

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen.'

Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/: Lord, this is the people
that long to see your face.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First letter of St John
3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are
burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew** 5:1.12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



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ALL SAINTS DAY

1st November, 2020



Given the extreme familiarity of this text, it may surprise some to learn that Sunday Mass-goers hear the gospel of the beatitudes no more than once every three years, and that is early in Year A. They only hear it a second in the cycle when the festival of All Saints falls on a Sunday. Of course a number of the congregation are likely to have heard it read or sung at other celebrations they have attended, especially funerals. Presiders are sure to have read this passage out many times over. Their challenge is to proclaim it freshly, as if no-one had ever heard it before. There is no doubt about the importance of the passage as far as Matthew is concerned. It is the overture to the first of the five discourses that he gives to Jesus in memory of the five books of the Torah. The beatitudes are steeped in the tradition that Jesus absorbed from his family and townsfolk as he grew up. At the same time they open out on to a new future. Past wisdom and future promise combine in these paradoxical sayings whose meaning we can never exhaust. They carry an implicit warning: wrestling with them may leave us wounded like Jacob. (Gen 32:22-32)

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: from 3rd November

Limitations on the No. of attendees apply – please book in.

Tuesday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Tuesday	[OLA Church]	6.00 pm
Wednesday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Thursday	[OLA Church]	9.15 am
Friday	[St Agnes Church]	9.00 am
Saturday	[OLA Church]	9.00 am

The following remain suspended

SATURDAY VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday	[St Agnes]	6:00 pm
Sunday	[OLA]	9:00 am, 11:00 am

COMMUNION SERVICES – OLA / St Agnes:

Monday 9.15 am / 9.00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 9.30am

BAPTISMS: limitations on the No. of attendees apply

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

WEDDINGS: limitations on the No. of attendees apply

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

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PRAYING FOR:

Carmel Allens
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Frances Max
...and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Stage Four restrictions now apply. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese (Update #20: 29th Oct, 2020) https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/20-29Oct20-UPDATE-COVID_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES.pdf

Broadcast & Online Masses:

11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral continues to be **televised live (free to air) on Channel 31** (Ch. 44 on Digital TV).

This Mass is also live-streamed on the Melbourne Catholic website: melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

Pre-recorded Masses available online: cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online or stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos or holyfamilydoveton.org.au/

Mass can also be heard on **Light FM (89.9 FM) every Sunday at 7am.**



SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) online: www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column

MAKING CONNECTIONS



- In what ways do you exercise leadership in your family, workplace or community?
- In what ways do you serve others? How responsive are you to people in need?
- The best teachers are those people who embody what it is they are teaching. Share an experience of a person you have met who was able to do that. Remember, we do not do all our learning in school!
- ‘Do what I do, not what I say.’ This common saying recognises that often we know what is right but sometimes find it difficult to live it out. Australians are very quick to reject hypocrisy and people who pump themselves up. This gospel points out that real leadership lies in service of others.
- Try to exercise a leadership of service this week-in your home and in your workplace.
- Make this acclamation of faith often this week:

*We have one father,
our Father in heaven;
We have one teacher,
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

VCE STUDENTS: We are producing a “roll” of students known to our community for whom we particularly pray. Please let us know if you would like a student’s name included. If you would like a letter of support and prayer sent from the Parish, please include address in your email.

RESUMPTION OF WEEKDAY MASSES:

Mass may now be celebrated for up to 10 people. It is essential that those who wish to attend, book in for their preferred Mass.

New Timetable...

Tuesday	9.00am (St Agnes)
	6.00pm (OLA)
Wednesday	9.15am (OLA)
Thursday	9.15am (OLA)
Friday	9.00am (St Agnes)
Saturday	9.00am (OLA)

Bookings are essential & must be made prior to the day of the Mass. Please telephone (rather than email) the Parish Office on **9583 6161**, during office hours, to book a day and time.

Please Note: Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses remain suspended, until such time as the restrictions on the numbers of worshippers permitted, are eased.

✠ REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD ✠

Throughout November, we pray at every Mass for all those dear to us who have died. While we are not able at this time to offer an opportunity to personally write loved ones’ names on our beautiful Cross of Remembrance, we invite you to send us the names to be included in the list we’ll produce for attachment to the cross. As always, the cross will stand in the church throughout November (even if the church is empty) and all named thereon will be remembered at each Mass.

