

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) / C

2 NOVEMBER 2025

REMEMBERING ALL WHO HAVE DIED. Today we are reminded of our unity with all who have died. They are our 'brothers and sisters' and we express our unity with them by praying for the eternal repose of their souls. Encouraged by the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God is preparing a banquet for all peoples, we pray on this day not only for our loved ones and the members of the Christian community who have died but for all the departed.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. 1 Thess 4: 14; 1 Cor 15: 22

Just as Jesus died and has risen again,
so through Jesus God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep;
and as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

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. Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son, raised from
the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of
resurrection for your departed servants also
find new strength. 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

Isa 25: 6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud unwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1 Alt. R. V. 3

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; /
whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the
stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I
shrink? **R.**



2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, /
for this I long, / to live in the house of the
Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour
the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his
temple. **R.**

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have
mercy and answer. / It is your face, O Lord,
that I seek; / hide not your face. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness /
in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold
firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 5-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans.

*Having been justified by his blood, we will be
saved from God's anger through him.*

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of
God has been poured into our hearts by the
Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We
were still helpless when at his appointed
moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not
easy to die even for a good man – though
of course for someone really worthy, a man
might be prepared to die – but what proves
that God loves us is that Christ died for us
while we were still sinners. Having died to
make us righteous, is it likely that he would
now fail to save us from God's anger? When
we were reconciled to God by the death of
his Son, we were still enemies; now that we
have been reconciled, surely we may count on
being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely
because we have been reconciled but because
we are filled with joyful trust in God, through
our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have
already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 39

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the will of my
Father, says the Lord, / that I should lose
nothing of all that he has given to me, /
and that I should raise it up on the last
day. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 7: 11-17

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.

Young man, I say to you, get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

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. Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed servants may be taken up into glory with your Son, in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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-V FOR THE DEAD

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 cf. Jn 11: 25-26

I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant we pray, O Lord, that your departed servants, for whom we have celebrated this paschal Sacrament, may pass over to a dwelling place of light and peace. 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

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Today we remember our Beloved Dead. We also carry them into today's liturgy, just as the widow's son in today's Gospel is carried into the presence of Jesus. The story begins with Jesus gathering near the gate of Nain with his disciples and others. This happens at the same time as a 'the only son of his mother' is being carried out on a bier for burial. We note two things about the situation: The deceased is an only son and she is widowed. These two facts elevate the story's tragedy. The woman is domestically and economically abandoned; her tears palpable. At the gate of the town, life and death meet.

Jesus, the agent of healing and life, responds to her: 'When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her.' Jesus' seeing impels him to act. In an earlier Lukan parable (Lk 10), a Samaritan 'sees' a half-dead robbery victim. Unlike the other characters in the parable who pass by and look sideways, the Samaritan is impelled to act. In today's Gospel, Jesus responds similarly.

The title 'Lord' suggests that this is the act of God's emissary. The translation, 'felt sorry', robs the power of the Greek which literally means, 'felt his innards respond'. This visceral response brings Jesus to restore the young man to life, an act acclaimed as God's 'visitation' of the people. Like the woman, we carry our dead before Jesus today. He responds deeply to our sadness. Through him God also 'visits' us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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All Souls Day / C
1/2 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:

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezek 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12, Ps 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9,

Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17, Jn 2: 13-22

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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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

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 Aloï, Bishop Terry Curtin, Madelaine Fitzpatrick, Don Pavone, John Reid, Meredith Barnes

and for those who died recently

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now William Maher Snr



Words from the desk of the PP:

November: All Souls: Please put in your requests for November Masses for the souls of those you wish to pray for during November when we make a special effort to pray for those who have gone before us. Yellow coloured envelopes for November Masses are in the Gathering Space with a box to place them in.

October Rosary: Thank you to the 20+ people each week (about 40 over the five Thursday) who joined this real and virtual prayer. Is there an on-going prayer ministry that might form around this? Any thoughts? Please pass them to me.

ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – We have registered 23 people – registrations are closed. We now enter a phase of making sure we have all the logistics and planning in place to keep everyone safe and having a Spirit-Filled time.

Things we do:

Sanctuary Layout: Why is the Priest to the left of the Altar and the Lectern (Ambo) to the right of the Altar (as you face the nave, the congregation)? And why the Altar / Tabernacle / Crucifix in line?

Christ, the WORD of God is given primacy of place on the right of the Altar. The Presider is given importance but is separated from the lectern and the Altar to emphasise that he is not Christ, but presides for Christ, in the person of Christ. There is a small crucifix kept on the Altar itself to emphasise for Presider and People the one-ness of the sacrifice on the Altar and on the Cross. This layout is not mandatory, but customary – other layouts must continue to maintain the primacy of Christ and not the presider.

With the altar / tabernacle / crucifix: alignment along one axis: again, this is not a mandatory, but reflects a traditional and very common layout that visibly emphasises the inextricable unity/link between Christ offering of himself at the table; Christ dying on the Cross; and Christ present fully in the Body of Christ that is reserved in the Tabernacle. Other layouts are acceptable but should always retain clearly the primacy of Christ and his sacrifice.

Praying for the Dead: Why pray in November? And Why pray at all? November? – Because the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls that begin the month. Pope Gregory III set All Saints Day in around 740 CE with dedication of St Peter's Basilica and the monks of Cluny started praying for the holy souls all month in the 10th Century and the practice spread. Why pray for the dead at all? – Scripture and our deep inner sense of love and reverence and respect: we have biblical roots that lie in 2 Maccabees and the New Testament affirmation of the communion of the faithful/saints as part of the Body of Christ. And it 'feels right' – it is a generous and loving thing to do so, or so it seems to me. The practice of making a donation (of cash) for the offering of Mass has nothing to do with the practice of praying. That is a gesture of thanks/generosity to the priest who offers the Mass. The church encourages that the amount be modest to avoid any sense of 'buying' the Mass or giving opportunity for the priest to become avaricious (as has happened in some times and places).

Repair of Leaks: Leaks? Yes, well!! Hmmm! The repairs needed more complex work than anticipated and we want a proper repair not half-baked. So the works will now largely happen during on Monday 3rd, Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th November.

God bless, Fr Charles.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

We offer our prayers in thanks for fruits of the works of the Holy Spirit that are flourishing in St Greg's and St Kevin's. And we pray that the organisers and leaders of the group provide inspired guidance.



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, Alvin Priyana
 Jacqueline Rogers, Greg Lesmana
 Ivonne Gunawan, Amanda Stefanovski
 Isabelle Hii, Nat De Silva

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Lina & Don Pavone**NEXT WEEK 8/9 Nov**

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

LECTORS

Peter Whiting, Gerard O'Donnell
 Tony Nimmo
 Aidan Leung, Karen Chay
 Mary Tonti Filippini, Enza Scaffidi

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 Erin Djukiadmodjo, Nuccia La Rocca, Lilian Antonelli
 Dot Haynes, Margaret O'Donnell

MORNING TEA: Seleana Ng**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Sharron Wilkinson, Moira White
 Mary Stocco
 Tony Ting, Maggie Yong, Lucy Giardino
 Judy Ablaza, Caterina Gioffre

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

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.

Marcellin College Annual Memorial Mass 2025

The Marcellin College Community warmly invites you to join us for our Annual Memorial Mass 2025 — a time to come together in faith, remembrance, and community as we honour our loved ones who have passed.

When: Thursday, 27 November at 7:00pm

Where: Champagnat Chapel, Marcellin College
160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen 3105

After Mass, please stay and share in a light supper in the Functions Room.

Parish Assembly 2025 – Everyone is invited!

Please join us for a meal, shared conversation, and reflections on our parish journey — what we've achieved, and 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 | School Hall

RSVP: doncaster@cam.org.au or Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex

Let's continue to grow together in faith and mission!

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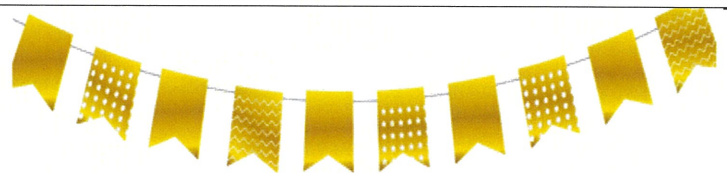
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Alpha Celebration Dinner

Come and See Night

Wednesday, 26 November

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

St Kevin's Church, Templestowe
Dinner Provided

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

Open to all our Alpha participants and to anyone interested in Alpha

RSVP: 16 November doncaster@cam.org.au; 03 9412 8425 or templestowe@cam.org.au; 03 9850 5983

ST GREGORY'S

PIETY STALL

Christmas Sale

15th Nov 2025 (Sat) - After 6pm mass16th Nov 2025 (Sun) - After 9am,
10:30am and 5pm mass

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