

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

13 JULY 2025

TO WHOM CAN I BE A NEIGHBOUR? The command to love our neighbour is as broad as our definition of the word 'neighbour'. Are the people living next door the only ones we consider to be our neighbours? Do we include people in neighbouring streets, towns, or countries, and people of other faiths? Jesus answers these questions by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. As we hear this story we realise that the key question is never, 'who is my neighbour?', rather, 'to whom can I be a neighbour?'

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 16:15

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

## 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

**Glorify to God in the highest, / and on earth to 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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the

faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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

Deut 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*  
Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. cf. v. 33

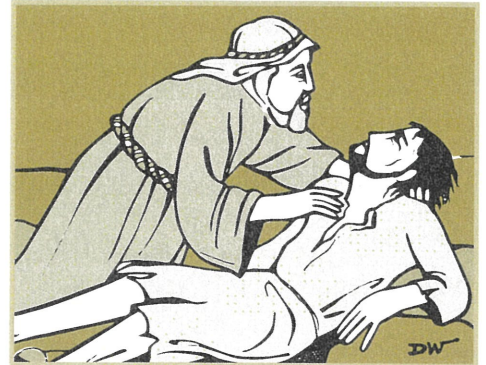
**R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

1. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

2. As for me in my poverty and pain / let your help, O God, lift me up. / I will praise God's name with a song; / I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

4. For God will bring help to Zion / and rebuild the cities of Judah. / The sons of his servants shall inherit it; / those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**



### SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*All things were created through him and for him.*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63,68

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Lk 10:25-37

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.**

*Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all



your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours'.

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into brigands' hands?' 'The one, who took pity on him', he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

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. Look upon the offerings of the Church,  
O Lord,  
as she makes her prayer to you,  
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,

they may bring ever greater holiness.  
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 cf. Ps 83:4-5

**The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King  
and my God.**

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow.  
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

### EXPECTATIONS UPENDED

The parable of the *Good Samaritan* from today's Gospel is one of our favourites. We know it so well, or we think we do, and has been with us from our earliest days. Today invites us to take a second look. Jesus tells the story to illustrate who is neighbour, affirming the two most important commandments from the Torah—one's total commitment to God (from Deuteronomy) and to love one's neighbour (from Leviticus).

Jesus tells the story to a religious interpreter of the Torah who would never think about Samaritans, other than in negative terms. So, for Jesus to make the Samaritan as the example of care for one who fell in with robbers is shocking to Jesus' questioner. The two religious leaders in the story, the priest and Levite, who 'pass by on the other side' would have been obliged under the Torah to assist anyone in the condition in which they find the abandoned and dying traveller. They fail in their religious duties. It is the unexpected one, the Samaritan, who is moved with 'compassion'—a visceral response that, in the Greek text, is linked to 'womb'.

The story Jesus tells upends expectations, even the expected cultural and social script of the day. I suspect Luke is dealing with something similar in the world of the Gospel audience. The late Pope Francis reminded us in his meditation on this same story of the importance of 'noticing'—of looking and observing so that we can respond. He invites us to see those in our world that we tend not to notice.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ C

12/13 July 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:

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Gen 18:1-10, Ps 14:2-5, Col 1:24-28, Lk 10:38-42

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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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 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

Marie Rita Feehan, Josephine Montalti

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Leo Scaffidi, Ignatius See, Chloris Oates



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

## Words from the desk of the PP:

### Archbishop-elect Anthony Ireland:

The thoughts and prayers of St Gregory the Great, Doncaster go with Archbishop-elect Tony as he crosses the ever-rough waters of Bass Strait to take up the See of Hobart with all the joys and challenges involved.

### Carlo Acutis: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 St Greg's School Hall.

Our evening with Carlo Acutis is rapidly approaching – if you haven't signed up (for catering purposes) please do so NOW.

The evening will give us an insight into this amazing man (young man) soon to be canonised but even more, it will be an opportunity to delve into how his way of living brought others to faith. An ordinary person in so many ways – yet extraordinary because Christ was at the core of all his actions and introducing others to Christ was so natural to him.

### ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Young people: are you aged from Year 9 to 25 years old?

Older adults: do you have children or grandchildren, Year 9 to 25 years old?

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is happening from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Go to [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au) and take a leap of faith: sign up or help your children or grandchildren sign up.

Gatherings like ACYF require a leap of faith for each person attending: there is no fixed way to grow in faith in a festival of faith. Each participant will set aside their expectations and go along to walk with friends in the light of the Holy Spirit.

Take a leap: sign up or encourage others to sign up.

Contact the Parish Office if you want more information and we'll get Jane and Alfred to contact you with more details. Search for ACYF 2025 [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au) and find out more on-line and sign up.

*God bless, Fr Charles.*

Please pick up a flyer in the church narthex.

We hope to see you on the 21st of July!



**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS:**

**A SAINT FOR THE DIGITAL AGE**

**SPEAKERS EVENING WITH MR. DAMIAN HOWARD**

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 6.30PM

St Gregory the Great Doncaster

<https://www.trybooking.com/DCQFL>

email: [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au) or sign up sheet in the church narthex



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For those entrusted as Apostles today, the bishops who serve our dioceses. (Perhaps especially Pope Leo XVI and the bishops we know personally).

*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:** Phil Handang**MONEY COUNTERS:** Surin Fernando, Josie Masters**LECTORS**

Cathy &amp; Noel McClelland

Tony Nimmo

Tony Ting, Sauro Antonelli

Dot Haynes, Mary Tonti-Filippini

**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Iris O'Farrell, Moira White

Mary Stocco

Lucy Giardino, Maggie Yong

Judy Ablaza, Margaret O'Donnell

**MORNING TEA:** Max & Tyler**Offertory****FLOWERS:** Geraldina Donato  
Mary Piccoli**NEXT WEEK 19/20 July**

Sat 6.00pm

Sun 9.00am

Sun 10.30am

Sun 5.00pm

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Carole Tang, Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Bill Taylor, Christopher Lim**LECTORS**

Joseph &amp; Lorna Philip

Chris Perera

Karen Chay, Aidan Leung

Viviana Pereira, Benedicta Wong

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Katica Puhaj

Lucy Giardino, Pierre Tanzimat

Seleana Ng, Alfred Lee

**MORNING TEA:** N/A**FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung

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 School**For School Tours and Open Days visit [sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au](http://sgdoncaster.catholic.edu.au)**Parish Facilities:** The Tennis Club Room and

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**THANK YOU**

A big Thank You to everyone who contributed towards our recent Coat Drive. Together we managed to literally fill a room full of beautiful warm coats and jackets.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The Coat Drive has now come to an end for this year.

Thank you so much to the St Kevins Social Justice Team for their ideas, initiative, dedication and hard work towards making the world a better place.

**Live Your Best Life in Love...**

**A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple**

**worldwide marriage encounter**

And every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep our renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We offer 2 further weekends in 2025. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

October 3-5: Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill)

October 10-12: St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)



**Your 2024/2025 Stewardship Statement has been sent to you via email or post this week.**

**If you have not received your statement by email and would like us to resend it, please contact the parish office on (03) 9412 8425 to provide your email address.**

**Thank you for your continued support and generous contributions to our Parish.**

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works***2025 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**

Each year at about this time we ask you, the parishioners of St Gregory the Great Parish, to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal. Inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings, this is something you can do that will really make a difference to people in need.

As we enter this winter your commitment to help people who are experiencing disadvantage, poverty and homelessness is very much needed and appreciated. Requests for assistance have increased this year as the cost of living has impacted everyone but especially those who might normally manage on a small income. If you are able to contribute to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- donate online by visiting [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) - Donors can allocate donations to St Gregory the Great, Doncaster, by putting the conference name in the comments field. The direct link to our Conference specific fundraising page is: <https://my.fundraiseforvinniesvic.org.au/vinnies-winter-appeal-2025/doncaster-conference>
- Use the QR Code to link to our Conference specific fundraising page: Receipts will be automatically emailed out to donors.
- donate over the phone using a credit card by calling 13 18 12 - Donors can allocate donations to St Gregory the Great, Doncaster, by giving the name of the conference over the phone.
- There will be a second collection on July 19th and 20th where you can make a donation using one of the Vinnies envelopes or placing cash in the Vinnies Winter Appeal Donation Box at the back of the church.

**This year the appeal will take place on the weekend of July 19th and 20th.**

Members of our Conference will be available after each of the Masses to answer any questions about the Vinnies and their work.

Thank you.

