

### FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
his love is everlasting

### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John  
5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you  
have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me,  
but still believe! Alleluia!



### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to  
John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2021



The importance of today's gospel story is shown by the fact that it led to the original conclusion of John's gospel. The story proper falls into two parts; the appearance of the risen Lord to the assembled disciples on the first Easter Day and his appearance before Thomas a week later. John presents Jesus' resurrection, his giving of the Spirit and the commissioning of the disciples in a single unified sequence. By contrast, the gospel-writer Luke introduces a time-span of forty days before Jesus' ascension, and fifty days before the outpouring of the Spirit. Each is communicating the same profound truth within a different theological framework. The text for today can be subdivided into four parts. In part one, Jesus appears to the fear-filled disciples and greets them with peace. This twofold greeting should be given strong emphasis. Part two consists of Jesus' commissioning the disciples and breathing out his Spirit upon them. Part three relates the encounter between the risen Lord and the apostle Thomas, culminating in words that implicate us: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe". The reading comes to a climax with the final summary of the gospel's purpose: "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name". Each part should be heard by the congregation as a distinct unit. The reading as a whole is a wonderful invitation to renew our faith in Jesus and to live in the peace and joy of his Spirit.

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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:**

Please refer to the Holy Week Timetable

**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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

**PRAYING FOR:**

Adele Gori, Margaret Webb, Graeme Weir,  
...and all who died recently.

**We also remember:**

Sylvia Dib, Brenton Payne,  
Jean Claude DeRobillard, Celia Moran,  
Patrick Moran, Cora Robinson,  
Martino Piccolo, Saverina De Gilio,  
Vera Grima, Fiolmena Del Balso,  
Harold and Noreen Carroll, Lauryn Clark,  
David Murphy, Leo Tyrrell and the  
Turkalj Family

....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: 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>

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**ST AGNES' PARISH PRIMARY  
SCHOOL - OPEN DAYS 2021** (in line with  
Covid-safe Protocols): Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> April. Come  
along anytime from 9am for a guided school  
tour, with the school principal, Mr Lachlan  
Foott. If you are unable to make this Open  
Day, please contact the school office to make  
alternate arrangements.

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION  
PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL - TOUR  
DATES:** Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.15am, Tues. 28<sup>th</sup>  
April 9.15am. Applications close for Prep 2022  
on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**OLA KNITTING GROUP:** The next  
meeting will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at  
1.00pm in Exodus Hall. A warm invitation  
is extended to any parishioners of St Agnes'  
who love knitting/craft, please come along  
and join our group.

**PLEASE FILL IN THE OLA FAMILY  
BOOK:** You are invited to write in the book  
the names of those you'd like to include in  
the prayers. For example, the dead, the sick,  
special intentions. Please PRINT names  
clearly, and include your contact details,  
especially if the deceased is a family  
member.

**WE WELCOME & PRAY** for Romy &  
Dylan, to be baptised at St Agnes', and  
Chiara, Jeremy, Derick, Jonty and Ethan,  
who'll be baptised at OLA. We, as the Church  
of God, welcomes them with great joy.



**SALESIAN MISSIONS AUSTRALIA**  
has launched an appeal for victims of this  
week's devastating floods in Timor Leste,  
Australia's closest neighbour and the  
poorest country in South East Asia. Intense  
rain and storms sent surging torrents of rain  
through towns and villages turning the  
streets of Dili into canals. Roads and bridges  
have been destroyed and deaths now exceed  
100. Support is urgently needed as the  
schools are converted to evacuation centres.  
Dili's population of more than 220,000 is  
currently in lockdown to tackle the nations  
rising COVID transmission. Catering for the  
victims in the aftermath of the floods  
presents new challenges in addition to the  
existing health crisis. Don Bosco Training  
Centre Comoro is a major relief centre  
providing shelter and food for those who  
have lost their homes and possessions. The  
gymnasium and classrooms are being used  
for emergency accommodation by more  
than 3000 displaced persons. Tina Newton  
(Director of Salesian Missions) said there is  
an urgent need for food, clean water and  
medicine. Donations can be sent to:  
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Ascot Vale, Vic 3032, or via:  
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