

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

27 JULY 2025

YOU ANSWERED ME. From Abraham's example and Jesus' teaching, we learn much about prayer in today's readings. Truly persevering prayer implies more than mere persistence on our part; it should combine peaceful expectation with humble acceptance of God's will. If we are too busy to pray, we are busier than God wants us to be.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 67:6-7, 36

**God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

## 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. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

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. O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your

mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 18:20-32

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**



### RESP PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v. 3

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Though I walk in the midst of affliction / you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, / your hand will do all things for me. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

### SECOND READING

Col 2:12-14

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rom 8:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Lk 11:1-13

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.**



*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in  
debt to us.

And do not put us to the test." '

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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. Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings  
which we bring from the abundance of your  
gifts, that through the powerful working of  
your grace these most sacred mysteries may  
sanctify our present way of life and lead us  
to eternal gladness. 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: 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

Ps 102:2

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We have consumed, O Lord, this divine  
Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the  
Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that  
this gift, which he himself gave us with love  
beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation.  
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

### DO NOT PUT US TO THE TEST

With the ending from last Sunday's Gospel  
still reverberating in our ears ('Mary has  
chosen the good part which should not be  
taken away from her'), Luke moves next  
to see how Mary's focus on Jesus and  
his word finds its expression. In today's  
Gospel which follows immediately on  
from last week's, disciples come to Jesus  
requesting that he teach them to pray.  
This is an important moment, instructive  
for Luke's audience and us.

What follows is the Lord's Prayer. We  
note it is slightly shorter (and perhaps  
more original) than the 'Our Father'  
we pray each Sunday. This comes from  
Matthew and the Sermon on the Mount.  
Luke's version offers the essence of Jesus'  
prayer: It is an affirmation of God's  
holiness, a request that God's Kingdom  
come, for daily bread and forgiveness,  
especially of others who transgress, and  
not to be put to the test. This 'testing'  
about discipleship and fidelity to God is  
what Luke's listeners (and us) experience.  
Later, in Gethsemane, Jesus reminds his  
disciples to pray not to be 'tested' (Luke  
22:40, 46).

A parable about persistence follows next.  
It unpacks further the meaning of Jesus'  
prayer: God, like parents who respond to  
requests made of them by their children,  
will always offer that which is good to  
those who ask, especially the gift of the  
Holy Spirit—a divine agent present in  
Jesus from the beginning of the Gospel  
story. God's gift to Jesus is now God's gift  
to us, confirmed through prayer.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ C

26/27 July 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:

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23, Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17, Col 3:1-5, 9-11, Lk 12:13-21

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

## Words from the desk of the PP:

### Carlo Acutis:

Thank you to the 130 people who came along to the evening about Carlo Acutis and the window he gives onto evangelisation (spreading the Good News) in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Thank you to all who organised the evening and especially to Damien, Theresa and Emma who came to present about this new saint who will be canonised on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

I heard one comment a few times that sounded like “why didn’t we hear more detail about Carlo?” I have reflected on this and perhaps it is because there isn’t much to say. He was only 15 when he died, he fell in love with the Eucharist; he sought to spread love of the Eucharist; he offered his cancer suffering for the Pope and for the Church and for himself. In his short life, to do that ... can one say more? Well: the profound impact Carlo had on Damien, our speaker, is testament to his holiness. And you can look in the notices for a Carlo Acutis Exhibition nearby.

### ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival

[acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au) – Register!! Please Ages yr 9 – 25 yr old. And consider being a chaperone.

**Alpha: 10 days to go!** 6<sup>th</sup> August start date for our next Alpha. Plenty of space available.

Invite someone, gently. Take a risk. The worst that can happen is that they say no.

**Safeguarding:** The Melbourne Archdiocese will experience an audit of how we live up to the safeguarding expectations of the church and of Victorian law. We are well placed to be scrutinised in this audit – but if you are requested to provide some additional information it will be because it is essential for our records.

### St Greg's: Parish Pastoral Plan:

Some months ago, the Parish Pastoral Council, with me, developed a pastoral plan seeking to help us grow into being even more faithful as disciples who seek to spread the Good News, invite people to come to know Jesus or come to know him and follow him even more faithfully. Copies of the Pastoral Plan are available from PPC members as you leave the church. Please take it and read it and ponder on it and give us feedback. There are three major themes: Evangelisation; Liturgy; Welcoming.

*God bless, Fr Charles.*



### OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!!!

Visit <https://www.stgregs.org.au/> to explore all the features and resources available to you. Stay connected, informed, and engaged with your parish community. We look forward to welcoming you online!

**Please pray for:** Those who are **sick** at this time including Monia Iaconi, Martin Stanbury, Shirley Loo, Bob Ulehla, Carmel Aloj, 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** Manuepillai Wilfred Rajanayagam



### Message from Caritas Australia

Dear Fr Charles and Parish,

I am not sure if I am supposed to say, but Doncaster was the most generous parish in the Archdiocese this year — Almost \$20,000. WOW!!! Thank you for your extraordinary kindness — and for your vision of a faith that does justice. God bless!

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Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For the guests who participate in our Alpha experience from Aug 6<sup>th</sup> to Oct 1<sup>st</sup>: that they will encounter Jesus and grow to faith or grow deeper in faith.

*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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Stephen Ma

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O'Farrell, Sharron Wilkinson

### LECTORS

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

### COMMUNION MINISTERS

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

**MORNING TEA:** N/A

### Offertory

**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan

### NEXT WEEK 2/3 August

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

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Mary Wilson

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Philip Dunlop, Greg Lesmana

### LECTORS

Noel & Cathy McClelland  
Jacqueline Rogers, Philip Dunlop  
Ryan Teo, Sauro Antonelli  
Thomas Ong, Stephanie Ong

### COMMUNION MINISTERS

Sharron Wilkinson, Moira White  
Margaret Wallace  
Nuccia La Rocca, Behnaz Mahdi, Lilian Antonelli  
Judy Ablaza, Seleana Ng

**MORNING TEA:** Erin

**FLOWERS:** Connie Amalfi

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ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH AND ST KEVINS PARISH INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

## Multicultural Day

Come in your cultural costumes or colours  
Celebrate the vibrant diversity of our community  
Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, food & fun!

- MULTICULTURAL FOOD AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED
- BID FOR YOUR DREAM ITEMS AT THE SILENT AUCTION
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Proceeds go towards funding social activities for our parish and community. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Please be mindful of food intolerances and allergies. Parents and carers are reminded to please supervise their children at all times if you're experiencing any flu-like symptoms, we encourage you to rest up and join us in spirit. Your health and the safety of others is most important!

SUNDAY 10 AUGUST AFTER 10.30AM MASS  
ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH HALL  
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## Alpha

Wednesday evening at 6.30 pm  
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### 26/27 July 2025 Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the spiritual grandparents of Jesus and the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and Elderly.

Old age can be a time of blessedness in which hope, tested in the fire of a long life, becomes a source of joy and renewed trust in the Lord. God "teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope." - Pope Leo XIV

In this spiritual battle, Grandparents remain God's secret weapon — the quiet, persistent force keeping families anchored in truth, the glue that holds them together when all else falls apart. While others may stand by, Grandparents never do. They love deeply, pray fervently, and hold fast to what others have forgotten: that faith, wisdom, and life's experience are gifts that cannot be replaced by social media or artificial intelligence. May Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus, bless Grandparents and elderly everywhere.



### ONE Mission, Two Churches

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### BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

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#### ABOUT CARLO ACUTIS

Carlo Acutis was a young Italian boy with a deep devotion to the Eucharist, who used his self-taught computer skills to create a website and exhibition on Eucharistic miracles. Diagnosed with leukemia at 15, he offered his suffering to God, saying, "I'm happy to die, because I've lived my life without wasting a minute on things that don't please God."

Carlo Acutis will be canonised a Saint on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.

SCHEDULE

29TH JULY - 6TH AUGUST 2025

We are deeply grateful to our generous parishioners for donating **\$2,065.60** to this year's **Vinnies Winter Appeal**. Your support will help provide warmth, food, and care to those in need in our community. Thank you for your compassion and kindness!



Congratulations to the children from St Gregory's School and our neighbouring school, as well as the adults who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. A warm welcome to families, friends, and sponsors joining us for this special occasion.