

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ezekiel  
34:11-12, 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
15:20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessing on him,  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom  
of our father David!  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. ‘Then the King will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.’ Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?’ And the King will answer, ‘I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.’ ‘Next he will say to those on his left hand, ‘Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.’

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020



Over the last few weeks, the gospel texts have dealt with issues of being prepared, staying ready, and using our gifts well. In some ways, all these themes culminate in today's text. This gospel presents us with the bottom line! Are we judged worthy of a place in the kingdom? The criteria for being judged worthy are very clear—it is how we have served those most in need. This is what will count. If we do not see Christ in our brothers and sisters in need, then our faith is blind and will not lead to the kingdom. There is another aspect of this gospel that should not be overlooked. It is the apocalyptic vision of the Son of Man coming in glory and reigning over all the nations as King. To the King belongs the right of judgement and reward or punishment. While Matthew's community was in the 'in-between' time, the evangelist held before them the central truth that the Son of Man, the King, will come again in his glory as judge.

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**MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT**

**SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:**

*Limitations on the No. of attendees apply – please book in.*  
**Saturday** [St Agnes] 6:00 pm  
**Sunday** [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

*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*

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

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**PRAYING FOR:**

Anne Bunting, Cath Meredith  
*...and all who died recently.*

**We also remember:**

Graciela Alvarez, Nance Ring  
*...and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.*

**UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS:**

Third Step restrictions now apply across Victoria. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese (Update #21: 10th November, 2020) are available online at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19>

**Broadcast & Online Masses:**

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

This Mass is also live-streamed on the Melbourne Catholic website: [melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online](http://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online)

**Pre-recorded Masses available online:**

[cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online](http://cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online) or [stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos](http://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos) or [holyfamilydoveton.org.au/](http://holyfamilydoveton.org.au/)

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

**NOVEMBER MASSES:**

Each November Masses are offered for our deceased loved ones. A November offering envelope is ordinarily included in your set of Thanksgiving envelopes, however, given this year's challenges, we were unable to include a November offering envelope. If you would like to make an offering you're welcome to drop your envelope in to the Parish Office. Envelopes are available in the Church foyer or office for your convenience.

**THE CELEBRATION OF MASSES:** As of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Masses indoors may now be celebrated for up to **100** people.

Please note the **New Mass Timetable** across the two parishes...

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)  
 Saturday 6.00pm (St Agnes)  
 Sunday 9.00am (OLA)  
 11.00am (OLA)

**Bookings for Weekend Masses** are essential, and can be made from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 9am via: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

**Weekday Masses** no longer require bookings, however a record of attendees will still be taken.

**✠ 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 and all named thereon will be remembered at each Mass.



*Gospel Reading continued from overleaf...*

Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

**MAKING CONNECTIONS**

- What is your response to those in need?
- How do you practise your faith in practical ways?
- To be a shepherd in the ancient world was seen as a lowly occupation. Most often the work was done by a hired hand who felt no responsibility for the sheep. But the owner of the sheep exercised both authority and care. Jesus refers to himself as the good shepherd who knows his sheep and his sheep know him.
- Share an experience of being in need and having someone respond to that need. Did it change the way you respond to others in need?
- We may not know people who are literally hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or in prison, although billions of our brothers and sisters fall into these categories. But we all know people who are in need—emotional, financial, spiritual. This week, make a point of doing what Jesus urges in this gospel—tend to someone in need.
- Repeat this week's psalm acclamation often:

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Psalm 22:1)*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for Daily Mass

(Australian Liturgical Calendar) online:

[www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass](http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass) Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column