

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

MY WAYS ARE ABOVE YOUR WAYS. Those who had laboured in the vineyard all day were angry when the owner paid the latecomers the same wage. Like the story of the prodigal son, this parable reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is not characterised by our limited concepts of justice but by a compassion that knows no limits. May we not be envious at the good fortune of others but rejoice that we too are loved deeply by God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for 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. O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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

Isa 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v. 18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. / The Lord is great, highly to be praised, / his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and loving in all his deeds. / He is close to all who call him, / who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring



me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! / Open our hearts, O Lord, / to listen to the words of your Son. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 20:1-16

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You

go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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. Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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: 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 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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

BE GENEROUS

Greed often dominates our world, interactions between global leaders and, sometimes, our own relationships. Today's Gospel offers a different value system. Generosity is the Gospel standard that should dominate relationships.

This teaching comes in the form of another parable from Jesus. The context would be familiar to Matthew's audience, in a society dominated by injustice, hierarchy and poverty. In this world, unemployment was rife, as it is today. Workers in Jesus' day would go to the village or town square to seek employment. In this setting, the landowner comes to the square to hire labourers for his vineyard with a promised day's wage. The owner repeats the hiring practice at different hours of the day, even into the late afternoon. When it comes time to pay the wages of the labourers, the landowner begins with the last hired and pays them the full day's wage though they have worked less hours. Those hired first complain that they should have been paid more. The landowner's response summarises the main teaching point of the parable: 'Why be envious because I am generous?'

Generosity rather than greed characterises this landowner. It is also a mirror of Jesus' essential teaching. God is generous, not restrictive or calculating. This challenges a world governed by exactness and tit-for-tat thinking. God and God's kingdom are characterised by generosity. God is generous toward us – and invites us to be generous toward others.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT, DONCASTER



MASS TIMES:

ST GREGORY'S: Sat Vigil 6:30pm,

Sun 10:30am, 5:00 pm

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday @ 10:30am

Youth Mass 2nd Sundays at 5 pm

ST GREGORY'S WEEKDAYS:

Wed: 6:30pm & Fri 9:00am followed by
Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

ST KEVIN'S: Sat Vigil 5:30pm; Sun 9:15am

Weekdays: Tue & Thurs 9:15 pm

ST CLEMENT: Sat Vigil: 5pm, Sun 9am,
11am (Italian)

Weekdays: Tue (Italian) & Wed 9:15am

CONFESSIONS:

ST GREGORY'S: Saturdays 9:30-11:00am or
by appointment

ST KEVIN'S: By appointment

ST CLEMENT: Saturdays 4:30-4:50pm or by
appointment

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: before/after any
Mass or by appointment

BAPTISMS: Ring the Parish Office for
bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC

PRIMARY SCHOOL: Tel: (03) 9848 4483

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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

Fridays at 9:45 am in the church meeting
room. Contact Paola Cheng 0415 280 216

CORNERSTONE YOUTH GROUP:

3rd Fridays 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: 4th Fridays 7:15pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE: 3rd
Mondays 7:00 pm in the School Parish Room

ST GREGORY'S TENNIS CLUB: Membership
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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 18:25-28, Phil 2:1-11, Mt 21:28-32

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

20 September 2026

Words from PP,

Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Go gently but don't hesitate to invite someone to become a Catholic. Let me know via email doncaster@cam.org.au or give me a contact number.

Parish Groups / Ministries:

What are your gifts?

How can you bring them to bear.

Call me, email me: 0417319556, Charles.balnaves@cam.org.au

Last weekend I called for new members for various of our ministries. They were all important! But ... the list was not exhaustive. You might have a different calling: Social Justice for instance. Or Money counting. Or flowers or cleaning the church or morning tea or pastoral home visits with Holy Communion, or our St Vincent de Paul chapter, or ...

You have a calling! YOU are called and gifted.

We all receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation – St Paul tells us that each of us is graced with specific gifts of the Spirit which enable us to be truly a full part of the body of Christ: if we use those gifts actively.

Please step forwards and chat about what YOU might be able to bring. Thank you to those who have stepped forward. Thank you to everyone for being here in our gathering. And thank you in advance for you who are going to respond to the call.

Greg Sheridan: *God is Good for YOU!*

Greg has a lot to say about how God leads and guides us and how we can use the lessons of the early church to help us speak into an increasingly challenging world today.

I know Greg – he has challenged me to look at faith differently in the world today (same faith – a slightly shifted lens).

Sign up!! Please register and book in and come along on October 2nd at 6:30 pm.

Formation sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you've signed up for being a person who assists with distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, please make yourself available for one of the following two dates:

·October 1st 6 pm to 7:30 pm

·October 3rd 9 am to 10:30 am

This is for all ministers at St Kevin's, St Clement's, St Gregory's: English or Italian Masses.

These sessions will be a refresher for those who have been ministering already – and a beginning for those who are just signing up.

We will talk about the reasons why this is a ministry and not a job. And we will step through the practicalities. For convenience for me these sessions will be held at St Gregory the Great in the church. The process is essentially the same at all three parishes at all Masses so ...

Please come along – no need to sign up – just turn up with a willing love of Christ and desire to learn.

God bless, Fr Charles.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick at this time: Fr Anthony Greenville, Jasbir Sheridan, Elmo Silvapulle, Michael Mullens, Meredith Barnes, Mike Yambao, Caroline Tang, John Green, Anna, Vincent, Leone, Sunny Boy Pereira, Anna Ziglinis, Emmly L

Those who died recently:

Those whose anniversaries occur about now: Beverly Oates, Ronnie Jose



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention:

I see the Holy Spirit is moving in our parishes in many ways: I pray that we can all open our hearts and be led into Christ's future for us.

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

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 6:30 PM	Lectors: Lorna & Joseph Philip Communion: Robert & Dianne McHugh
SUNDAY 10:30 AM	Lectors: Chris Perera, Jay De Graff Communion: Luisa & Mike Yambao, Behnaz Behmadi
SUNDAY 5:00 PM	Lectors: Gerard O'Donnell, Nita Pereira Communion: Dot Haynes, Margaret O'Donnell

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Agnes Chee **FLOWERS:** Geraldina Donato
MONEY COUNTERS: Christopher Lim
MORNING TEA: Tricia Ng, Karen Chay

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NEXT WEEK

Lectors: Gerard O'Donnell, Benedicta Wong Communion: Seleana Ng, Margaret O'Donnell
Lectors: Sauro Antonelli, Ivonne Gunawan Communion: Agnes & Fred Fulia, Lilian Antonelli
Lectors: Isabelle Hii, Alvin Priyana Communion: Mary Tonti- Filipini, Viviana Pereira

CARE OF THE CHURCH: Sharron Wilkinson **FLOWERS:** Mary Piccoli
MONEY COUNTERS: Iris O'Farrell
MORNING TEA: N/A

St Gregory the Great Catholic Primary School



Open Day: 29 October 2026 at 9.30-11.30 am

School Tours: contact 9848 4483; sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au

Parish Facilities: The Parish Hall and Parish Room are available
 Bookings can be made: office@sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Permanent Diaconate Info Session

Tuesday, 22 September
7 PM - 8 PM via Zoom

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Attendance will be by invitation.

Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison - Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

Young Adults Group

Friday, 25 September
7:15 PM - 10 PM

The Young Adults Group warmly invites all young adults aged 18 to 35 to join us for an evening of friendship, faith, and great conversation!

Come along to our gathering in the Parish Room at 7:15 pm on Friday, 25 September.

It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with friends, share a meal, and grow together in faith.

Dinner will be provided, so bring a friend and come along! We would love to see you!

Info: doncaster@cam.org.au

Speaker Night with Greg Sheridan

Friday, 2 October
6:30 PM



GOD IS GOOD FOR YOU

A journalist proclaims Christ to a secular world

Greg is the foreign editor of The Australian newspaper, a well-known author and is a parishioner of St Gregory's Parish. Greg's three books on religion and Christianity have been best sellers.

Pizza dinner to start followed by presentation and discussions.

Clifton Centre, 9/21 Egan Drive, Bulleen. Adjacent to St Clement Church.

RSVP via the Sign up Sheet in the foyer or via trybooking QR code

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WOMEN
for the WORLD



Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal

Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. Health centres are often under-resourced, and distance, cost and extreme weather can make reaching care a challenge. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help upgrade rural health centres, giving women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Your gift today can help support safer pregnancies, safer births and healthier futures for mothers and babies.

Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Gregory the Great for your generous support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal.

As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than 160 countries and over 1,100 dioceses. Your contribution of **\$333.50** has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in Kampira, Malawi, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church.

Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten.

Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.

