

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021



*The initial exchange between Jesus and the rich man raises the question: Can one gain eternal life, or is it a gift from God? This is an honest and upright man, one who has been observant from his youth, but who realises that there is still something missing in his life. Even the righteous find it difficult to respond to the radical demands of discipleship. Nowhere does Jesus say that wealth is bad. In fact, riches were considered an indication of divine favour and a reward for piety. Jesus is claiming that they can be a diversion from the real goal of life, a hindrance to entrance into the reign of God. Jesus admits that this is a hard saying.*

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#### MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT

##### SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:

- currently suspended

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: currently suspended

Please direct all enquiries for the Sacrament of Baptism to the Office: 9583 6161.

#### WEDDINGS:

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.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

### PRAYING FOR:

Livia Polgar, Bill Clark, Fr Noel Oliver

...and all who died recently.

### We also remember:

Brian Hodgson,

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

...and we keep in our prayers all who are currently 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:

<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 #49: 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021) are available online at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

**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>

**LIFE, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY** This Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrate 'Life, Marriage and Family Sunday' throughout the Archdiocese and, in doing so, recognise and give thanks for the central role marriage and family play in building flourishing homes, parishes and societies.



**OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY** Maree Holmes (OLA) and Mila Rivera (St Agnes') have kindly agreed to lead the Rosary, via Zoom, across our two parishes. **Rosary will be recited from 8pm–9pm each Thursday of October.** To join the weekly Rosary, via Zoom, navigate to:

<https://zoom.us/j/99276978176?pwd=aWRhRGxkZkRxbTkvbmU0YjZjM05Ndz09>

Meeting ID: 992 7697 8176

Passcode: 888589



### CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE is offering the unit:

'Christian Faith and World Religions: Inter-religious Dialogue in Australia'. This unit is designed for all who wish to contribute in a practical way to the multi-faith and multi-cultural society which Australia has become. If you are interested in finding out more, we are offering a free information session on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7.00pm – 7.30pm.** To register please visit the following website: [divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfuyorzsiGtGBjOis8utrDbWvjMe\\_fWR](https://divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfuyorzsiGtGBjOis8utrDbWvjMe_fWR)



**POSTPONEMENT OF THE OLA PARISH FETE 2021** – Sadly, due to all the enduring restrictions, the OLA Parish Fete for 2021 has had to be postponed, with a new date, to be advised, for 2022. Many were so looking forward to bringing our community together and hosting a huge event for our families. For those who are already crafting, propagating plants, and securing donated goods, please know your efforts will not go to waste. Anything you have made will be gladly utilised at the rescheduled 2022 Fete.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** 'That Catholic Shop' is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse *That Catholic Shop's* full range visit: [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com)

### LOCKDOWN LIGHT – Podcasts for Christian living: The irreplaceable role of parents:

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role to protect and provide we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here:

<http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a>

**Getting to know your Bible: Understanding Mary in the Bible - Getting Started:** Why do Catholics call Mary their mother? Isn't it taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? On the contrary, in this video, Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. To view navigate to:

[bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6](http://bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6)

**Going Deeper:** How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant – the dwelling place of the Lord on earth. To view visit:

<http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6>

**RENTAL ACCOMMODATION** - 2 Bedroom Unit with a large single garage in Jean Street, Cheltenham. Close to public transport and Southland Shopping Centre. \$410 per week. Contact Geraldine on 0434 528 265 for further information