

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Amos 7:12-15
Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-10
Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made

in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 6:7-13
Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B **10th / 11th July, 2021**



The gospel recounts the first missionary venture of the Twelve. Although they are given the power to drive out unclean spirits, it is quite clear that they can only do this through the authority of Jesus. They are initiated into the mission of Jesus and they must participate in it in a truly self-sacrificing manner. They are directed to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick. Since the presence of demons and the diminishment caused by illness were considered concrete evidence of the power of evil in the world, people believed that exorcisms and healings were victories of God's power that broke the bonds of evil. The reign of God is established in place of the reign of evil. Thus Jesus brings the Twelve into God's saving work.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9583 6161

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Bookkeeper: Ann Fitzgerald
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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:

Malcolm Lecky, Thomas Kearney,
Francis Walsh, Dahlia Petraitis, John Kenna
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Joe Halloran, Frances Murphy, Andrew Murphy,
Dennis Hobson, Juliano Fajic, Franjo Fajic,
Joanne Sharpe, Bill Roughsedge,

....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 #38: 7th July, 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.

ACTIVITIES AT OLA – EXODUS HALL

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

OLA Knitting Group meets at Exodus Hall
fortnightly on Tuesdays at
1.00pm. The next meeting is this
Tuesday 13th July. All are
welcome.

 **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.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND The
Church of God welcomes with great joy the
following children:

Jordan McColl, Zachary Walker,
Charlotte Doherty & Lachlan Burridge.

**KILBREDA COLLEGE, MENTONE
Past Pupils of Distinction Dinner 2021**
Friday 30th July commencing at 6.30pm.
\$60 per person include drinks and a 3 course
meal. Please secure your tickets by Monday
19th July 2021 at www.kilbreda.vic.edu.au

HEART OF LIFE 'Discernment Seminar'
via Zoom & in-person, 14 x Tuesdays,
9.15am-11am, 20th Jul – 16th Nov 2021.
This seminar focuses on the movements of
God's Spirit and spirits not-of-God in our
lives and in our ministries. Discernment of
spirits and discernment of God's will are
explored. The series is led by Dr Paul
Beirne, Director of Heart of Life Centre for
Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$450.
Book and pay via trybooking.com/BSUVX,
email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or
Phone (03) 9890 1101.

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