in all facets of following Christ's command to love others as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit love us.

Please put forward your ideas about what you would like to see happen and let's see where we head.

Apology to 9 am Mass goers:

I am sorry that I didn't have proper arrangements for supply in place for last Sunday morning. Bishop Les was most wonderfully accommodating and rushed over as soon as he knew of our need so was able to preside for 10:30 am Mass. It was my fault entirely and so I give my most sincere apologies – and thank you to those who arranged a Communion service.

God bless, Fr Charles.

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Fr Charles' Prayer Intention:

We pray for all those whose cross in life seems too heavy to bear: that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to find how truly they are a gift to others.

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

Frances Cannizzo, Benedicta Wong
Margaret Wallace, Chris Perera
Jay De Graaff, Ivonne Gunawan
Isabelle Hii, Stephanie Ong

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Agnes Chee, Sharron Wilkinson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Philip Dunlop, Marian See**NEXT WEEK**

Sat 6.30pm
Sun 10.30am
Sun 5.00pm

LECTORS

Frank Ryan, Thomas Ong
Paola Villanueva, Gril Job
Jane Ma, Mary Tonti-Filippini

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Ma**MONEY COUNTERS:** Don & Lina Pavone**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

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

MORNING TEA: N/A**FLOWERS:** Le Nguyen**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Sharron Wilkinson, Seleana Ng
Nuccia La Rocca, Rob Rukavina, Erin Djukiadmodjo
Alfred Lee, Dot Haynes

MORNING TEA: N/A**FLOWERS:** Geraldina Donato

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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

Love to sing?

JOIN OUR 5PM SUNDAY CHOIR!
WE WARMLY INVITE PARISHIONERS WHO ENJOY SINGING TO CONSIDER JOINING OUR CHOIR FOR THE SUNDAY 5.00PM MASS.
NO FORMAL MUSICAL TRAINING IS NECESSARY. JUST A WILLINGNESS TO SING, PARTICIPATE, AND SHARE YOUR GIFTS. NEW MEMBERS OF ALL AGES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING PLEASE EMAIL DONCASTER@CAM.ORG.AU
"THOSE WHO SING PRAY TWICE." - ST AUGUSTINE



We extend a warm welcome to the family of Isaac Yong-Jian See who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday.