

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said to the people: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 7:32-35**

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the

Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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## **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B** **30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021**

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This is the first of the miracles of Jesus recounted in Mark's Gospel and it is a significant introduction to the person of Jesus and the power he possesses. Only a few verses earlier, at his baptism, Jesus had been revealed as the beloved Son of God. In this short text, Mark contrasts Jesus and the authority of his teaching with that of the scribes. Jesus teaches in such a way that he makes a deep impression on his hearers. Clearly, this is because his authority and his wisdom come from God. While his human audience may still be unclear as to the true identity of Jesus, this is not the case with his 'other-worldly' audience: the unclean spirits know exactly who Jesus is—the Holy One of God—and they recognise his authority and obey his command. They know that the power of the Almighty is greater than the power of the evil one.

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**MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT**

**SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:**

Please book in via : <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>  
Saturday [St Agnes] 6:00 pm  
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

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**

Please direct all enquiries for the Sacrament of Baptism to the Office: 9583 6161

**WEDDINGS: limitations on the No. of attendees apply**

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Jim McLean, Len McInerney  
*...and all who died recently.*

**We also remember:**

Joe Ingles, John Mulhall, Leonie Clarke,  
Fred Hyde, Paul Barella, Karon Blythe,  
Karen May, Jan Ross, Grazia Piccolo,  
Helen Rosario, Marie Cannarozzo, Achata  
Morabito

*and all whose anniversaries  
occur about this time*

**We also keep in our prayers all  
who are sick**

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please make sure that your WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are current, that is, have not expired, and copies made available to the Parish Office.

**UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS:**

Stage Four restrictions now apply. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese (Update #25: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021) are available online at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19>

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support both the Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through your generous contributions. Both OLA & St Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is:

<http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>

The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is:

<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>

Thank you most sincerely to all who support the mission of both parishes.

**LENTEN GROUPS:** Please see sign-up sheets in the church foyers of OLA and St Agnes'. If you're interested in participating, or running a group we would love to hear from you. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, so groups will gather to meet thereafter.

**OLA THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:**

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support OLA through the thanksgiving programme. Please find envelopes for 2021 in the Church Foyer.

**OLA GENTLE EXERCISE/TAI CHI:**

Commencing on Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> February:  
Gentle Exercise: 10am-11am, Tai Chi:  
11am-12noon. Come along to Exodus Hall.  
Call Anastasia on: 0422 652 866.

**OLA KNITTING GROUP:**

We welcome back our amazing knitting group. Come join the fun on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, at 1pm in the O.L.A. Church Meeting Room. All welcome. Remember, 'Behind every knitter is a huge pile of wool!'

**Broadcast & Online Masses: 11am Sunday**

**Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral** continues to be **televised live (free to air) on Channel 31** (Ch. 44 Digital TV). This Mass is also live-streamed on the Melbourne Catholic website: <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>

**Readings for this liturgical year from  
Advent 2020 to Christ the King 2021 are  
taken from Year B in the Lectionary cycle**

Should you wish to view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit:

<https://www.universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/>

Navigate the texts of the week ahead via the right-hand column index.

**THANKYOU:** On 7<sup>th</sup> January this year Frances North formally concluded her many years of service to the OLA Parish Community as Pastoral Associate. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to Frances for all her work among us and particularly for her unwavering support for so many within our community over those 16 or so years. Frances asked that there not be a formal farewell, and while many would have preferred to have a public occasion, we do respect her wishes. We wish her all the best with more time to spend with her family, particularly her grandchildren.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS**

'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?'

What does Jesus want of you at this point in your life?

'I know who you are: the Holy One of God.'

Is it difficult for you to make this claim?

Who do you think Jesus is?

Recall someone who made a deep impression on you.

What were the qualities of that person that so impressed and drew you to them? Was there a quiet authority? Was it a charismatic presence? Share your recollections and reflection with others. Jesus challenged the evil that oppressed people in his time.

This week, speak out, publicly or privately, against oppression or an evil in our world.

Confront evil at all levels this week, wherever you may encounter it.

Become part of lifting the burden from others.

**Use this weekend's entrance antiphon as your prayer this week:**

*Save us, O Lord our God  
and gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name  
and make it our glory to praise you.*