

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 2:2-5
The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News
to the poor.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B **3rd / 4th July, 2021**



We tend to think that Jesus was able to do everything he set out to do, that his ministry was super successful but today's Gospel shows us that Jesus too had his 'bad days'. After much success around Galilee Jesus goes home, but his own village does not give him a 'ticker-tape' welcome. No sign up saying 'Local boy makes good'. Instead, the very fact that he is a local is an obstacle. Can't you hear them say, 'He can't be that special, I was better than him in Hebrew classes!' So this village missed out. No miracles there. The text doesn't say 'Jesus would not work any miracle there', but that 'he could not'. The lack of openness and scepticism of these villagers blocked God's power in Jesus' life. They didn't want God in the form of Jesus, the son of Mary and Joseph; they wanted something more special. Jesus was just too ordinary, too familiar to them to be taken seriously.

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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:

... all who died recently.

We also remember:

Bill Libbis, Edward Driscoll, Harold George,
Moli Bukasongo, Jesse Bird, June McKinnon,
Pat McCannon, Nellie Andrews, Mick Sullivan,
Gumersindo Nombrado, John Crowe,

....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 #37: 23rd 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.

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

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 13th July. All are welcome, and we look forward to meeting new members.



This weekend Catholic Mission invites you to support the Church-run mission programs such as the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through its annual Catholic Mission Appeal. Please consider giving generously to help continue this life-giving program by using the Appeal Envelope, visiting the Catholic Mission website: catholicmission.org.au/thailand, or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. On behalf of those Catholic Mission support, thank you.



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.

The Church Continues Fight For A Fair Minimum Wage

Many people – even people in full-time employment – can work hard, yet still struggle to provide for their families. The Church employs more than 220,000 people across Australia, so it has an important role in this debate as both a substantial employer and a Church with concern for the most vulnerable. The Australian Catholic Bishops, through the Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations (ACCER) has made submissions to national wage cases for decades. The Church believes workers have a right to wages that will support themselves and their families to a dignified standard of living. To read more go to: melbournecatholic.org/news/church-continues-fight-for-a-fair-minimum-wage