

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

10 AUGUST 2025

KEEP AWAKE TILL HE COMES. The early Christians applied this teaching of Jesus to their expectation of his second coming. More generally speaking, today's Gospel parables should encourage us to be morally vigilant at all times and ever ready to encounter, in the midst of daily life, the 'God of surprises'. Paul has similar advice for us: 'Keep alert, stand firm in your faith' (1 Cor 16:13).

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 73:20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones  
for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who  
seek you.

## 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. Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught  
by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our  
Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our  
hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and  
daughters, that we may merit to enter into  
the inheritance which you have promised.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us  
glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,  
so that, once they saw what kind of oaths  
they had put their trust in they would joyfully  
take courage. This was the expectation of  
your people, the saving of the virtuous and  
the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act  
with which you took vengeance on our foes  
you made us glorious by calling us to you.  
The devout children of worthy men offered  
sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they  
struck with one accord: that the saints would  
share the same blessings and dangers alike;  
and forthwith they had begun to chant the  
hymns of the fathers.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen  
to be his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you  
just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. /  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord, /  
the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere  
him, / on those who hope in his love, / to  
rescue their souls from death, / to keep them  
alive in famine. **R.**



3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The  
Lord is our help and our shield. / May your  
love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our  
hope in you. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that  
we hope for, or prove the existence of the  
realities that at present remain unseen. It was  
for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the  
call to set out for a country that was the  
inheritance given to him and his descendants,  
and that he set out without knowing where he  
was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner,  
in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in  
a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who  
were heirs with him of the same promise.  
They lived there in tents while he looked  
forward to a city founded, designed and built  
by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of  
being past the age, was made able to conceive,  
because she believed that he who had made  
the promise would be faithful to it. Because  
of this, there came from one man, and one  
who was already as good as dead himself,  
more descendants than could be counted, as  
many as the stars of heaven or the grains of  
sand on the seashore.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

*Longer form Heb 11:1-2, 8-19*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42,44

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Be watchful and ready:**

**you know not when the Son of Man is coming.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 12:32-40

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Longer form Lk 12:32-48*

## 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. Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. 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 Ps 147:12, 14

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. 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

### BE ALERT

Luke's audience consists of people who are wealthy and those who are poorer, from the lower rung of the social ladder. The evangelist's focus is frequently on those of comfortable and wealthy status. This is presumed in today's reading. This Gospel passage follows immediately from last Sunday's. Luke continues to reflect on the themes of wealth and the disciple's attentiveness to God. Jesus reminds Luke's audience that God wants to offer the Kingdom to all. It is not restrictive. But there is one barrier for its reception: wealth and greed—a theme noted last Sunday. Disciples are encouraged to be generous and respond tangibly to the needs of the poor, encouragement that is at the heart of Catholic social teaching.

A second theme emerges: besides generosity, disciples must also remember Jesus' *Parousia*, his coming at the end of time. This perspective is not to be forgotten, though perhaps some in the Lukan household had done so. The example are householders being alert to the master's eventual arrival after a wedding or to a burglar who might smash through the house's mud brick walls. Alertness is thus key. It will surface again later in the Gospel when the disciples are told in Gethsemane to 'keep awake!' Luke promises that such existential alertness will be substantially rewarded.

For ourselves, too, today's Gospel is a spiritually healthy reminder. As we gather around the Lord's Table, we are encouraged to an alertness for the Lord's coming at the end of time. The acclamation after the words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer echoes this.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ C

### 9/10 August 2025

#### 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

Holy Rosary: Every Wednesday after the 9.00AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday and Friday following the 9.00AM Mass

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

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 8.30am, 10.00am; Tue & Thurs 9.15am

**Hygiene: An essential part of our everyday lives — always, forever, please be careful and caring.**

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10, Ps 39:2-4, 18, Heb 12:1-4, Lk 12:49-53

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

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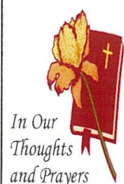
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**Please pray for:** Those who are **sick** at this time including John Condon, Tony Aloï, Michael Mullens, Monia Iaconi, Martin Stanbury, Shirley Loo, Bob Uehla, Carmel Aloï, Anthony Tang, Bishop Terry Curtin, Madelaine Fitzpatrick, Malia Sekeme, Thelma Peacock, Don Pavone, John Reid, Alan Benn, Helen Ong, Joseph Yeo, Michael Angelo Yambao, Meredith Barnes, Siv Cuasay

#### And for those who died recently

Tee Geok Tin @ Ah Hong, Frank Savie Hung, Sarolta Kovessy, Michel Baini

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Norihiro Okae, June D'Souza, Rina Franceschini, Gladys Yong, Jean Pierre Yong, Joachim Cheng Kim On



#### Words from the desk of the PP:

##### ACYF:

Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Website: [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au)

##### Alpha:

Our latest experience started last Wednesday with 21 participants. Please keep the leaders and caterers in your prayers as we seek to open hearts to God's love.

##### Safeguarding:

David, Mary, Mary, Peter and I sat down last Wednesday to do a Risk Assessment for our Masses at St Greg's, especially weekend Masses. We will use the same process at St Kevin's and the issues will be almost identical because the gatherings are nearly identical in purpose. By the time we finished the hour and a half brainstorming we had listed over forty different elements to consider. The list covered much more than the ChildSafe elements. Some items were of great importance like how to respond effectively to a significant fall or implementing good processes around our Altar Servers as they vest. Some were seemingly trivial such as proper use of the air-conditioners. Our purpose in starting this detailed risk-assessment is to understand what we think we know and improve the safety of our gatherings for all of you, as well as be ready for the Safeguarding audit that is beginning across the archdiocese. Occupational Health and Safety efforts over the decades have shown the worth of moving from assuming we know what we are doing to consciously.

##### Columbarium (a wall with niches for funeral urns to be interred):

Plans for a columbarium are well underway and have been submitted to council for approval. We are looking for more expressions of interest so that we can be reasonably certain that we are meeting your real need in the parish. Please call or email the office and express your interest. Once we have final plans in place, we will be contacting you to ask you to commit firmly and pay for the slots you want.

I see the columbarium as providing a new expression of our faith, allowing us to accompany our faithful departed in a sensible and respectful way that keeps them within our parish community in a gentle and loving way.

##### Insurance:

We are seeing a shift in our insurances. There is a greater level of detail being demanded of us in specifying what we want insured and the exact value of it that we see. The aim is to allow access to the most relevant and cheapest insurance. I mention this because it seems to me to be a part of a shift in society. Risk is not borne by me to help you: rather I leave you to bear your own risks. It seems to me to run counter to what Christ teaches us about love for one another with God's self-giving, care for the other that nourishes our souls. Food for thought as we navigate a more and more nuanced complexity in society.

*God bless, Fr Charles.*

#### The Symbols of the Eucharist

Symbols used in the celebration of Eucharist will be the central theme of a presentation by Fr Frank O'Loughlin to the Liturgy Teams of both St Kevin's and St Greg's on September 6th, Saturday from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the St Kevin's Gathering Space.

Father Frank is a renowned theologian and adult educator. He has researched and taught in the areas of fundamental theology, sacramental theology and liturgy in the Archdiocese of Melbourne for the last 50 years. In recent years he has published several books.

If you are interested, or might be interested in helping to enrich and develop and prepare our parish liturgies we would love to have you to join us for this presentation and discussion and test the waters. Please contact the parish office to express your interest.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For all who are starving for food, for shelter, or for Christ: that they will find peace.

*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, Robert McHugh  
Greg Lesmana, Tony Nimmo  
Jane Gunawan, Jessica Stanley  
Margaret & Gerard O'Donnell

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Phil Handang**MONEY COUNTERS:** Surin Fernando, Josie Masters**NEXT WEEK 16/17 August LECTORS**

Sat 6.00pm Joseph & Lorna Philip  
Sun 9.00am Luisa Yambao, Philip Dunlop  
Sun 10.30am Aditya Hendarto, Gril Job  
Sun 5.00pm Nat De Silva, Jane Ma

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Carole Tang, Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Lina & Don Pavone**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Robert & Dianne McHugh  
Katica Puhaj  
Agnes & Fred Fulia, Rob Rukavina  
Viviana Pereira, Margaret O'Donnell

**MORNING TEA:** Multicultural Day**Offertory**

**FLOWERS:** Geraldina Donato  
Mary Piccoli

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Margaret O'Donnell, Frances Cannizzo  
Tony Nimmo, Mike Yambao  
Mary Stocco, Lucy Giardino, Erin Djukiadmodjo  
Alfred Lee, Caterina Gioffre

**MORNING TEA:** N/A**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung

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

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**ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH****AND ST KEVINS PARISH****INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR****Multicultural Day****Come in your cultural costumes or colours****Celebrate the vibrant diversity of our community****Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, food & fun!**

- MULTICULTURAL FOOD AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED
- BID FOR YOUR DREAM ITEMS AT THE SILENT AUCTION
- BUY TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THE RAFFLE



SUNDAY 10 AUGUST  
AFTER 10.30AM MASS



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Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

Please be mindful of food intolerances and allergies.

Parents and carers are reminded to please supervise their children at all times  
If you're experiencing any flu-like symptoms, we encourage you to rest up and join us in spirit. Your health and the safety of others is most important!

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

For School Tours and Open Days visit [sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au](http://sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au)

**Parish Facilities:** The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are available. Room bookings can be made:

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Over the past two weeks, our Parish Pastoral Plan has been shared at all weekend Masses. If you missed receiving a copy, you'll find it inserted in this week's bulletin.

If you'd like to get involved or contribute to any of the parish's priority areas, please speak to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council or visit the Parish Office.

## Young Adult Group

(18-35 Years of Age)

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



Friday, 22th August 2025, 715PM  
St Gregory the Great Parish Room  
Dinner is provided  
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**FOR YEAR 6-10**

15 August 2025, Friday  
7pm-9pm

## CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP

Come grow in faith and walk with God alongside an amazing and fun community! You can experience exciting activities, meaningful conversations and the chance to build lasting friendships!

Don't miss out – come along and be part of this incredible journey!

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