

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

12 OCTOBER 2025

WE COME TO GIVE THANKS. After being cured by Jesus, nine lepers went immediately to show themselves to the temple priests in fulfilment of the law. Their primary concern was to satisfy legal requirements. Only one, a foreigner, thought first of thanking Jesus. Hopefully our primary purpose in coming to Sunday Mass is not to meet some legal requirement but to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received in Christ and in the community.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 129:3-4

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.**

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. May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all
times go before us and follow after and make
us always determined to carry out good
works. 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

2 Kings 5:14-17

*A reading from the second book of the Kings
Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and
acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed
himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha
had told him to do. And his flesh became
clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort,
he went in and stood before him. 'Now I
know' he said 'that there is no God in all the
earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a
present from your servant.' But Elisha replied,
'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept
nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but
he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your
answer is "No," allow your servant to be
given as much earth as two mules may carry,
because your servant will no longer offer
holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the
Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

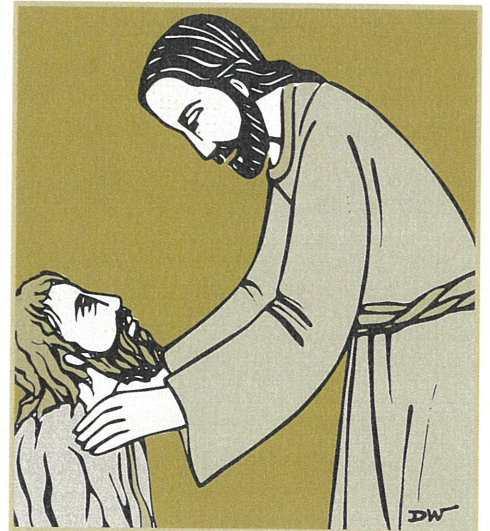
Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has
worked wonders. / His right hand and his
holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**

2. The Lord has made known his
salvation; / has shown his justice to the
nations. / He has remembered his truth and
love / for the house of Israel. **R.**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the
salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all
the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 2:8-13

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy*

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus
Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the
race of David'; it is on account of this that I
have my own hardships to bear, even to being
chained like a criminal – but they cannot
chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the
sake of those who are chosen, so that in the
end they may have the salvation that is in
Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes
with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall
live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with
him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always
faithful,

for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:11-19

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.

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks
to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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. Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. 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: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE CRY OF THE ABANDONED

In this very familiar Gospel story, often titled 'the healing of the ten lepers', Jesus is in an unholy and impure setting. He is travelling, as Luke notes, between the borders of Samaria and Galilee. In technical terms, this is a 'liminal' place. It is 'on the edge' between an area familiar to Jesus (Galilee) and one that is unfamiliar and even potentially dangerous (Samaria).

He enters a village. Jesus' generic placement (it is 'a' village, not a definitively named location) allows Luke's audience to see themselves in this situation. It is us as we move through life not knowing what awaits us. Jesus is approached by ten contaminating and impure characters. They are called 'lepers'; their leprosy is not our traditional Hansen's disease but a contagious skin condition. It has the potential to disrupt and contaminate the community.

As they distance themselves from Jesus they appeal: 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us.' The Greek literally reads, '...have mercy on us'. This is the cry of the abandoned who seek God's comforting presence. It is also our cry in desperate times. Jesus tells the ten to go to the priests, the officials that can declare their healed cleanliness. Only one returns to thank God's healing work revealed in Jesus. It is the unexpected one, the 'foreigner' that recognises God's action through Jesus, a theme that echoes throughout Luke. Today's Gospel invites us to look for God's actions in the most surprising places among God's most unexpected people. These become the sources of eucharistic thanksgiving.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

11/ 12 October 2025

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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 9.15am; Tue & Thurs 9.15am

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

Ex 17:8-13, Ps 120, 2 Tim 3:14-4:2, Lk 18:1-8

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 Emmly Luethamphakdee, Phaisan Luethamphakdee, Priscilla Cheng, Marleen Liu, Amy Liu, Chantal Wong, Christopher Wong, Anna Cheng Ng, Ximena Simian, Nik & Somaratna, Rita Sabarudji, Peter Ryan, Valda Moore, Michael Mullens, Monia Iaconi, Martin Stanbury, Shirley Loo, Bob Ulehla, Carmel Alois, Anthony Tang, Bishop Terry Curtin, Madelaine Fitzpatrick, Don Pavone, John Reid, Michael Angelo Yambao, Meredith Barnes, Siv Cuasay

and for those who died recently
Maxim Yatsin, Ercole Domenico Verna (Michelle Verna's dad), Phyllis Xerri
and for those whose anniversaries occur about now



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Words from the desk of the PP:

Safeguarding Audit: Success!!! Congratulations, the audit of St Greg's Safeguarding practices went excellently. Yes, it was an audit of St Greg's – but our processes and evaluations are so closely interlinked that the auditors (Sarah and Donna) recognised both parishes as being of equal quality in implementation of safeguarding.

Thank you: David and Ana for leading the effort to be ready for this audit. And to Vera and Luisa and Nadia and Margaret and Gianna and Marcello and Alfred and Stephanie and Robert who helped prepare but and/or made ample time to be available for the audit itself.

And thank you to all our volunteers for helping us reach a high standard of compliance with the legal requirements surrounding safeguarding. And thank you to all parishioners for being a part of this journey to more effectively provide a safe church of children and all vulnerable people.

October Rosary: Continuing each Thursday: Rosary led by Fr Charles. Start 7 pm, Zoom ID: 818 2077 7329 Passcode: 094929

RCIA: New Catholics: We at least two and possibly five or six people starting the journey, please pray for them and the three others who may join.

ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – Don't stop inviting young people to join this amazing moment of the Holy Spirit. 😊

We will have fundraising efforts to support our young adults in taking part in this exciting event. We are thankful for your help!

Ercole Domenico Verna: I learned late last week of the death of Michelle Verna's father, with the funeral being last week. Please keep Domenico and Michelle in your prayers.

Parish Pastoral Council: We are preparing for the Parish Assembly on November 18th 6:30 pm, with dinner provided). Please put this date in your diaries. It is a moment to hear how the parish is doing financially; hear about the directions we are moving and have an opportunity to discuss the future. Please keep this date free for this essential element of parish life. One other matter discussed extensively was to have a more complete social media presence: first we need to develop a strategy but during 2026 we will implement something.

God bless, Fr Charles

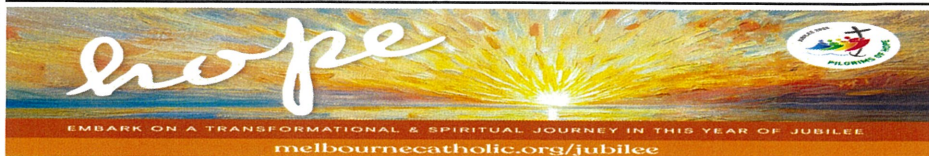
Holy Souls Masses: The envelopes for prayer requests for Holy Souls Masses are available in the Church Narthex.

Our Memorial Book is now available at the table in the Church Narthex and throughout the month of November. We have printed the names of your loved ones from last year's Memorial Book. They are in the alphabetical order based on surnames. Please locate the names of your loved ones and only write if they are not listed. Moving forward, we will keep the names in the book to continue to pray for them every year and add new names as requested. Thank you and God bless.
PS: This is in addition to the Holy Souls Envelopes.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For our sacristans, and all those who help make sure our Masses are set up and well prepared for: that the Holy Spirit will continue to illuminate their hearts.



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
 Philip Dunlop, Chris Perera
 Aditya Hendarto, Jessica Stanley
 Thomas Ong & Stephanie Ong

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mike Yambao**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O'Farrell, Sharron Wilkinson**NEXT WEEK 18/19 Oct**

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

LECTORS

Frances Cannizzo, Robert McHugh
 Margaret Wallace
 Sauro Antonelli, Gril Job
 Gerard O'Donnell, Dot Haynes

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mary Wilson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Surin Fernando, Josie Masters**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Lorna & Joseph Philip
 Margaret Wallace
 Nuccia La Rocca, Behnaz Behmadi, Erin Djukiadmodjo
 Caterina Gioffre, Viviana Pereira

MORNING TEA: N/A**FLOWERS:** Connie Amalfi**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Robert & Dianne McHugh
 Katica Puhaj
 Agnes & Fred Fulia, Rob Rukavina
 Mary Tonti- Filipini, Judy Ablaza

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

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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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**BAKE SALE FUNDRAISING**
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1. BAKE A CAKE/CAKES/BISCUITS/SLICES/ SAVOURY ITEM/ SWEETS/.....ETC....
2. SUPPORT THE BAKE STALL FUNDRAISER BY BUYING ITEMS AT ANY MASS ON THE WEEKEND OF 18/19 OCTOBER
3. BUYING TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE
4. MAKING A DONATION TO THE EVENT.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BAKE WILL YOU PLEASE DELIVER YOUR ITEMS ON FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:
 9AM MASS, 10AM TO 3PM AT THE PRESBYTERY, 5PM- 8PM AT THE PARISH ROOM

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DELIVER YOUR ITEMS PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET O'DONNELL TO ARRANGE PICK UPS (PHONE 0402 838 754 OR MARGARETODONNEL@GMAIL.COM)

LIST OF INGREDIENTS TO BE INCLUDED OR PRESENTED

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP OUR YOUTH ATTEND THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL ON NOV, 30TH TO DEC 2ND. EVERY TREAT YOU ENJOY HELPS BRING THEM CLOSER TO THIS INSPIRING EVENT!

Pilgrims are encouraged to attend the Festival as part of a small group, to provide a richer and more engaging experience. St Gregory's and St Kevin's Youth and Young Adults groups are registering as a group! For Registration & info contact 9412 8425 or doncaster@cam.org.au

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For Year 6-10

CORNERSTONE Youth GROUP

We're excited to announce that Cornerstone Youth Group will be meeting on **31st October, Friday** for a fun-filled excursion! Our leaders are busy planning an unforgettable experience. Stay tuned for more details!

**MISSIONARIES OF HOPE**
among all peoples

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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