

FIRST READING

**A reading from the second book of the Kings
4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/: The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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 John 6:1-15**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B
24th / 25th July, 2021

'World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly'



The power of Jesus had a mesmerising effect on the crowds. They followed him from place to place. However, they did this less out of faith than out of the hope that they might witness the performance of some marvel. Jesus took the barley loaves (note the link with the Feast of Unleavened Bread), gave thanks (eucharist ), distributed them, and then did the same with the fish. The Eucharistic allusions here are obvious. Once again the crowds were overwhelmed by Jesus. They had followed him to the other side of the lake in order to witness his exceptional power. They were not disappointed. However, they now recognise him as more than a wonder-worker. He is the long-awaited prophet like Moses (cf. Deut 15:18), the one who would usher in the messianic age.

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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:

Manfred Morys, Mario De Gregorio,
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Arthur Goepfert, Sheila Fury,
Colleen Barrett,

...and all whose anniversaries occur about
this time.

...and we keep in our prayers all who
are unwell.



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 #40: 20th 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.

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

ACTIVITIES AT OLA – EXODUS HALL



Gentle Exercises and Tai Chi:
Classes run every Wednesday at
10.00am. All are welcome.

OLA KNITTING GROUP meets at Exodus
Hall fortnightly on Tuesdays at 1pm.
Due to the current lockdown the next
scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday
10th August. All are most welcome.


BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND Due to the
current lockdown, this week's Baptisms
have been postponed.

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY In January this year, Pope Francis announced a new annual celebration: 'World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly', to be celebrated on the **fourth Sunday in July**, close to the feast of Sts Joachim & Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (26th July). Pope Francis writes about the 'gift of old age' and reminds us to never forget the elderly. For more information and links to more information & resources, visit: melbournecatholic.org/news/the-gift-of-growing-old

SPIRITUALITY & SCREEN IMAGES

Reflection Day Saturday 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, T: 9890 1101 or email:
secretary@heartoflife.melbourne

HEART OF LIFE – is offering an 'At-home
Retreat – Moments that are Grace'.
Commencing 3rd August and concluding on
31st August. This 'at-home' retreat, invites you
to spend some time in prayer at home each day
pondering your experiences of the day, and to
be accompanied by a retreat-companion on
how God might have been present for you.
T: 9890 1101 or E: info@heartoflife.melbourne, by
28th July 2021.

 **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.