

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/Lord, let your face shine on us.**

## SECOND READING

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

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

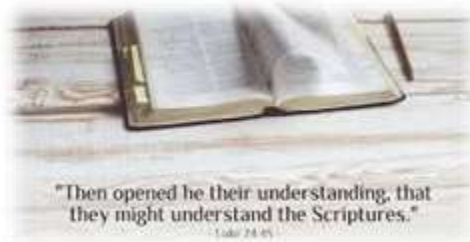
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love  
when you speak.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**  
24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



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# **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **YEAR B**

**17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**

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Apart from passing reference to an appearance to Simon Peter (24:34), Luke records only two appearances of the risen Jesus, the first to the disciples at Emmaus, the second to the whole group back in Jerusalem. In a sense they are so closely linked as to form but one appearance that serves to link Jesus' resurrection with the final episode of the gospel, his ascension. After the opening verse connecting today's story with that of Emmaus, the gospel falls into two parts. The first establishes the reality of the resurrection by emphasising the physical in terms that are reminiscent of John's gospel. As he does for Thomas (John 20:24-29), Jesus shows the disciples his hands and feet; and as he cooks fish for the disciples by the sea of Galilee (John 21:9-14), so he eats fish before them in Jerusalem. In the second part Jesus repeats what he did for the disciples on the way to Emmaus. He recalls and reinterprets the scriptures for them, not only so that they can come to grips with what has already happened – his death and resurrection – but be prepared for the future. They are to preach 'repentance for the forgiveness of sins. To all the nations'. In one short declaration – 'You are witnesses to this'. Luke paves the way for his companion volume, the Acts, to tell the story of the mission to the nations.

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**MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT**

**SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:**

Please book 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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

(in line with Covid-safe Protocols)  
Please contact Fr Alan, or the Parish Office.

**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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

**PRAYING FOR:**

Des Kealy, Marie Ladds, Marie Graham,  
Eileen Crockett, Jason Barry,  
...and all who died recently.

**We also remember:**

Eileen Taylor, John Laherty,  
Lucy Mallia

....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 #30: 8<sup>th</sup> April 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 DAY** (in line with Covid-  
safe Protocols): Wednesday 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  
alternative 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 for Prep 2022  
close on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**THANK YOU:** After 8 years as our Parish  
Secretary, Lisa Harris has made the decision  
to move on. We wish Lisa and her family  
every blessing and best wish as she makes  
the transition to her new job. There will be a  
morning tea to farewell Lisa after 9am Mass  
on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. ALL WELCOME.

**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 deceased, those  
who are sick or special intentions. Please  
**PRINT** names clearly, and include your  
contact details, especially if the deceased is a  
family member.



Share your skills to help develop the capacity  
of overseas organisations and the abilities of  
their people. Low-income communities seek  
sustainable solutions to poverty, not through  
money or gifts, but by building self-reliance.  
All trades and professions are called to assist  
this mission. Enquire now to properly prepare  
for a placement in 2022. Join our online  
InfoZoom on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, visit: [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), or  
call Palms now on: (02) 9560 5333.

**AN INVITATION:** On  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, the  
**Australian Catholic University Centre for  
Liturgy** is proud to present an online public  
lecture by Monsignor Professor Kevin W.  
Irwin on "Liturgy and Sacraments in a  
COVID World: Renewal not Restoration".  
Monsignor Irwin held the Walter J. Schmitz  
Chair of Liturgical Studies (2000-2015) at  
Catholic University of America where he is  
currently an Ordinary Research Professor and  
where he has previously served as Dean of the  
School of Theology and Religious Studies  
(2005-2011). He is the author of over twenty  
books and seventy journal articles. Here is a  
description of the lecture topic: Restrictions on  
in-person worship during the pandemic have  
challenged parishes to find other ways to  
connect through the use of technology. While  
some successful innovations have emerged  
during this period, some problematic liturgical  
practices have also been uncovered which  
indicate that further work is still needed in  
many places to implement Vatican II's  
liturgical reforms fully. Kevin Irwin's  
analysis of the current situation will highlight  
a positive path forward. The public lecture will  
run from 10am-11:30am AEST via Zoom.  
If you would like to register go to:  
<http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl>

