

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

19 OCTOBER 2025

**PRAY CONTINUALLY.** The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 16:6, 8

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

## 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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

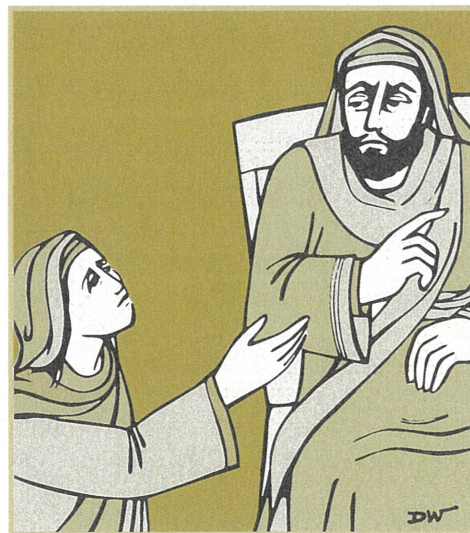
**R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**

2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



### SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.**

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

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.**



*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' "

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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 us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

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 cf. Ps 32:18-19

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. 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

### HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

'What is the good of praying if wars and evil things continue to exist? Prayer seems to have no effect.' A similar concern existed in Luke's day: why pray if it seems ineffectual? Today's Gospel speaks to the heart of this. It takes the form of a parable, encouraging constant prayer. The parable concerns an unjust judge ignoring a troubling and annoying widow who seeks justice against an adversary—even though one translation inaccurately describes her antagonist as an 'enemy'. The widow needs help, and the judge refuses her request. That is, until she continues to badger him; finally, he relinques.

Luke's Jesus uses the story as a classical way of describing God: if the judge finally relents through persistent pleading how much more quickly will God respond to those who cry out for help. Prayer opens the one praying to God's presence, allowing God to act within the one praying for what is needed. This deeply religious perspective affects the pray-er in daily life. This in turn shapes wider social contact, which effects relationships and, eventually, global change. Local personal prayer has, though imperceptibly, universal influence.

The last sentence of the Gospel speaks into this global perspective: 'When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?' In other words, in the eschaton, at the definitive coming of Christ at the end of time, will people have given up conviction that prayer is effective and that God responds to the cry of the needy? Today's Gospel encourages us to pray, constantly and with hopeful expectation.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

18/19 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:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19, Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23,

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18, Lk 18:9-14

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

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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:

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Please pray for those who are sick at this time including Elmo Silvapulle, John Fitzgerald, Chee Mee Lian, Emmly Luethamphakdee, Phaisan Luethamphakdee, Priscilla Cheng, Marleen Liu, Amy Liu, Chantal Wong, Christopher Wong, Anna Cheng Ng, Ximena Simian, Nik & Somaratna, Peter Ryan, Valda Moore, Michael Mullens, Monia Iaconi, Martin Stanbury, Shirley Loo, Carmel Alois, Bishop Terry Curtin, Madelaine Fitzpatrick, Don Pavone, John Reid, Meredith Barnes, Siv Cuasay

**and for those who died recently**  
Fr Michael Chan Kok Vui, Cephas  
**and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Shoei Mak, PJ Joseph

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

## Words from the desk of the PP:

**Safeguarding** Surprising but ... I have nothing particular to say about safeguarding our children. Yes, we need to remain focussed but ... thank you for your help in ensuring the high standard we have reached.

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

**RCIA: New Catholics:** Please keep James and Sok in your prayers as they make this journey to Easter and full initiation. And pray for the two or three others still considering joining the journey.

**ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au)** – Registrations end in about a week – make a big effort to encourage young people around you to register and attend.

**Things we do: development in faith:** Every year we prepare parents and children to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, or Reconciliation, or Holy Communion, or Confirmation. As we undertake these important moments of faith formation for our children I am struck each year by the delicate? difficult? balance there is between 'age appropriate' language and speaking of the deep truths and action of God that are the essence of each of the Sacraments: the visible sign is easy, the invisible work of Grace/God/Jesus/Holy Spirit in us is harder to convey.

It is easy to gloss over the real change that happens in Baptism – the deep reality of a change in our very being that aligns with and makes us fully a part of the Body of Christ Jesus our Lord. It is easier to speak of becoming part of the people and community of Jesus Christ.

We can speak of 'making bad choices,' because that is what children understand while Sin involves understanding something of our relationship with God.

We can speak of "a symbol of Jesus' presence" ... instead of the Real Presence and the real change in the essence of the Bread and Wine to, be transubstantiated, to become what truly and fully IS, the wholeness of our Lord, being given to us.

We can speak of Confirmation as "growing up in faith" and because it is difficult to speak to the real change in us that Confirmation brings because we have received his Gifts – difficult to speak of because we can find it difficult to admit the times the Holy Spirit guides us.

I understand the need for this care in language with children – confusion is not good, best to begin gently. But, please, let us not forget the deeper truth and let us consciously and actively find ways to help ourselves and our children grow to know the deeper truths and realities of our Sacraments so that their faith and ours can grow and flourish and alive and relevant.

**Repair of Leaks:** It has taken four years but we now have definitive diagnosis or the cause/source of the two remaining leaks in the church. Works to repair these leaks will be carried out from 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October. Daily Masses will still occur, but there will be no other services. This will ensure that the workers have unimpeded access to the building.

*God bless, Fr Charles.*

Envelopes for prayer requests for the Holy Souls Masses are now available in the Church Narthex. In addition, our Memorial Book is placed on the table in the Narthex and will remain there throughout the month of November. The names of your loved ones from last year have been lovingly reprinted in alphabetical order by surname. We invite you to check the book and add names only if they are not already listed. These names will remain in the book each year, as we continue to hold them in prayer with love and remembrance.



Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for our upcoming Parish Assembly on Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30-8:30 PM.

More details will be shared soon!



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For our young people who will attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival: that the Bake Sale and broader generosity of our parishes will enable the (spiritual and financial). help that they will need.

*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  
Luisa Yambao, Margaret Wallace  
Sauro Antonelli, Gril Job  
Gerard O'Donnell, Dot Haynes

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Mary Wilson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Surin Fernando, Josie Masters**NEXT WEEK 25/26 Oct**

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

**LECTORS**

Joseph & Lorna Philip  
Chris Perera  
Erin Djukiadmodjo, Jonathan Gunawan  
Benedicta Wong, Jane Ma

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Phil Handang**MONEY COUNTERS:** Philip Dunlop, Greg Lesmana**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

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

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

Margaret O'Donnell, Iris O'Farrell  
Tony Nimmo  
Dai Sim, Lucy Giardino, Edith Ma  
Seleana Ng, Alfred Lee

**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.

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

### BAKE SALE FUNDRAISING

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18-19 OCTOBER | ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

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COME AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS TO RAISE FUNDS TO ATTEND THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH:

1. BUYING ITEMS FROM THE BAKE SALE AT ANY MASS ON THIS WEEKEND
2. BUYING TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE
3. MAKING A DONATION TO THE EVENT THROUGH THE DONATION BOX OR OUR QR CODE

(SELECT ACYF FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN)

PLEASE BEWARE OF ALLERGENS.  
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ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP OUR YOUTH ATTEND THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL ON NOV, 30<sup>TH</sup> TO DEC 2<sup>ND</sup>. 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

**All Saints & All Souls Day Notices****All Saints Day – Saturday, November 1**

This year, All Saints Day falls on a Saturday. A special Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am at St Gregory's. All are warmly invited to join us in honouring all the saints who inspire our journey of faith.

**All Souls Day – Sunday, November 2**

On All Souls Day, we remember and pray for all our beloved departed. Fr Charles will be visiting two cemeteries in the afternoon to offer prayers and blessings:

- Templestowe Cemetery
- Eltham Cemetery

The majority of burials from our two parishes over the past year have taken place in these cemeteries. If you know of a parishioner who would appreciate a visit to another cemetery, please feel free to speak with Fr Charles.

Let us unite in prayer for all the faithful departed this November.



We extend a warm welcome to the family of Gabriella Durso who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at St Gregory the Great Church.

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

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CORNER STONE YOUTH GROUP

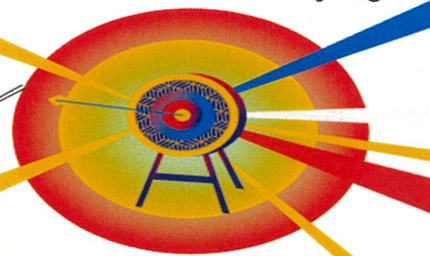
## ARCHERY TAG

— Friday, October 31st 7pm-9pm



Year 6 to Year 10

Come Join our October excursion of Archery Tag!



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