

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 NOVEMBER 2025

THE END IS NOT SO SOON. Members of the early Church expected the Lord to return in glory very soon. Some people even stopped working in the belief that the end was nigh. St Paul, however, urged the members of the community to go on working, quietly earning their food. And in today's Gospel, Jesus stresses that the end is not so soon. We, his followers, will first have to persevere faithfully through many trials.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Jer 29:11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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 us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi
The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

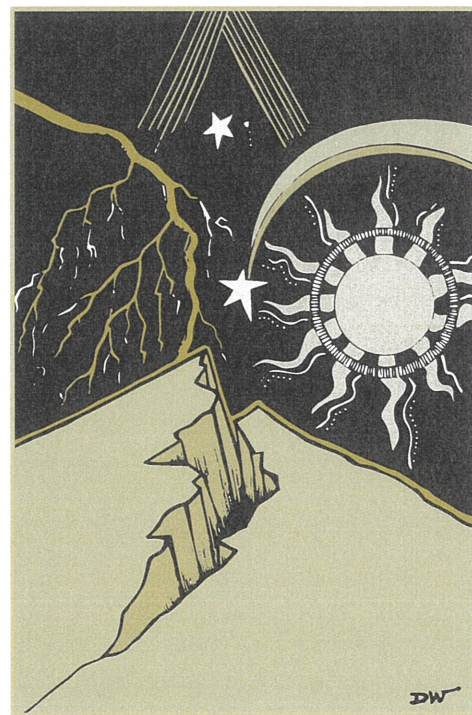
SECOND READING

2 Thess 3:7-12

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.



We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

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.

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master', they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived', he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he", and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and

gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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

GOD'S PROTECTIVE PROMISE

Last Sunday we commemorated the *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*. The Gospel then was from John with Jesus cleansing the Temple and its precincts, restoring it as the rightful abode of God's presence and holiness. Today's Gospel, continuing our liturgical journey with Luke, touches again on the theme of the Temple. But this time, Jesus anticipates its destruction and then springboards Gospel listeners into a sermon on the end-time. The Gospel theme prepares us for the final Sundays of the year before the new liturgical year, Year A and Matthew's Gospel, commences in two weeks' time with the beginning of Advent.

Today's Gospel is complex and often misunderstood. It requires careful explanation. Our selection comes from Luke's 'apocalyptic' chapter. Here the evangelist draws on Mk 13 but reshapes it in the light of the audience's experience and memory of Jerusalem's destruction by Rome in 70 CE. This experience is retrojected on to Jesus' teaching seeming to prophesy its destruction. In Jesus' day the Temple was still standing; by the time Luke writes, Jerusalem and its Temple are already destroyed.

Luke's apocalyptic teaching acknowledges the struggle of Jesus' faithful followers living generations after Jesus public ministry, assuring them of God's comforting presence, warning them not to be carried away by messianic pretenders, and encouraging their patient endurance in all that unfolds. The last words of the Gospel contain the essence of God's protective promise: '...not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.' We, too, lean into these words amid our struggles today.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

15/16 November 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:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sam 5:1-3, Ps 121:1-5, Col 1:12-20, Lk 23:35-43

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

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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 John Fitzgerald, Chee Mee Lian, Emmly Luethamphakdee, Phaisan Luethamphakdee, Priscilla Cheng, Marleen Liu, Amy Liu, Chantal Wong, Christopher Wong, Ximena Simian, Nik & Somaratna, Peter Ryan, Valda Moore, Michael Mullens, Bob Ulehla, Carmel Alois, Bishop Terry Curtin, Madelaine Fitzpatrick, Don Pavone, John Reid, Meredith Barnes, Siv Cuasay

and for those who died recently

Fr Frank Moloney SDB

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Manuelpillai Wilfred Rajanayagam



Words from the desk of the PP:

33rd Sunday: The last Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King – ordinary time is drawing to a close. Our journey in life towards the end of times is drawing to a close – our journey to reflect upon our own faith and how we live it draws to a conclusion: so take a little time this weekend and in the coming week to reflect on who Jesus Christ is for you in your daily life.

ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival: preparations well underway – keep all pilgrims to ACYF in your prayers.

Fr Charles' Retreat: I go on retreat for 5 ½ days each November. For the last quite some years I have been going to clergy retreats at Santa Casa in Queenscliff. I come partly because it is organised for clergy – start after Masses on Sunday, finish on Friday in time to get back and prepare for the weekend; and partly because it is useful and instructive to sit with other parish priests / retired priests and hear their stories of how they have resolved issues in parish life. Mostly I choose to come because I need the time to relax into my relationship with Our Lord – Christ Jesus our Messiah.

This year we have had Fr Chris Monaghan as our retreat director and he has taken us on a journey through the Year of Hope; Pope Francis and priests and priesthood; a bit on the Gospel of Matthew; fun with Leunig and his cartoons; pictures and reflections from his own work and photos from his drone; prayer in the Gospel of Luke and in Acts of the Apostles; the Gospel as a challenge that calls us into crisis, a crisis of change from what WE want to what the Gospel calls us to: to change in the core of our beings – not just with the moment of baptism, confirmation, marriage, holy orders (whichever are relevant) but throughout life. Baptism and Holy Orders particularly are said to “change” who we are deep down in the essence of our personhood. But this change is not a one off but the start of a life of change, a life leading further and further into the love that is Christ Jesus our Lord.

It took me till day four to be relaxed and properly present. I allowed a distraction on Thursday afternoon to type these words but otherwise Thursday is for Christ. I am managing to MAKE that happen.

Thursday: 6:30 am, walking on the beach, beautiful weather – still, air 7 deg C, clear skies, beautiful sun, waves breaking, friendly dogs on the beach, slow walking soaking in the beauty of creation: and God's love touched me – calming my mind and heart to just 'be present' – what a great gift. Too often I am in a rush and don't make the time – today the rush is gone and ... God is walking with me. Hallelujah! Indeed Hallelujah!

Another day to go yet so I pray that I shall return to you with even greater openness to you and the graces you bring to the parishes with which I am entrusted as your shepherd.

Repair of Leaks: Leaks – I said they were fixed. Misunderstanding. Rain got in the way (again). This coming week? We hope and pray.

Columbarium: We are well along the way of understanding what we want to do in having a columbarium. We asked for expressions of interest, and received 19 with interest for 40 niches, which suggests support for the possibility. We are nearing having council approval. The drawings are up on the gathering space. But there are two things left to do.

First, we must apply to the Archdiocese for approval as the expenditure will be well over \$100,000 (recouped from sale of the niches).

Second, we know that we haven't made space for a wide ranging discussion. I am happy to chat after Mass. There will be some discussion at the Parish Assembly this coming week. And, we will make some opportunities for more extensive discussion over coming weeks.

I would like to see the Columbarium built but I am not in a hurry. I, and the PPC and finance group want to make sure we hear fully what suits everyone.

God bless, Fr Charles.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

We pray for all those who are affected by fraud and embezzlement, that they will find the grace to forgive and that perpetrators find grace to return the stolen funds.

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

Frank Ryan & Gerard O'Donnell
 Chris Perera
 Karen Chay, Aidan Leung
 Nat De Silva, Alfred Ablaza

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mary Wilson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Marian See, Christopher Lim**NEXT WEEK 22/23 Nov****LECTORS**

Sat 6.00pm Frances Cannizzo, Robert McHugh
 Sun 9.00am Margaret Wallace
 Sun 10.30am Ryan Teo, Tony Ting
 Sun 5.00pm Gerard O'Donnell, Dot Haynes

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Robert & Dianne McHugh
 Margaret Wallace
 Agnes & Fred Fulia, Rob Rukavina
 Seleana Ng, Alfred Lee

MORNING TEA: Don & Lina**FLOWERS:** Geraldina Donato
Mary Piccoli**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Margaret O'Donnell, Iris O'Farrell
 Katika Puhaj
 Sauro & Lillian Antonelli, Mary Stocco
 Mary Tonti- Filipini, Judy Ablaza

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.



We extend a warm welcome to the families of Lorenzo Lopez Wrzesinski, Gabriel Christian Leong and Clara Tsz Yin Siu who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at St Gregory the Great Church.

Parish Assembly 2025 – Everyone is invited!

Please join us for a meal, shared conversation, and reflections on our parish journey. To celebrate what we've achieved, and to discern where God is calling us next.

Come ready to share your ideas about how we can worship well, assist the poor, and grow as a welcoming, missionary community. The evening will include brief updates on parish life, our school, and future plans.

Tuesday, 18 November | 6:30pm–8:30pm | St Gregory's School Hall

To help us plan our catering please RSVP: doncaster@cam.org.au / SignUp Sheet in the Narthex.



All are warmly invited to the St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's Parishes Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7th, right after the 5pm Mass at St Greg's Parish Hall. Let's come together for fellowship, food, and festive cheer as we prepare for Christmas!

Go out to the whole world;
 proclaim the Good News
 to all creation.
 MARK 16:15



THE
 ARCHBISHOP'S
 CAMPAIGN
 2025

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support.

Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$9,889.85 contributed by St Gregory The Great Parish, Doncaster.

These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School

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You Are Invited To

ALPHA CELEBRATION COME AND SEE NIGHT

Join us for a celebration of Alpha with fun, food, and conversation.

Open to all our Alpha participants and anyone interested in Alpha.
 Dinner is provided.

NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY **26** AT 6:30PM

ST KEVIN'S CHURCH
 TEMPLESTOWE

