

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

5 OCTOBER 2025

DOING OUR DUTY. Advertisements sometimes suggest that our lives should be always fun-filled, exciting and glamorous. For most of the time, however, our lives have a mundane character – doing our daily chores, caring for our loved ones, going to work. By faithfully attending to these tasks, we express our belief that the sacred is present in the ordinary, that our simple acts are precious to God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk
The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

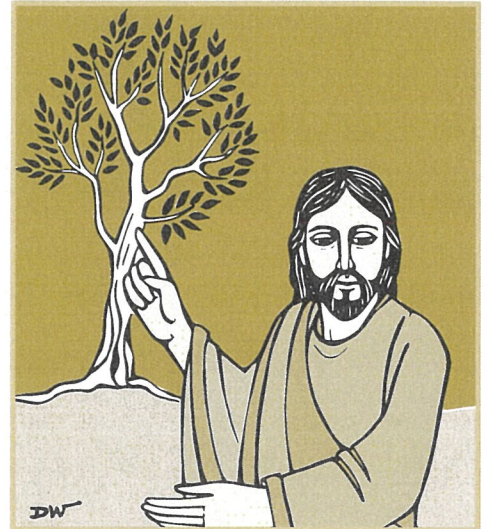
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**



3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

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.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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 sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. 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

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.

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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

MERELY SERVANTS

There are two parts to today's Gospel. The first concerns faith. The apostles ask Jesus to 'increase their faith'. His response is not about making faith quantifiable but about allowing it to be active—no matter how limited one's faith seems to be. Faith makes what seems impossible (requesting a tree to be uprooted and planted in the ocean) possible. The imagery that Jesus uses accentuates the real nature of faith and assures Gospel listeners that faith helps disciples to act with confidence and see unimaginable possibilities for their lives with God.

This affirmation connects to the second part of today's proclamation. It is about acting with a spirit of humility, rather than from high status and arrogance. The final words of the Gospel – 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty'—invites Luke's audience, and ourselves, to see that our conduct in fidelity to God is what is important, not how we are promoted or regarded differentially by others. The saying that exemplifies Luke's portrait of Jesus, as 'one who came to serve and not be served' encourages his disciples, seduced by status, to live similarly, 'rather than be served'.

This reversal of social expectation and status seeking is difficult in a world which promotes a popularity founded on worldliness, status seeking and entitlement.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

04/ 05 October 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:

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Tim 2:8-13, Lk 17:11-19

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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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 Emmly uethamphakdee, Phaisan Luethamphakdee, Priscilla Cheng, Marleen Liu, Amy Liu, Chantal Wong, Christopher Wong, Anna Cheng Ng, Ximena Simian, Nik & Somaratna, Rita Sabarudji, Peter Ryan, Katrina Zaragoza, Valda Moore, Michael Mullens, Monia Iaconi, Martin Stanbury, Shirley Loo, Bob Ulehla, Carmel Alois, Anthony Tang, Bishop Terry Curtin, Madelaine Fitzpatrick, Don Pavone, John Reid, Alan Benn, Helen Ong, Joseph Yeo, Michael Angelo Yambao, Meredith Barnes, Siv Cuasay

and for those who died recently Helen Glynn, James Lee Yang Fong, Franca Katsaris

and for those whose anniversaries occur about now Ong Kok Aun, Loretta Alimwidjaja, Peter Chin, Marie Josee

Words from the desk of the PP:

October Rosary: Continuing each Thursday: Rosary led by Fr Charles. Start 7 pm, Zoom ID: 818 2077 7329 Passcode: 094929

RCIA: New Catholics: This weekend we are starting our new journey with people wishing to join the Catholic Faith. It's not too late: if you know someone who would like to join us we meet 3-5 pm at St Greg's in the Church meeting room.

ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – Don't stop inviting young people to join this amazing moment of the Holy Spirit. □

Don't forget to put your name down to help with the Bake Sale.

Safeguarding Audit: The audit is upon us – this coming Wednesday morning. We are as ready as possible but still please keep us in your prayers.

Congratulations to Fr Anton: during the evening of the 29th of September, Fr Anton attended a citizenship ceremony and was officially admitted as an Australian Citizen. An important moment for him, so please congratulate him.

Things we do: Why does the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (the GIRM) encourage us to receive both the Body and the Blood of Christ at Holy Communion?

At St Kevin's the practice has been in place since about 2005. At St Greg's it's never been the practice as far as I have heard, except perhaps in a very limited way. Different ways, different places?

It got me pondering, as you know happens.

The principal reason for receiving both Body and Blood is because ... that is what Jesus SAID to do: take and eat, this is my Body ... take and eat, this is my Blood. In receiving both Body and Blood we are giving a clearly visible sign of doing what Jesus did. It's not about receiving 'the whole of Jesus' – as though we can divide Jesus into little pieces. No, it is about what we see and experience in the physical act of DOING as Jesus did and requested us to do.

There is never compulsion to receive either the Body of the Blood – communion is a choice, to be consciously chosen and received with reverence (which I see in effectively everyone who comes to received).

I pondered for some time before reintroducing Communion receiving both Body and Blood as St Kevins' – I am pondering seeking to introduce the practice at St Greg's.

What are your thoughts – on the way we enact this practice at St Kevin's? on whether it's a good idea at St Greg's. (Putting aside the logistics of distribution.)

God bless, Fr Charles.



Aid to the Church in Need

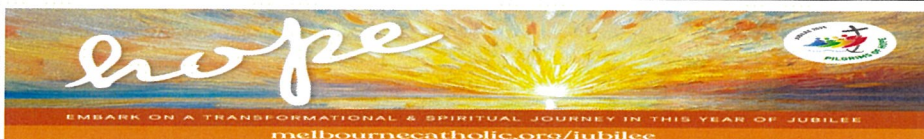
ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

Thanks from ACN. We want to offer our thanks to the parish for welcoming us recently. It was wonderful to be present with the community at the weekend of Masses, meet people, and of course speak about the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. We would encourage anyone who might have been struck by our work in support of the suffering Church to visit www.aidtochurch.org. We also have an online store at www.thatcatholicshop.com. Thanks and God bless you.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For St Greg's Parish and its Safeguarding group: that the Holy Spirit will give us insight and direction as we approach the formal part of the parish safeguarding audit on October 8th.



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

THIS WEEK

Sat 6.00pm Joseph & Lorna Philip
 Sun 9.00am Jacqueline Rogers, Tony Nimmo
 Sun 10.30am Jane Gunawan, Jessica Stanley
 Sun 5.00pm Mary Tonti Filippini, Enza Scaffidi

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Ma**MONEY COUNTERS:** Bill Taylor, Marian See**LECTORS****COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Sharron Wilkinson, Moira White
 Mary Stocco
 Maggie Yong, Lilian Antonelli, Erin Djukiadmodjo
 Alfred Lee, Seleana Ng

MORNING TEA: N/A**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan**NEXT WEEK 4/5 Oct**

Sat 6.00pm Noel & Cathy McClelland
 Sun 9.00am Philip Dunlop, Chris Perera
 Sun 10.30am Aditya Hendarto, Paola Villanueva
 Sun 5.00pm Thomas Ong, Stephanie Ong

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Mike Yambao**MONEY COUNTERS:** Iris O'Farrell, Sharron Wilkinson**LECTORS****COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Lorna & Joseph Philip
 Margaret Wallace
 Nuccia La Rocca, Behnaz Behmadi, Erin Djukiadmodjo
 Caterina Gioffre, Viviana Pereira

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

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3. BUYING TICKETS FOR THE RAFFLE
4. MAKING A DONATION TO THE EVENT.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BAKE WILL YOU PLEASE DELIVER YOUR ITEMS ON FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:
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**Zoom –Virtual Rosary**

October is approaching, a month dedicated to our Lady. This year we invite you to pray the Rosary online via Zoom. Every Thursday in October, starting from 2 October starting at 7pm. To join us in prayer, please email us for the Zoom link.

Pilgrims are encouraged to attend the Festival as part of a small group, to provide a richer and more engaging experience. St Gregory's and St Kevin's Youth and Young Adults groups are registering as a group! For Registration & info contact 9412 8425 or doncaster@cam.org.au

Nicholas Tonti-Filippini

ORATION

Reflections on
Evangelium Vitae
 and
 Australian Culture
 – 30 years on



SPEAKER
ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER

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ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI

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TWO COURSE DINNER & SPEECH
 7PM



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