

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Create a clean heart in me, O God

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

**If you serve me, follow me,
says the Lord;**

and where I am, my servant will also be.

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GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



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Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B 20th /21st March, 2021



The Greeks referred to in this text are likely to have been ‘Godfearers’ or non-Jewish people who are attracted to Judaism as a religion. Not being born Jews, they are unable to fully become part of the chosen people of Israel and to enter into its religious life. Here, though, they express their wish to ‘see Jesus’. The classic call to discipleship is ‘Come and see’. There is an element here that builds on earlier references in John to the fact that the gospel is not just for the Jews but for all people who express faith. The call of the gospel is universal. The imminent death of the grain is already beginning to yield a rich harvest. Jesus is well aware of the fate in store for him but accepts that this is the central act of his mission. Glorification and exultation await him. It is in being lifted up that Jesus will draw all people to himself. In what ways do you feel drawn to Jesus at this point in your journey? Reflect back on what caused you to say, ‘Sir, I would like to see Jesus.’ What called you to discipleship?

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:

Please book in via : <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>
Saturday [St Agnes Church] 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B

20th / 21st March 2021

PRAYING FOR:

Salvatore Algeri, Michelle Brennan,
Jean Heathering-Scott, Thomas Murray,
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Michael Campion, Peter Treadwell,
...and all whose anniversaries occur about
this time.

We also keep in our prayers all who are sick

**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/>

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: 18th 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.

THE BAYSIDE YOUTH AWARDS: are an opportunity to recognise the positive

contributions of young people in the Bayside community and celebrate young people making Bayside a better place. Do you know a young person making a difference in the Bayside community? Who can nominate? Teachers, parents, coaches, friends and family members. Nominees must be between 10 to 25 years of age. To find out more visit: bayside.vic.gov.au/YouthAwards

Nominations close 5pm on 26th March, 2021. For more information, call the Youth Services Team on (03) 9599 4622.

OLA KNITTING GROUP: Last weekend the Knitting Group handed over \$915.00 to our St Vincent de Paul Conference. Money raised came from their amazing knitting stall. Thank you to all those visitors, and parishioners who purchased their splendid crafts, and thank you to the marvellous parishioners who helped clean up, and did some heavy lifting!! A wonderful parish event. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd March at 1.00pm in Exodus Hall. All welcome.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST AGNES' PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN DAYS 2021 (in line with Covid-safe Protocols): Wed. 24th March, Wed. 21st April. Come along anytime from 9am on these days for a guided school tour, with the school principal, Mr Lachlan Foott. If you are unable to make one of these Open Days, please contact the school office to make alternate arrangements.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL - TOUR DATES: Wed. 24th March 9.15am, Sun. 28th March 10am, Wed. 21st April 9.15am, Tues. 28th April 9.15am. Applications close for Prep 2022 on 7th May 2021.



visiting Cox's Bazar, of Halima. Halima is raising two children under seven in the refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at just 21, she fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing. To find the full story of Halima go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COCo7Om1Xxc> Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter and cooking equipment so that she could feed her family. Thank you for being more! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or telephone: 1800 024 413.

OLA COUNTERS: We are seeking volunteers to assist with Thanksgiving counting. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible on 9583 6161. All volunteers must hold a current WWCC and Police Check, which the parish office can assist with.

