

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules

and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

17th / 18th July, 2021



This week's gospel paints a picture of success. Either the ministry of the apostles was quite effective, or Jesus' fame had spread abroad, or both, for the people came in such numbers that the missionaries withdrew from the crowds. The desert was not only a place of escape, it reminded the people of the formative period of their past, when in the desert God entered into covenant with them. A return to the desert was often a time of recommitment. Their departure did not deter the crowds; they followed them. Jesus was moved by the plight of the people, whom he saw as sheep without a shepherd. He knew that they followed him so eagerly because they were bereft of strong and dependable leadership. And so he began to teach them.

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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:

Mary Kate Seletto, Gwen Wilson,
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Tom Whitelaw, Josip Mandic, Len Evans,
Patrick Moran,
....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 #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
run every Wednesday at 10.00am.
All are welcome.

OLA Knitting Group meets at Exodus Hall
fortnightly on Tuesdays at
1.00pm. The next meeting will be
Tuesday 27th 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

Postponed due to the current lockdown

**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 Tel:
9890 1101.

SPIRITUALITY & SCREEN IMAGES

Reflection Day Sat 31st July, 2021, 12.30pm-
5pm at Heart of Life, Malvern. This day is led
by well-known movie reviewer Fr Peter
Malone MSC, at the Heart of Life Centre for
Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Kildara
Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost
\$60 (afternoon tea provided). Book & pay via
heartoflife.melbourne, Tel: 9890 1101 or email:
secretary@heartoflife.melbourne

**THE MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE
CENTRE OPEN DAY** Saturday 7th August

and **Feast Day Mass** to celebrate **St Mary
of the Cross** – the Open Day will include
Mass in the Chapel celebrated by Fr Peter
Malone MSC, recognising the Feast day of
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. For those
unable to attend, the Mass will be live
streamed and there will be virtual tours of
the Heritage Centre. For more information,
please visit: mmhc.org.au