

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 NOVEMBER 2025

YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE. We have great respect for a church building and are horrified when we hear of one being desecrated by vandals. Do we also appreciate that the Christian community is God's temple, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ? Let us pray that our respect for the sacred building in which we gather for worship is reflected in the respect and reverence we have for all who make up the Body of Christ.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Apoc 21: 2

**I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.**

## 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.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

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, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. 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 Ezek 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

*I saw water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.*

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails, they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from



the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

RESP PSALM Ps 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v. 5

**R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, / a helper close at hand, in time of distress: / so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, / though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, / the holy place where the Most High dwells. / God is within, it cannot be shaken; / God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**

3. The Lord of hosts is with us: / the God of Jacob is our stronghold. / Come, consider the works of the Lord / the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*You are the temple of God.*

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is, Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 2 Chron 7: 16

**Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!**



## GOSPEL

Jn 2: 13-22

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*He spoke about the temple of his own body.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

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, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here and grant that by it those who seek your favour may receive in this place the power of the Sacraments and the answer to their prayers. 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 II FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

*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

1 Pet 2: 5

**Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. O God, who chose to foreshadow for us the heavenly Jerusalem through the sign of your Church on earth, grant, we pray, that, by our partaking of this Sacrament, we may be made the temple of your grace and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.

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

### SACRED SPACE

Frequently while celebrating Sunday Eucharist, the Sacrament of Marriage or a funeral, I am touched by those present. While some are perhaps not regular church goers, something happens among them within the setting of the church. Besides the liturgical rite and the readings of Scripture, the church building, its DNA, can touch them. It is a sacred space, blessed by people of faith over the decades. The *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* is a celebration of the importance of place and the environment in which people of faith gather. Rather than St Peter's Basilica, this Basilica in Rome is the Pope's church, the 'mother' of all churches throughout the world. It symbolises holiness and communion. Today's commemoration also links to the Gospel. Jesus acts definitively against the traders and sellers to renew the Temple and its precincts in its sacredness. Rather than a marketplace, the Temple is the place of divine presence. In John, it further symbolises and anticipates what happens to the body of Jesus, the abode of God's holiness, in his passion, death and resurrection.

Our own parish churches and parishes need ongoing renewal and purification, in the spirit of Jesus' renewal of the Temple in John's Gospel story. They are places where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday and our local sacred spaces where holiness and communion are experienced. We celebrate our communion with the Bishop of Rome and allow our local parish church to be the palpable expression of the universal Church—of outreach, openness and hospitality.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica / C

8/9 November 2025

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Tue, Thurs & Fri: Luisa Yambao

Mon: Bernadine De Silva (bookkeeping)

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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:

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

Mal 3:19-20, Ps 97:5-9, 2 Thess 3:7-12, Lk 21:5-19

SAFEGUARDING: 03 9412 8425

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](mailto: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

### Words from the desk of the PP:

**November: All Souls:** Thank you to all those who joined me in blessing the graves of those we love at Templestowe and Eltham Cemeteries as part of our commemoration of the souls of all the faithful departed.

**ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival:** Apparently bookings are full: over 6000 pilgrims from across Australia will attend. An amazing irruption of the Holy Spirit is anticipated. ☺ There is much work going on to prepare for the event to ensure a safe and spiritual experience so we keep the pilgrims and organisers in our prayers. And thank you to the additional donors who have added an extra \$1500 to the kitty. We will use the money wisely. Thank you!

### Opportunities coming up:

There are numerous things on the horizon for our parishes.

We have been piloting a way of walking in discipleship with young people. A man in the US, Everett Fritz, started Andrew Ministries as a means of helping show parishes a different way of helping our young people grow into their faith. Small groups with mature people to guide them. A gathering of 5 or so young people with two leasers – each week for maybe 2 hours, from age 13 or so – to help the young people ask the questions and seek the answers THEY need.

We are looking to pilot fellowship groups over the Christmas / New Year. Groups of people gathered together for a meal, faith discussion, fellowship, sharing of challenges and joys, friendship building. We don't have a name for this, though many others do something along these lines and call them Faith Circles, or Connect Groups, and many other things.

Possibilities for faith formation / bible study / prayer groups / devotionals / adoration, lectio divina ... all sorts of things are possible.

Please let me know, your PPC members know what you need for your faith to be nourished and grow and spread.

**Repair of Leaks:** The leak above the tabernacle has been repaired. Time will tell if the repair is 100% effective but I am very hopeful. Rain delayed the repairs of the leak around the window by the organ: but ... next Monday.

**Columbarium:** We are approaching the end of the approvals process for the Columbarium. A few remaining questions to answer. Pictures of the Columbarium are posted in the Gathering Space for you to look at and see what is planned. Please have a look and give us your thoughts and comments. The drawings are as close as we can get to the 'real thing' but the big difference is that the bricks for the wall will match those of the existing church walls.

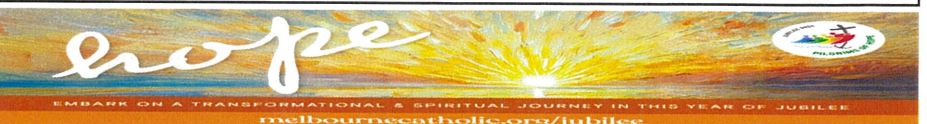
Assuming final approvals are obtained, we will seek approvals from the Archdiocese and continue seeking ways to ensure that the cost is as low as possible for achieving construction of an excellent Columbarium. We will end up with a discrete, private space effectively invisible from the road and surrounds: a space that will house the cremated remains of parishioners and their families over coming decades. We have 19 expressions of interest for 40 niches, a good start. People will usually purchase a space well ahead of need. I don't anticipate that there will be more than 5 interments per year based on current funeral numbers (there will be ups and downs in numbers over the years). This means that we will have time to ease into this new feature of expressing our faith.

*God bless, Fr Charles.*



### Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

We pray for the future of our children as they approach the end of their school year and especially those in Grade 6 and Year 12 as they approach a significant change in their lives: that they will be open to the Holy Spirit guiding them and journeying with them.



**Please pray for:** Those who are **sick** at this time including John Fitzgerald, Chee Mee Lian, Emmly Luethamphakdee, Phaisan Luethamphakdee, Priscilla Cheng, Marleen Liu, Amy Liu, Chantal Wong, Christopher Wong, Ximena Simian, Nik & Somaratna, Peter Ryan, Valda Moore, 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** Johnny Tencic  
**and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Walter Stewart McLeod, Patricia Mary McLeod, Michele Marrone



*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**

Frances Cannizzo, Gerard O'Donnell  
Tony Nimmo, Luisa Yambao  
Aidan Leung, Karen Chay  
Mary Tonti Filippini, Enza Scaffidi

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Stephen Ma**MONEY COUNTERS:** Surin Fernando, Josie Masters**NEXT WEEK 15/16 Nov****LECTORS**

Sat 6.00pm Noel & Cathy McClelland  
Sun 9.00am Chris Perera  
Sun 10.30am Karen Chay, Aidan Leung  
Sun 5.00pm Thomas Ong, Stephanie Ong

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Mary Wilson**MONEY COUNTERS:** Marian See, Christopher Lim**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Sharon Wilkinson, Moira White  
Mary Stocco, Mike Yambao  
Tony Ting, Maggie Yong, Lucy Giardino  
Judy Ablaza, Caterina Gioffre

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

Robert & Dianne McHugh  
Margaret Wallace  
Agnes & Fred Fulia, Rob Rukavina  
Seleana Ng, Alfred Lee

**MORNING TEA:** Don & Lina**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.



We extend a warm welcome to the family of Hanna & Elijah Yong who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at St Gregory the Great Church.

**Parish Assembly 2025 – Everyone is invited!**

Please join us for a meal, shared conversation, and reflections on our parish journey. To celebrate what we've achieved, and to discern where God is calling us next.

Come ready to share your ideas about how we can worship well, assist the poor, and grow as a welcoming, missionary community. The evening will include brief updates on parish life, our school, and future plans.

Tuesday, 18 November | 6:30pm–8:30pm | St Gregory's School Hall

To help us plan our catering please RSVP: [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au) / SignUp Sheet in the Narthex.

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School**

For School Tours and Open Days visit [sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au](http://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: [St.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com](mailto:St.gregoryhall3108@gmail.com)

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## Alpha Celebration Dinner Come and See Night

Wednesday, 26 November

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

St Kevin's Church, Templestowe  
Dinner Provided

Join us for a celebration of Alpha with fun, food and conversation.

Open to all our Alpha participants and to anyone interested in Alpha

RSVP: 16 November [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au); 03 9412 8425 or [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au); 03 9850 5983

**ST GREGORY'S  
PIETY STALL**  
*Christmas Sale*

**15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 (Sat) – After 6pm mass**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 (Sun) – After 9am ,  
10:30am and 5pm mass**

**CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH FAITH, JOY  
AND GIVING!**

**Plus a Christmas Fun Lucky Dip!**

All proceeds will support the Church.

**Come Away Day**

The last **Come Away Day** for 2025 will be held at Holy Cross 207 Serpells Rd. Templestowe on **WEDNESDAY, 19th NOV**. The theme of the day is **'ONE CANDLE LIGHTS THE WAY'**. This is an opportunity to rest and reflect and to focus on the deeper meaning of our life journey as we approach the time of Advent. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction. All are welcome. BYO lunch. **Registration is from 9.30am**. The program concludes at 3pm with a celebration of the Eucharist. The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means. Registration is helpful for planning purposes. Contact: Sr Brigid cp on [bridget.m64@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.m64@gmail.com).

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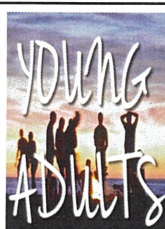
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The Young Adults Group extend a warm invitation to all between 18 and 30 to join our gathering in the parish room on Friday, 28th November at 7:15pm. Dinner will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you there! Info: [doncater@cam.org.au](mailto:doncater@cam.org.au)