

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR B

3rd / 4th April, 2021



On Good Friday afternoon John's gospel left us at the tomb of Jesus. Today it takes us back there. With Mary of Magdala, Peter and the disciples Jesus loved, we discover 'very early on the first day of the week' that the tomb is empty. What are we to make of this? There's a striking difference in the gospels between the passion narratives and the resurrection stories. The accounts of the passion are long, with a strong storyline. The resurrection stories, by contrast, are relatively short and enigmatic. They have an air of mystery and obscurity about them. They raise more questions that provide answers. Today's passage is no exception. Who is the disciple Jesus love? Why is so much made of who got to the tomb or went in first? At this point no answers are given. We are left wonder whether we ourselves have understood 'the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead'. It may be just as well that the readings finishes where it does because the next verse goes on to say, 'Then the disciples returned to their homes'. This statement only provokes more questions. Answers begin to emerge with the episode that follows – Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalen. It's a great shame that the story of this beautiful and touching encounter is never heard on a Sunday.

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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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Francesca Giaquinta,

...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Mary Power, Mildred Cass, Mary Cass,
Olivia Garica-Capule,

....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>

SCHOOL NEWS

ST AGNES' PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL - OPEN DAYS 2021 (in line with Covid-safe Protocols): 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. 21st April 9.15am, Tues. 28th April 9.15am. Applications close for Prep 2022 on 7th May 2021.

OLA KNITTING GROUP: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th 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. *Remember....Work less, Knit More!!*

PLEASE FILL IN THE OLA FAMILY BOOK: You are invited to put in the book the names of those you would like us to include in our 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.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2021. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

SAVE THE DATE: O.L.A. FETE will be held Saturday 13th November from 10am to 3pm. So start planting those seeds, potting that jam. More news to follow....

CITY OF KINGSTON DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAM: is starting soon. Up to 10 participants, 8 week course, commences in Term 2 on Thursday 6th of May until 24th June. 2.30pm - 3pm. Free for people over the age of 55 or from multicultural backgrounds. For information contact Donna at the Cheltenham Community Centre 8 Chesterville Road, Cheltenham, 9583 0095.



'GIFTS DIFFERING' UNDERSTANDING YOUR PERSONALITY TYPE', Saturday 17th April 2021

10am-3pm. This reflection day explores the Myers Briggs personality types, and how these influence our communication, relationships and spiritual life. Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Facilitated by Fr Peter Malone MSC at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Malvern. Cost \$60 info@heartoflife.melbourne.org or Tel:9890 1101.

