

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom
1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
8:7. 9. 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ
has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark
5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them,

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B 26th / 27th June, 2021



In last Sunday's gospel Jesus has manifested the power of God over the demonic forces of the Sea, in these two miracles he manifests God's power over death – both social death in the cultural taboos that cut the woman off from her community, and physical death. Notice the importance of faith in both stories. The woman's desperation and faith in Jesus brings her into the crowd and gives her courage to reach out and touch this man. Jairus also is told not to believe the words of others but to have faith in Jesus' words.

By the time of the Gospel, Mark's community no longer has the presence of Jesus of Nazareth in the same way as the disciples. They, like us, are called to have faith in what appears to be Jesus' absence. The Gospel affirms that in spite of appearances the word of Jesus is powerful, and is a word of life.

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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.

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**
26th / 27th June, 2021

PRAYING FOR:

Eduardo Oropeza, Kathleen Cerajo,
Sally-Ann Filgate
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Bishop Pierre Bach MEP, David Mulhall
....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>


OLA Staff News I'm pleased (*read: relieved*)
to announce, that this coming Wednesday,
we're welcoming Fatima De Ponte-Gill, to the
administrative staff of OLA, as she takes up the
role of Parish Secretary (Tuesday – Friday). I'd
invite you to extend a warm welcome to Fatima
when the opportunity arises, keeping in mind
that this needn't all happen in her first week! I'd
also like to take this opportunity to sincerely
thank Elizabeth Sebastian for her generosity,
filling in (*pro temp*) for the two days a week, i.e.
until we were able find someone for the four
days. Elizabeth is very happy to be resuming her
retirement, and in thanking her we wish her
every blessing, as she concludes her work in the
parish office this week. – Fr Alan

**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.

ACTIVITIES AT OLA – EXODUS HALL

 **Gentle Exercises & Tai Chi:** Classes
will resume Wednesday, 14th July. All
are welcome.

OLA Knitting Group meets at Exodus Hall
fortnightly on Tuesdays at 1.00pm.
 The next meeting is on 29th June.
All are welcome, and we look
forward to meeting new members.

Gospel reading continued from overleaf...

'Why all this commotion and crying?' The child is
not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So
he turned them all out and, taking with him the
child's father and mother and his own
companions, he went into the place where the
child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said
to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I
tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and
began to walk about, for she was twelve years old.
At this they were overcome with astonishment,
and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone
know about it, and told them to give her
something to eat.

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. 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;

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

 **QR Codes - Mandatory use of the
Victorian Government QR Code
Service:** We are required to use this

service. Wherever possible, to assist with the
management of numbers, given the current
restrictions in place, you are strongly
encouraged to utilise the **TryBooking**
platform: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

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