

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job 38:1, 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet
has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B 19th / 20th June, 2021



The reading from Job reports a theophany, a self-revelation of God. Using questions, God leads Job into a deeper appreciation of God's own self and enables him to look beyond the natural world that he knows and to consider the forces of nature in a new way. Such insights filled Job with both confidence in God and courage in the face of threats to his safety. This section from God's speech to Job addresses God's power over the primordial waters, a common symbol for chaos...

...It is not by accident that the powers of chaotic water are harnessed in this nature miracle. In several ancient Near Eastern myths (e.g., Enuma Elish), the powers of chaos are portrayed as personified monsters of the deep. The gospel writer portrays Jesus as the one who alone can triumph over chaotic water. The disciples certainly recognised this, for they ask: Who has power over the sea? This is not an idle query. This question captures the gist of the account: Who is this man? By what authority does he act? This was doubly an issue, because Jesus did not invoke the power of God before he spoke or acted; he simply spoke or acted and left to those around him to decide about him for themselves.

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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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Tev Bukasongo, Lynette Grace,
Adele Paterson,
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Monica Alderton, Ernie Crowden, Julie
Caprackas, Louise Fennessy, Grace Andrews,
James Andrews, Phoebe Wilson, Sue Dalgleish,
....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/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 #34: 2nd June, 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>

RCIA – Curious about the Catholic Faith?
Do you know someone interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you interested in supporting those on their journey of Faith?
Our Parish RCIA Team will soon commence the 'Journey of Faith' to Easter 2022, where those seeking to become Catholic will be formally received into the Church, through the Sacraments of Initiation. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, leads adults seeking membership of the Church, through a process of discernment, exploring many facets of the Christian life. An invitation is extended to anyone seeking Baptism, as well as to those baptised in another denomination who seek full communion with the Catholic Church. If you'd like to be involved, or able to support those undertaking the journey to Easter, please contact Moira on 9583 4628. Its early days, and we will keep you informed.

ACTIVITIES AT OLA – EXODUS HALL

 **Gentle Exercises & Tai Chi:** Please
Note - Classes will resume this coming
Wednesday 23rd June, at Exodus Hall.

OLA FETE - NOVEMBER 2021

Calling all plant lovers and green thumbs!
The plant stall is one of the most successful and most loved stalls at our fete. But this year we need your help to make sure it is blooming and bigger than ever.

We are looking for people who can:

- Donate indoor/outdoor plants, indoor/ outdoor plant pots (can be creative) or source donations for the stall; or
- Propagate plants that you may have in your garden/home to donate to the fete. Even if it is just a few – every little bit helps;

We are also seeking a plant stall coordinator. If you think you can do a good "seed" and lend a hand for the plant stall – it's 'thyme' to get 'growing'.

If you can assist please get in touch with the Parish Office, or contact Claire Melican, from the Fete Committee, via email at:

fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2021 Refugee Week (20-26 June, 2021) is Australia's peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. World Refugee Day is marked on Sunday June 20th:

'In public debates governments will win more votes than they lose through the brutal treatment of refugees. If we care for refugees, then, we must be in for the long haul, encouraging one another 'officially to keep alive', to take the opportunity to meet refugees, to speak on their behalf to our friends and institutions, to keep writing to government ministers and our members of parliament in support of people in detention and in the community, and to ask more of our government. When the national mood changes from suspicion of outsiders to a more hospitable outlook, we must be ready to encourage it. Hospitality to refugees must begin in hospitable hearts which ultimately will outlive the walls that fear and prejudice erect against it.'

– Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ



QR Codes - Mandatory use of the Victorian Government QR Code Service: from 28th May, 2021. All parishes, like so many

other venues and businesses, are required to use this service. Once again we're being asked to adapt. Manual record keeping is no longer deemed acceptable as the first, or preferred option. Wherever possible, you are strongly encouraged to utilise the **TryBooking** platform to book in,:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

...if you have a capable digital device, to utilise the **Service Victoria App** to register your attendance via **our QR code**, as you're asked to do at other venues. Digital record keeping is proving vital to efficient contact tracing.