

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

31 MAY 2026

A GOD OF TENDERNESS. God did not wreak vengeance on the Israelites in the wilderness when they began to worship a golden calf. Rather, God came among them in tenderness and compassion, forgave their sin and restored the covenant. This God became incarnate in Jesus and dwells among us in the Spirit. As we marvel at the unconditional love of God we exclaim: Glory and praise forever!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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. God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. 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 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

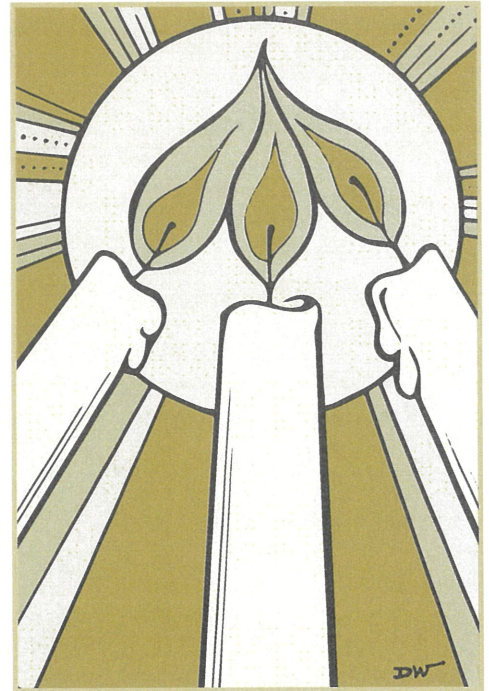
Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!



2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 3:16-18

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

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. Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service,

and by it make of us an eternal offering 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 OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. 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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WE ARE GOD’S BELOVED

In a world of unrest and at a time when many of us could be struggling with uncertainty and loneliness, the readings for this Feast offer us a soulful soothing balm. Each of the readings celebrate God (first reading), the Holy Spirit (second reading) and Jesus (our Gospel); our focus is on the Gospel. The passage’s context is about Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, coming to Jesus ‘by night’, seeking to understand Jesus’ relationship with God. Jesus speaks of the importance of being born ‘from above’.

In typical Johannine misunderstanding—Nicodemus doesn’t understand how we can be born ‘again’ (a confusion with Jesus’ word ‘above’ and a play on the Greek)—John invites the audience (and us) to come to the heart of God’s agenda: God is in absolute love with the world; his Son, Jesus, becomes the fruit of that love through whom believers, even the searching Nicodemus, will be found and have life eternal. This is a powerful witness and clear statement of God’s intention for our world. We, too, need to hear this when there seem to be many contrary and conflicting voices.

John’s Gospel is important for us to know that no matter what, we are God’s beloved; God does not judge or condemn us. This flies in the face of those who think, wrongly, that God is ‘out to get us’ and awaits to chalk up our misdeeds. This is so contradictory to the God revealed to us in Jesus. We, like Nicodemus, find ourselves at times stumbling around ‘by night’ as we seek to come into the light. This is God’s gift to us on this feast as we celebrate God’s beloved intent for us and our world.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

The Most Holy Trinity (A)

30/ 31 May 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: 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:

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ / A

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

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:

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 Teresa Wong, Margaret Hanson, Nerie Alcalá, some teenagers, those facing procedures for health, Rose Shew, Margaret Hanson, Nerie Alcalá, 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, Meredith Barnes, Michael Mullens **and for those who died recently**

Aidan Balnaves, Charles Reames

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now

Nevio del Papa, Orazio Scaffidi, Jose Hoon & Anna Hai,

Joseph Mak, Lee Sammassimo, Richard Ng Nguk Kim,

Julie Nunes

Words from PP

Pentecost Retreat in the Holy Spirit:

About 130 people (mostly from St Greg's and only some from St Kevin's and St Clements due to poor advertising and late advice there) plus 15 organisers gathered on the eve of Pentecost Sunday, to spend a day with the Holy Spirit. Numbers alone tell us the Spirit was moving. People were enthralled: Deacon Malcolm and Adi Hendarto and the other 13 musicians and organisers were not wasting their time. I spent the morning in the retreat which was for me a period of quiet and contemplation. I spent the afternoon tied up seeking ways to get a magpie out of St Greg's church – parish life is never dull.

Future Planning – Three Parishes Partnering – Mass Times

The small group of people (equal representation across the three parishes) advising me on our ways forwards in partnering of our parishes met this past Tuesday. We reflected on the outcomes of the gathering of leadership groups across the three parishes and considered next steps in the journey. A first and essential step is to look at Mass times in each of the parishes. Two options are being considered: (a) Adjust evening Mass times at St Clements and St Greg's and remove the 9:00 am Mass at St Greg's; (b) remove the 5:30 pm Mass at St Clements and the 9:00 am Mass at St Greg's. (St Kevin's only recently merged two masses on Sunday morning.)

We agreed on a plan for the next two weeks:

1. There is a survey available asking you to choose between the two options for future Masses and provide your thoughts. Please

a. locate the link / QR the code / or a paper copy in the church entrance / or go to your parish website for a link / email your parish office / and

b. choose and comment in the survey and return it as soon as possible during the coming ten days.

c. Pray for the needs of the parish – imagining how to partner and addressing how to participate in Mass vibrantly when we have only two priests.

2. Meet as three parishes. Put aside 6 – 7:30 pm on June 11th at the Clifton Centre at St Clements 9-21 Egan Drive Bulleen. That evening, we will hold a gathering of as many of you from St Greg's, St Kevin's and St Clement's who wish to come. An opportunity for you all to come and share your thoughts on what partnering of our parishes means to you; what fruits you would like to see arise from our partnering; and share thoughts about the options for Mass times.

3. The small support group helping me guide this process will meet on Friday 12th June and finalise the Mass schedule with the aim of implementing it from the weekend of 4th / 5th July. This Mass schedule will be reviewed after three months to see if it is working well in providing for your spiritual needs and allowing myself and Fr Anton to remain capable and to be properly present for you. After this, further changes may need to be made if this schedule proves impractical.

Confirmations:

Our children received the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday afternoon. An awesome moment – a moment to treasure. It opens for them as it opens for us the promise of guidance to discern God's will in everything we do.

God bless, Fr Charles.

Please scan the QR code for the Mass Times survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will provide valuable feedback to us.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention:

The world is in turmoil and hard-heartedness seems rife: we pray that we are graced to be open to the green shoots of life that surround us every day in our own lives and communities.

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

Peter Whiting, Benedicta Wong
Chris Perera, Joan Dinneen
Jane Gunawan, Ivonne Gunawan
Isabelle Hii, Mary Tonti-Filippini

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Ma

MONEY COUNTERS: Philip Dunlop

NEXT WEEK

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

LECTORS

Alvin Priyana, Frank Ryan
Jacqueline Rogers, Paola Villanueva
Erin Djukiadmodjo, Sauro Antonelli
Jane Ma, Valentinus Reza

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mary Wilson

MONEY COUNTERS: Christopher Lim, Josie Masters

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Seleana Ng, Gerard O'Donnell
Tony Nimmo, Philip Dunlop
Tony Ting, Dai Sim, Lucy Giardino
Dot Haynes

MORNING TEA: Don & Lina

FLOWERS: Tessa Leung

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Sharron Wilkinson
Margaret Wallace
Nuccia La Rocca, Rob Rukavina, Maggie Yong
Mary Tonti-Filippini, Alfred Lee

MORNING TEA: N/A

FLOWERS: Geraldina Donato

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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Open Days:

29th Oct at 9.30-11.30am

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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.

Session 1
Exploring the fundamental shape of the Mass
Saturday June 6
Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am and the seminar will begin at 10.00am to 1.00pm.
Lunch provided

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

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

Parish Facilities: The Parish Hall and Parish Room are available for use. Bookings can be made: office@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



Catholic Theological College
Online Information Session
Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses
Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)

Register via our website:
ctc.edu.au/information-session
For more information contact:
Dr Maureen Saclot, Registrar

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession

Jesus himself came near and was walking with them.
LUKE 24:15

SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 2PM
STARTS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
CONCLUDES AT FED SQUARE

Together with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, let us bring Christ in the Eucharist—our light—into the heart of the city of Melbourne.
Communities are invited to bring their banners!

The annual Guild of St Stephen Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli will take place on Friday 12 June 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. During this Mass, new members will be admitted into the Guild of St Stephen. Active altar servers currently in **Year 7 and above** are eligible to be admitted into the Guild this year. If you would like your child to be received into the Guild of St Stephen, please contact the parish office by email or phone for further details.



Upcoming Events
14 June, Sunday 5PM - Youth & Young Adults Mass
3 July, Friday 7PM - Praise and Worship Encounter Night
12 July, Sunday 5PM - Youth & Young Adults Mass followed by Social Night



We extend a warm welcome to the Family of Arabella and Ruby Dovile who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at St Gregory the Great Church.