

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

3 AUGUST 2025

BECOME RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others. The rich man in today's Gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions. If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God. A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 69:2, 6

**O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

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. Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and
answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,

that, for those who glory in you as their
Creator and guide, you may restore what you
have created and keep safe what you have
restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity
of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured
wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave
what is his own to someone who has not
toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and
great injustice; for what does he gain for all
the toil and strain that he has undergone
under the sun? What of all his laborious days,
his cares of office, his restless nights? This,
too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust / and say:
'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a
thousand years / are like yesterday, come
and gone, / no more than a watch in the
night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like
grass which springs up in the morning. / In
the morning it springs up and flowers: / by
evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life /
that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord,
relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to
your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; /
we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let
the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give
success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true



life with Christ, you must look for the things
that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at
God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on
heavenly things, not on the things that are
on the earth, because you have died, and now
the life you have is hidden with Christ in
God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is
your life – you too will be revealed in all your
glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you
that belongs only to earthly life: fornication,
impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and
especially greed, which is the same thing as
worshipping a false god; and never tell each
other lies. You have stripped off your old
behaviour with your old self, and you have
put on a new self which will progress towards
true knowledge the more it is renewed in
the image of its creator; and in that image
there is no room for distinction between
Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or
the uncircumcised, or between barbarian
and Scythian, slave and free man. There is
only Christ: he is everything and he is in
everything.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

**Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in
spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk 12:13-21

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.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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. Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. 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

Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them,

make them worthy of eternal redemption. 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

WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT

Unfortunately, arguments do sometimes happen within families on the death of a family member. These often revolve around property, ownership and how the Will is divided. Family disputes are not unknown. The same occurred in Luke's day.

Today's Gospel begins with the dispute between two brothers over an inheritance claim. One of them wants Jesus to arbitrate. But Jesus moves the issue to the deeper level of encounter. He names it as greed. The wisdom that emerges is that human security is never guaranteed by property ownership or possessions. This is a familiar theme in Luke's Gospel. It is an issue among those whom Luke addresses. Reading behind the lines of today's Gospel, the evangelist responds to concerns about wealth, greed, inheritance disputes and inner tensions.

The second part of the Gospel explores these issues further: A farmer decides to build bigger barns to store his harvest. But what he has forgotten is that he is not the one responsible for the bumper harvest. It is the earth. In his avariciousness he has lost his ecological connectedness. Greed blurs his spiritual vision and sensitivity to God's earth. The farmer seeks rather a life of ease and comfort. The evangelist reminds the Gospel's audience to keep things in perspective. The disciple's real focus is on one's soul and relationship with God. Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder of what is truly important.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ C

2/3 August 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:

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

Wis 18:6-9, Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22, Heb 11:1-2, 8-12, Lk 12:32-40

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

Tel: (03) 9848 4483

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:

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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: Gianna Alessio (President) 0438 410 506

Please pray for: Those who are **sick** at this time including Michael Mullens, 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 Danny Adeline, Nascy Caldeira, Miguel Esquiviz, Patrocinio Dailo
and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Fr Michael Sheehy, Carmelo (Ken) Di-Benedetto, Antonio Peduto, Yukiko Okae

Words from the desk of the PP:

Fr Charles' Prayer intentions:

Prayer by the whole parish! For a particular intention of the parish or some special purpose! For some time now I have included a prayer intention in the bulletin each week. My hope is, my desire is, that you take this intention into your prayer for the week. If you are part of a group that gathers for prayer (bible study, rosary, fellowship, youth, young adults ...) please include this prayer in your life each week. Indeed, let me know of your group and who coordinates it and the prayer intention will be sent to you directly.

ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec

Encounter! Saturday August 9th, 7-9:30 pm, get all your young people to register and go along for a “powerful night of prayer, talks and live music” aimed at preparing for the ACYF.

Register online! <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/encounter-acyf-edition> and of course: acyf.org.au Please Ages yr 9 – 25 yr old. Or consider being a chaperone.

Alpha:

3 days to go! 6th August start date for our next Alpha. Pray for us as we embark on this journey. Last minute invitations and acceptances are welcome.

Safeguarding:

The Archdiocese of Melbourne will be audited for its compliance with the Eleven Safeguarding standards. This process will start in August and go through till November. 10 Diocesan bodies and 12 parishes will be audited in detail. Time will tell which parishes: it could be us! We are, we believe, well placed in having robust Safeguarding practices and procedures and that means “thank you for your participation, and compliance and willingness to build a culture of safeguarding that is pro-active. If you are not up to date with Working with Children Check, Police Check, Code of Conduct or Safeguarding Essentials Training then please get your checks done and do the training asap and seek help from the parish office if you are struggling.

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!

National Vocations Awareness Week

Please join us in prayer today:

Thanksgiving for our priests, who faithfully serve our community in Word and Sacrament.

Gratitude for our religious sisters, brothers, and consecrated men and women, who give their lives in pastoral care, education, healthcare, and so many other services.

Prayers for vocations—may the witness of the saints inspire young people, especially from within our community, to answer God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit continues to bless and strengthen these generous servants of the Church and that many will hear and courageously follow His call.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For the guests who participate in our Alpha experience from Aug 6th to Oct 1st: 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: Mary Wilson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Philip Dunlop, Greg Lesmana**LECTORS**

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

NEXT WEEK 9/10 August

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

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Phil Handang**MONEY COUNTERS:** Surin Fernando, Josie Masters**LECTORS**

Frances Cannizzo, Robert McHugh
 Greg Lesmana, Tony Nimmo
 Jane Gunawan, Jessica Stanley
 Margaret & Gerard O'Donnell

COMMUNION MINISTERS

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

MORNING TEA: Erin**Offertory****FLOWERS:** Connie Amalfi**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Robert & Dianne McHugh
 Katica Puhali
 Agnes & Fred Fulia, Rob Rukavina
 Viviana Pereira, Margaret O'Donnell

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

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.

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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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
- BUY TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THE RAFFLE

**SUNDAY 10 AUGUST AFTER 10.30AM MASS
 ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH HALL
 71 WILLIAMSONS ROAD
 DONCASTER**

RSVP: USE SIGN UP SHEETS AT CHURCH, SCAN QR CODE OR GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DDQTM](https://www.trybooking.com/DDQTM)

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!

We have an immensely valuable ministry in our parish. A ministry that brings prayer, the Gospel and Holy Communion to people who are ill at home or otherwise unable to come to Mass. More than that this ministry brings companionship, and a sense for people that they are still a part of our community and are much loved by the community. If you are able to dedicate a couple of hours once a month to this ministry please call (94128425) or email (doncaster@cam.org.au) the office and Anusha will be in contact with you to bring you into this special ministry. This ministry works with the same safeguarding requirements as all our ministries.

*Reach out. Give life.*

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks St Gregory the Great Church for the generous support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. The contribution of \$2,301.30 will provide vital care for mothers in Zambia and support local Church workers in over 1,000 mission dioceses worldwide.

Your gift brings practical help and spiritual hope to families in need and is a powerful sign of God's love and solidarity. Thank you for living Christ's mission in the world.



Welcome to the family of Olivia Shin-Yu Martinez who will be baptised at St Gregory The Great Church this Sunday.

THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE TABLE

Alpha
 Wednesday evening at 6.30 pm
 6 August to 1 October
 Plus a day retreat on Saturday 13 September.

**Meals included
 Free - donation welcome**

St Kevin's Parish
 30 Herlihy Road
 Lower Templestowe

**To register email:
templestowe@cam.org.au; or
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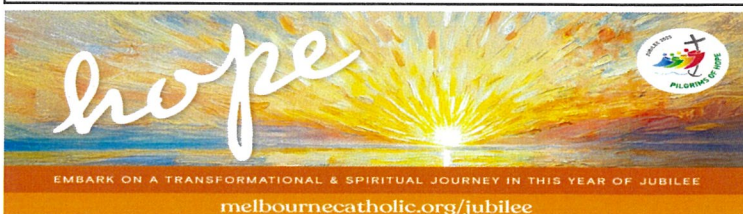
We have received reports that some parishioners are receiving emails claiming to be from the parish, requesting photos or linking to suspicious sites. Please be advised:

- We do not send emails asking for photos, photos of you, or any personal information.
- Never click on links in emails that seem suspicious or unfamiliar.
- Immediately delete any such messages—they may be phishing attempts.

Thank you to those who informed us. If you are ever unsure about an email, please contact the parish office.



The Jubilee of Youth celebrates the life and contribution of young people in our Church and the world. "Young people are no longer children. They are at a time of life when they begin to assume a number of responsibilities, sharing alongside adults in the growth of the family, society and the Church" - Pope Francis



EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIONAL & SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THIS YEAR OF JUBILEE

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