

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 JULY 2025

THE BETTER PART. Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better part. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**



2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 10:38-42

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.

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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. O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each

has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. 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

A GOOD PART

Today's story seems to affirm the contemplative life (symbolised by Mary sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to him) over the active life (represented by a preoccupied Martha). This classic interpretation sets the two women at odds with each other. However, placed in the context of Luke's missionary and ministry-concerned world, something else is going on. The scene is set in *Martha's* house. She is the leader of the house and, conceivably, the representative in Luke's household Jesus-gatherings.

The issue that concerns Mary, and Luke's audience, is not helped by our English translation. Three translation corrections are necessary. (1) Martha being 'distracted with all the serving...' is better translated as Martha being 'taken up with much *ministry* (Greek, *diakonia*)' (2) Martha's question to Jesus, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself?' is better translated, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me alone to minister (Greek, *diakonein*)?' (3) Rather than Jesus saying to Martha that Mary 'has chosen the *better* part...' the Greek has Jesus saying that Mary 'has chosen a *good* part'. Interpretations (1) and (2) suggest that a real concern surfacing in Luke's world is about *ministry*. Interpretation (3) indicates that there is no competition between Mary and Martha.

Both actions, Martha's *diakonial* concerns and Mary's focus on Jesus' word, are important, the second not to be devalued. It is 'a good part'. These same issues preoccupy us: a concern about future ministry while focussing on Jesus' word.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ C

19/20 July 2025

Parish Office:

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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:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

Gen 18:20-32, Ps 137:1-3, 6-8, Col 2:12-14, Lk 11:1-13

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

Email Margaret O'Donnell at margaretodonnell@gmail.com

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 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, Yuet-Sim Chow, Jason Shum, Siv Cuasay



And for those who died recently

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Grace Carfi and Teresa Salvo & Clare and Catherine Masto, Bev Curtis, Susheela Sadashivam, Fr Des Pantone

Words from the desk of the PP:

Carlo Acutis: MONDAY St Greg's School Hall. 21st July 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Come along and learn a little about ... faith, sharing faith, living a commitment to Christ.

ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

acyf.org.au – Register!! Please Ages yr 9 – 25 yr old. And we'll need adult chaperones for under 18's

Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha:

Yes, I know, I talk about Alpha a lot and mention it all the time but ... it is worth it!!! This wonderful tool can help us to spread the Good News – we just need to invite people along.

6th August start date for our next Alpha. Plenty of space available.

Please, invite lots of people, including yourself if you haven't been already. Each invitation, accepted or not. Each invitation accepted is the work of the Holy Spirit, made possible because of you.

Come along. Bring a friend. Take a risk. Who knows, you might even enjoy it ☺

Work Culture / Parish Culture:

A few weeks ago the staff at St Greg's gathered to talk about ... how we work together. The results chimed well when I showed them to St Kevin's staff. It is fairly clear that our desired work culture arises from the command to Love God and Love others as God loves us. While there is nothing surprising in the outcomes these are our words seeking to live that commandment. I thought perhaps you'd be interested. By the way thank you to the staff of both parishes: I think we are doing well at living this culture.

We began by recognising that our work is not for business objectives but for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ our Saviour and is carried out from that perspective of service in faith.

We work as a team Christian relationship. We seek to NOT become transactional in our ways of working. We value the team. We balance urgency with care/concern for others. We seek to form a personal (professional) connection with each other and with those whom we serve. We gather as a team to foster/build our relationship. We are dependable. We are honest and open and respectful. We trust each other. We can delegate, trust each other to deliver. We share our work supporting the faith of the Parish Community. We communicate – as much as possible. We will share our work when appropriate. We will gently call each other out when we fail to live these characteristics.

God bless, Fr Charles

Please pick up a flyer in the church narthex.

We hope to see you on the 21st of July!



**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS:
A SAINT FOR THE DIGITAL AGE**

SPEAKERS EVENING WITH MR. DAMIAN HOWARD

Monday, 21st July 2025 6.30PM

St Gregory the Great Doncaster

<https://www.trybooking.com/DCQFL>

email: doncaster@cam.org.au or sign up sheet in the church narthex



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For the growth of our parish in openness to growing ever more open to being disciples seeking to bring others to know Christ Jesus our Lord.

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
Chris Perera
Karen Chay, Aidan Leung
Viviana Pereira, Benedicta Wong

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Carole Tang, Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Bill Taylor, Christopher Lim**NEXT WEEK 26/27 July**

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

LECTORS

Frank Ryan, Frances Cannizzo
Margaret Wallace, Luisa Yambao
Ryan Teo, Michael See
Thomas Ong, Nat De Silva

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Ma**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O'Farrell, Sharron Wilkinson**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Sharron Wilkinson, Gerald O'Donnell
Katica Puhali
Lucy Giardino, Pierre Tanzimat
Seleana Ng, Alfred Lee

MORNING TEA: Mary, Jonathan, Daniel**Offertory****FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Robert & Dianne McHugh
Tony Nimmo, Mike Yambao
Sauro & Lillian Antonelli
Caterina Gioffre, Viviana Pereira

MORNING TEA: N/A**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan**New Ways of Giving —****Thank you for your generosity and continuous support!****Scan and Give**

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In joyful celebration of the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the spiritual grandparents of Jesus and the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we warmly invite all grandparents, elderly parishioners, families, and friends to join us at our Masses during the weekend of July 26–27.

Young Adult 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, 25th July 2025, 715PM
St Gregory the Great Parish Room
Dinner is provided
Info: doncaster@cam.org.au

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary SchoolFor School Tours and Open Days visit sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au

Parish Facilities: The Tennis Club Room and Courts and the Hall and the Parish Room are available. Room bookings can be made:
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Your 2024/2025 Stewardship Statement has been sent to you via email or post this week.

If you have not received your statement by email and would like us to resend it, please contact the parish office on (03) 9412 8425 to provide your email address. Thank you for your continued support and generous contributions to our Parish.

Thank you for being with us this past Sunday, July 13th, as we came together to celebrate Mass with Archbishop Tony Ireland. It was a special moment for our community, and we are grateful for his presence. Let us continue to hold him in prayer as he begins his new journey as Archbishop of Hobart, Tasmania.



Multicultural Day
Raffles Fundraiser and
Silent Auctions
10th Aug 2025, Sunday
after 10:30am mass at
St Gregory the Great



On the 26th & 27th of July there will be handcrafted olive wood biblical items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Christian families there. Any purchase will help support the Christian community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there.



We have a senior member of our Parish who needs assistance with using their computer, specifically with uploading and viewing documents on Google Drive and Microsoft OneDrive. If you are tech-savvy and can offer some help, please leave your contact number at the Doncaster Office by calling (03) 9412 8425 or email us at doncaster@cam.org.au.

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