

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

17 AUGUST 2025

THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN. Some of the first converts to Christianity were shocked to find that their lives as Christians still contained many difficulties. In some cases, becoming a Christian added to their troubles as they met opposition from non-Christian family members. We too face difficulties of one kind or another. Participating in the Eucharist does not eliminate our problems, but gives us the strength and courage we need not to give up in the face of them.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 83:10-11

**Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

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.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of
heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have
mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: 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. O God, who have prepared for those who
love you good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of
your love, so that, loving you in all things
and above all things, we may attain your
promises, which surpass every human desire.
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 Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole
world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king, 'Let
Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably
disheartening the remaining soldiers in the
city, and all the people too, by talking like
this. The fellow does not have the welfare of
this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He
is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah
answered 'for the king is powerless against
you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him
into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court
of the Guard, letting him down with ropes.
There was no water in the well, only mud, and
into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace
and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he
said 'these men have done a wicked thing by
treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they
have thrown him into the well where he will
die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the
Cushite the following order: 'Take three men
with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of
the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

R. Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he
stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. **R.**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from
the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock /
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, /
praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear /
and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**



4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the
Lord thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my
help, / O God, do not delay. **R.**

SECOND READING Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on
every side of us, we too, then, should throw
off everything that hinders us, especially the
sin that clings so easily, and keep running
steadily in the race we have started. Let us not
lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith
and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the
joy which was still in the future, he endured
the cross, disregarding the shameful of it,
and from now on has taken his place at the
right of God's throne. Think of the way he
stood such opposition from sinners and then
you will not give up for want of courage. In
the fight against sin, you have not yet had to
keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

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.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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. Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Made partakers of Christ through these

Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. 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

BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT

Over these Sundays we continue to steep ourselves in Luke's journey teaching. Over Chapters 9 to 19, Luke offers readers teaching about discipleship and fidelity amid the struggles that they experience in their Greco-Roman world. One of them is the struggle to live out authentic discipleship as Jesus' followers when the temptation is otherwise.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers this late first century audience a sobering reminder. Faithful discipleship is not easy. It will come at a cost and struggle. It will touch the very heart of life. Jesus looks towards his passion. This is the 'baptism' that he will undergo. But the very mention of 'baptism' in the Gospel's opening words reminds listeners that their baptism connects them to Jesus. They, too, will suffer – not because this is God's intent or 'will' (which some even today think) – but because of the very nature of the life of discipleship lived within the particular social and cultural context of their world. Baptismal commitment does not, then, equal tranquillity and a life of ease. These matters have already been reflected upon over the last few Sundays. For some, the struggle to remain true to one's baptismal commitment will affect even core relationships. This is seen in the divisions experienced in Luke's day within households. The shocking nature of Jesus' words would be felt by Gospel listeners. The family household and its internal relationship were the building blocks for a secure society with the Greek (and Jewish) world. Baptismal fidelity to Jesus will at times be a struggle and may even cause family division and conflict.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ C

16/17 August 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 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:

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Isa 66:18-21, Ps 116, R. Mk 16:15, Heb 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk 13:22-30

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 David Perrin, John Condon, Tony Aloï, Michael Mullens, Monia Iaconi, Martin Stanbury, Shirley Loo, Bob Ulehla, 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 Carmela Ziino, Mario di Pietro

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Mary Ann & Nascy Caldeira, Rosa Soveny & Maria Pellich, Carmella Gazzo



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Words from the desk of the PP:

Multicultural day:

What a wonderful event! Yet again! Thank you to the Social Group and the Cornerstone leaders and the children and the dancers and those who operated the A/V and acted as MC. It was a great event indeed, helping to build our community. I wasn't able to properly estimate numbers in the hall but if the 10:30 Mass was a measure there were over 300 people. I see all the effort it takes to bring this event together. And all the effort it takes to bring together each of the major events in our lives: my 10th anniversary; celebrating Archbishop Tony's appointment in Tasmania. Thank you all for the love of Christ you bring to each of these events.

ACYF:

Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – ask around, seek out a young person and give them the link to the website to register.

Evangelisation leader:

After discussion with a wide range of people including with the Parish Pastoral Councils in both St Greg's and St Kevin's, I have put out an advertisement for the role of Evangelisation Leader. This person will work with both St Greg's and St Kevin's to continue our efforts, started with Alpha, to grow our capacity as an invitational and intentional community.

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Audit:

St Gregory the Great Parish **has been selected** as one of the parishes to be audited in the Safeguarding Audit of the Archdiocese. The on-site parts of the audit will happen in the first half of October. In the process of preparing for the audit of St Greg's we will be also seeking to ensure that St Kevin's is similarly up to date. One element of the audit includes ministry leaders so some of you may be asked to be available for interview by the auditors.

Amalgamation of St Kevin's Masses:

For your information, from September 14th St Kevin's will amalgamate its Sunday morning Masses into one, starting at 9:15 am.

God bless, Fr Charles.

Please note that there will be **no** weekday Masses celebrated this coming week (18-22 August), as Fr Charles and Fr Anton will be attending a clergy conference during this time.



We warmly invite you to deepen your faith through our weekly devotions.

**Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 20 August and Friday 22 August, at 10AM**

All are welcome to join in this communal expression of faith.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

We give thanks for the grace that comes to us through gathering as a community. (I am thinking of the grace that arises from the efforts made by those who organise events (e.g. the Multicultural Festival) and the grace that arises from the fellowship that happens when we gather.)



EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIONAL & SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THIS YEAR OF JUBILEE
melbournecatholic.org/jubilee

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

Joseph & Lorna Philip

Luisa Yambao, Philip Dunlop

Aditya Hendarto, Gril Job

Nat De Silva, Jane Ma

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Carole Tang, Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Lina & Don Pavone**NEXT WEEK 23/24 August****LECTORS**

Sat 6.00pm

Frank Ryan, Alvin Priyana

Sun 9.00am

Chris Perera

Sun 10.30am

Amanda Stefanovski, Paola Villanueva

Sun 5.00pm

Isabelle Hii, Benedicta Wong

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MORNING TEA: Karen, Kai, Aidan, Anselm**Offertory****FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Noel & Cathy McClelland

Joan Dinneen

Edith Ma, Nuccia La Rocca, Dai Sim

Mary Tonti- Filipini, Seleana Ng

MORNING TEA: N/A**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan

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ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN
2025**

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbourne-catholic.org/archbishops-campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

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 or use the sign up sheet in the church narthex.

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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
Info: doncaster@cam.org.au

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