

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/.: Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law

can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling; jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B

22nd / 23rd May, 2021



Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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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

COMMUNION SERVICES – OLA / St Agnes:
- currently suspended

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (in line with Covid-safe Protocols) By appointment. 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

22nd / 23rd May, 2021

PRAYING FOR:

Laurina Andrews, Ann Costa, Karry Gray,
Violita Parr, Marie Rosso,
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Doris Borg, Paul & Irene Fava, Fr Joseph Dib,
Ethel Ferguson, Joe Charters,

....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:
universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass

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 #31: 4th May, 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>

FIRST EUCHARIST 2021 Congratulations to the children from St Agnes' who are receiving the Eucharist for the first time, at our Saturday evening Mass. May they know our prayerful support as they seek to be nourished at the Lord's Table in the midst of His community, the Church. Over the next few weekends, children from both parishes will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time, and so we keep them, their families, and those who've helped with their preparation, in our prayers.

OLA CHOIR is seeking an organist, pianist, guitarist, violinist and/or other volunteers, to accompany the choir at Sunday Masses. If you, or anyone you know, possess these skills, we'd love to hear from you. Come and join a fun-filled musical choir group with a range of talents. For further information please contact Tony Aloysius on: 0456 000 317 or email OLA Parish Office: Cheltenham@cam.org.au

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST AGNES
We are looking to re-establish Children's Liturgy at Saturday evening Mass, and are keen to hear from parents with children who attend St Agnes School or who live in the parish, and would like their children to participate. Please email the OLA Office: Cheltenham@cam.org.au to express your interest.


OLA FAMILY BOOK Please note that in order to print the names of those Recently Deceased and/or Anniversaries of Death, we ask that you print the person's name clearly, and include your own name and phone number. This is to fulfil our obligations under the Privacy Act. Thank you.


MORNING TEA / COFFEE We are planning on restarting the morning tea after 9am Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month. We're looking for volunteers to assist with setting up and serving. If you can help, please write your name and phone number on the list in the church foyer or contact Pam on 0432 294 147 or the Parish Office. Any assistance you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

POSITION VACANT: PARISH SECRETARY Our Lady of the Assumption & St Agnes: An opportunity for an experienced Parish Secretary to undertake office administrative duties associated with the partnered parishes of OLA, Cheltenham and St Agnes', Highett. This permanent part-time position is based at the Cheltenham Parish Office, and entails approx. 22 hours per week, worked across four days, (Tuesday- Friday). Hours and days can be flexible. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Information about the position, including a more detailed role description, as well as other vacancies across the parishes and agencies of the Archdiocese, are listed on the following page:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>
Further information about the vacant positions can be obtained by emailing the Human Resources Office: Archdiocese of Melbourne at: hadmin@cam.org.au
Applications close: Friday 28th May, 2021

OLA SCHOOL FETE - NOVEMBER 2021.
The School is seeking the support of the wider Parish to help with the Plant stall. A volunteer is needed to put together a team who'll assist with accepting donations of plants and running the stall. We're calling on all our gardeners to put on their gardening gloves and start up to make the 2021 plant sale a great success. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

ACTIVITIES AT OLA – EXODUS HALL

 **Knitting Group** meets at Exodus Hall fortnightly on Tuesdays at 1pm. The next meeting will be on 1st June. All are welcome and we look forward to meeting new members.

 **Gentle Exercises & Tai Chi:** Please Note - Classes that were to be held on Wed. 26th May, have been cancelled. Classes resume on Wed. 2nd June.

PLEASE NOTE re QR Codes - Mandatory use of the Victorian Government QR Code Service. From 28th May, 2021, all parishes must use this service. Once again we're being asked to adapt. Manual record keeping is no longer deemed acceptable. Let's pray for patience!