

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

23 NOVEMBER 2025

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. With a wooden cross for a throne, at a place where thieves were crucified, the king of the Jews meted out a judgement to a common thief: 'this day you will be with me in paradise'. This king can still be found among the criminals and outcasts of our society, in the worst parts of our cities and towns. Worshipping him in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience his compassionate judgement.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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

2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel
They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us go to God's house.' / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. **R.**
3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

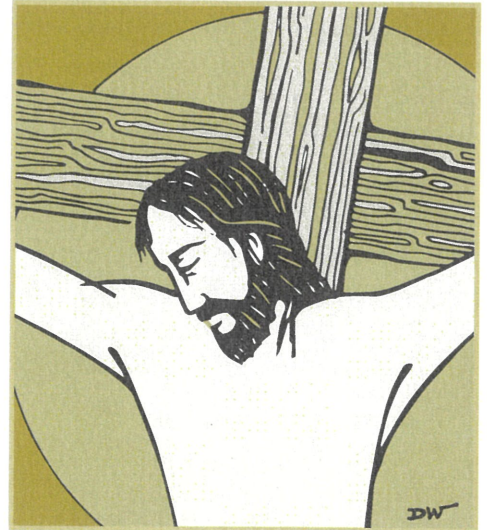
SECOND READING

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities,

Powers —
all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 23:35-43

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.

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations

the gifts of unity and peace.

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 OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Today is the final Sunday of the present Liturgical Year, Year C, the year of Luke's Gospel. We anticipate the new liturgical year commencing next Sunday and look back over the year that has been. What emerges is the recognition that, throughout each Sunday of the past year, God has been present, revealed to us through Luke's portrait of Jesus and teaching us the essence of discipleship.

Today's final liturgical selection from Luke's Gospel sums up what those essentials are. In a scene from the passion narrative, Jesus is ironically declared 'king' by those who jeer at him. But his kingship is not about self-salvation, as the evangelist frequently indicates, but about the salvation of humanity and creation. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus seeks to bring wholeness to divided humanity and struggling creation. This is exemplified in the final scene of today's Gospel. Two criminals with Jesus are in their final moments of life before death finally occurs through Rome's torturous and totally debasing act of crucifixion. One of the criminals publicly declares Jesus' innocence and then asks, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

This desire to be 'remembered' by Jesus is the desire of all of us, to be re-membered, to be re-connected to God's life through one's communion with Jesus, especially in the moment of death. This final Gospel scene from Luke for this liturgical year invites each of us to hear Jesus' promise to the repentant one, that we shall be with Jesus in eternal paradise. It is the comforting word we and our world need to hear.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

22/23 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:

First Sunday of Advent / A

Isa 2:1-5, Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9, Rom 13:11-14, Mt 24:37-44

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

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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, Michael Mullens, Bob Ulehla, Carmel Aloï, Bishop Terry Curtin, Madelaine Fitzpatrick, Don Pavone, John Reid, Meredith Barnes, Siv Cuasay

and for those who died recently

Joe Macciocca, Mary Price, Patricia Gehring, John Fitzgerald, Jenny Chang

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now

Manuelpillai Wilfred Rajanayagam, Elda Bragagnolo, Elizabeth Anne Glynn, Francesco Franceschini, Frank Mandile

Words from the desk of the PP:

ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival: 6000 pilgrims plus organisers: please keep them all in your prayers. Our preparations are nearly complete.

Thanksgiving: The United States of America celebrates Thanksgiving on Thursday of this coming week. I have a friend who lives in Louisiana. We were chatting last Monday, and the subject of Thanksgiving came up: she wanted to know if we celebrate that day. I had to say 'no.' At least not in the same sense that they do. Thanksgiving remembers that moment when the pilgrims had survived their first year in a new country and could harvest the food of their growing after living through a winter.

We don't have any equivalent founding story in Australia, though an AI comment caught my eye when I checked the date: Thanksgiving is celebrated in Norfolk Island – interesting, presumably growing out of their roots of settlement.

As my friend and I chatted I got to thinking. Certainly, we don't have a holiday that is remotely similar unless it is Christmas because that tends to be when families make a special effort to gather, and for those who follow the Lunar Calendar, the Lunar New Year is a time of special family gathering. Neither has the same overtones as the USA celebration but the family gathering is 'similar.'

Then it struck me that as Catholics, as followers of Jesus Christ, this weekend with the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is something like an equivalent of Thanksgiving.

The whole of Salvation history culminates in this moment: after Adam and Eve and the Fall God started a whole process: the revelation that we see in the Old Testament; the coming of Jesus Christ with his passion death and resurrection ascension and coming of the Holy Spirit: this all culminates in Jesus as Lord, and the truth of what Jesus says to the thief on the cross "I promise you", he replied, "today you will be with me in paradise."

I won't be going much for the USA Thanksgiving, it is not my Holy Day. But every day I am giving thanks again and again and again, that Jesus is Christ, King of the Universe, king in my life.

Repair of Leaks: Progress is happening – the roof above the tabernacle has been fixed, the window just needs final detail done (or so I believe).

Columbarium: After all the work we've done and preparations, an unanticipated and serious concern has arisen that means we will not go ahead with constructing a columbarium until that concern may resolve.

My sincere apologies to the 20+ families / people who have expressed interest in purchasing, and eventually using, niches for the cremated remains of the people they love. I know that some of you have deferred consideration of other locations and I apologise for any inconvenience this stop might cause.

Please know that this matter remains in our prayers. If, in time, a path opens for us to revisit this project, we will let you know. If you have any questions please talk to Fr Charles or David Hii.

God bless, Fr Charles.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For all those who have died and gone before us: that they have been open to God's loving embrace and have been accepted to share in eternal life.



St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love

THIS WEEK

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Phil Handang**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O' Farrell, Sharron Wilkinson**LECTORS****NEXT WEEK 29/30 Nov**

Sat 6.00pm Joseph & Lorna Philip
 Sun 9.00am Philip Dunlop
 Sun 10.30am Jenny & Brian Tyedin
 Sun 5.00pm Gerard O'Donnell, Jane Ma

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FLOWERS: Tessa Leung**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

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MORNING TEA: Brian & Jenny

FLOWERS: Irene Dharmawan

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.

HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'

Händel's perennially popular oratorio, 'Messiah', describes the Nativity, Passion, Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and contains some of the most moving and uplifting music ever written. The performance will be directed by musicologist and organist, John O'Donnell, with Australia's foremost baroque violinist, Lucinda Moon, leading Accademia Arcadia - some of Melbourne's most distinguished early-music instrumentalists. Soloists will be drawn from the professional vocal ensemble, The Melbourne Octet. All are welcome to join in the Hallelujah Chorus!

Sunday, December 14th 2:00PM

St Dominic's Catholic Church 816 Riverside Rd, Camberwell

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ST GREGORY THE GREAT DONCASTER AND ST KEVIN'S TEMPLESTOWE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

Christmas Party

DECEMBER 7 6.00PM

AT ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH HALL 71 WILLIAMSONS ROAD DONCASTER

Program for the night includes
 Christmas Raffle, Children's Performances, Sing-Along Carols and Fun Activities! Food and drinks will be provided.

Raffle tickets will be sold before the event and drawn on the night.

Santa will make a special visit with goodies and treats for kids.

RSVP Please use sign up sheets at church, scan QR code, or use TryBooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/DHFQQ>

Parents and carers are requested to please supervise your children at all times.

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, 28th November 2025, 715PM
 St Gregory the Great Parish Room
 Dinner is provided
 Info: doncaster@cam.org.au

ACYF Launch and WYD Cross Reception & Pilgrimage Walk—30 November

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 November as we welcome over 6,000 young pilgrims to Melbourne. Let us come together to share in their joy and offer a warm Melbourne welcome.

Program:

- 1:30pm — Melbourne Catholic Festa
- 2:30pm — Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon
- 3:00pm — Pilgrimage Walk (5km to MCEC—ticketed pilgrims only; 3km return option available)

Please be advised that Funeral Masses will be held at St Gregory the Great Church, Doncaster for the following:

- Cesidio (Joe) Macciocca — Tuesday, November 25th at 10:30 AM
- Mary Price — Wednesday, November 26th at 11:00 AM

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Embark on a meaningful spiritual journey of hope this Advent and Christmas with The Promise: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025. This beautifully presented 88-page book offers daily guidance from the beginning of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord.

Copies are available on the table in the narthex for a suggested donation of \$5.