

FIRST READING

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
4:8-12**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your present today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved'.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/The stone rejected by the builders
has become the corner stone.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of St John
3:1-2**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children' and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed' all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy gospel
according to John 10:11-18**

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



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24th / 25th April, 2021



King David had been a shepherd as a boy, so the image of the Shepherd Messiah underlies this text. But the intimacy of Jesus' relationship with his flock goes beyond even this. This gospel is a statement of the seriousness of Jesus' commitment to the Father's will and his self-giving love for humankind. Jesus' life is freely given for his flock. It is sometimes thought that Jesus died to satisfy the will of the Father imposed on the Son. This is not so. Jesus' gift was a free gift because he responded at all times to that which was most profound in him: the Father's love, which he wished to make known to the world. It is generous, self-giving love for others. In what ways are Christians today called to offer this same self-giving love for others? Who are those in our world who are most in need of this generous love?

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PRAYING FOR:

...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Greg Philip, Mary Bennett,
Kevin Tucker, John Goulding and
Peter Renkin

....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: 8th 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>

CANCELLATION OF WEDNESDAY

28th APRIL MASS AT 9.15AM: Please
note: There will be no Mass on this day due
to the Archbishops request for the entire
Clergy of Melbourne to gather for a
meeting.

ST AGNES SOCIAL LUNCHESES: will
resume on Thursday 6th May at 12noon at the
Highett R.S.L. It would be wonderful to have
the O.L.A. parishioners join them. All will be
most welcome. Please ring Sybil on
95558336 to book before 3rd May.

**THIS SUNDAY IS THE WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS.** Pope

Francis tells us: 'There can be no greater joy
than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would
like to say this especially to you, the young.
Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls
you to follow this path, do not pull your oars
into the boat, but trust him'. Let us pray for
the young people in our community, and in
our families and circle of friends. May our
prayers help them to be open to the Lord's
call to consecrated life or priesthood.

**POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE:** A

list of job opportunities available across the
parishes and agencies of the Melbourne
Archdiocese are listed on the Archdiocese's
website. Simply visit the following page:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Further information about any advertised
vacancies can be obtained by emailing the
Human Resources Office of the Archdiocese
at: hadmin@cam.org.au

A REMINDER: Please join us after the 9am
Mass for a morning tea on Sunday 2nd May
to bid farewell to Lisa Harris, our Parish
Secretary. ALL WELCOME.



A poem by a
Canadian medical
officer, Lieutenant
-Colonel John
McCrae, was first

published in the British Punch magazine in
December 1915. McCrae later became a
casualty of the war, dying in January 1918.
However his poem has endured as a symbol
of the sacrifice of those who fought during
the First World War and is particularly
identified with the losses around the Ypres
salient.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row, That
mark our place; and in the sky The larks,
still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid
the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived,
felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and
were loved, and now we lie In Flanders
fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe To you
from failing hands we throw The torch, be
yours to hold it high If ye break faith with
us who die We shall not sleep, though
poppies grow In Flanders fields.*

MAKING CONNECTIONS: Who have

been the shepherds in your life who have
guided and protected you? What or who are
the 'wolves' that threaten and cause fear?
Share memories of times when you were
given special responsibility to care for
something or for someone. Who are the
people who rely on your care?

Extend that care in special ways this week.

Use the opening lines of Psalm 23 this week:

*The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
By quiet waters he leads me
to revive my soul.*