

FIRST READING

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
31:7-9**

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/: The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews 5:1-6**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done
away with death, and brought us life
through his gospel.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark 10:46-52**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

*We walk by
faith
not by sight*

Mark 10:46-52

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

23rd / 24th October, 2021



The account of the healing of a blind man is also a call narrative, for the man interprets Jesus' words in this way. When he hears that it is Jesus of Nazareth who is passing by him, he identifies Jesus as a descendant of David and the long-awaited one who would fulfil religious and political expectations. When Jesus called for him, he threw his cloak aside, leaving behind the alms he had already collected as well as his life of begging. The man who was blind had eyes of faith and he acted on this faith, publicly proclaiming it. As a consequence of his profession, Jesus tells him that it is this faith that gave him his sight. In his eagerness to respond to Jesus' call, he had already left everything. Having been cured, he now follows Jesus.

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:

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:

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B 23rd & 24th October, 2021

PRAYING FOR:

Teresa Anthony, Renato Pelayo,
Mary Bennett, John McFall,

...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

June Rigby, Francisco Garcia,
Elisea Garcia, Isabella Rivera (stillborn),
Max Thomas

....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:

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 #51: 20th October 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>

WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE NOW RESUMED FOR FULLY VACCINATED ATTENDEES Limit of **20** applies. To book in for Masses go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

2021 Knox Public Lecture will be delivered online by Professor Eleanor Bourke, Chair of the Victorian Yoorrook Truth Telling Commission.

She will speak on the aims and work of the Yoorrook Justice Commission, the first formal truth-telling process into injustices experienced by First Peoples in Victoria on **Thursday 4th November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm**. For bookings and further information visit: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture
Email Enquiries: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Tel.: 9412 3333.



Week 8 (Final Week): Podcasts for Christian living: Parenting Teens: In this podcast, well known Catholic speaker Jason Evert discusses how to keep an open and ongoing dialogue with your children around topics related to love, dating and other serious issues as well as tips for internet and phone safety. To listen visit:

bit.ly/ChristianLiving8

Getting to know your Bible: The Acts of the Apostles – The Church Begins Getting Started: In this interesting video introduction to the Book of Acts, The Bible Project provides an overview of Pentecost and the beginning of the early Church. To view visit:

bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted8

Going Deeper: In this video Bishop Barron speaks about the spread of the Gospel during the early Church, challenging us to share in the same work as St Paul and the early Apostles in proclaiming the message of Jesus to the world. To view visit:

bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper8



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=aWRhRGxkZkRxbTkvbmU0Y3c3M05Ndz09>

Meeting ID: 992 7697 8176

Passcode: 888589



QR CODES - Mandatory use of the Victorian Government QR Code Service: We are required to

use this service. As we begin to open up from our months of lockdown, and permitted to gather albeit in restricted numbers for our liturgical celebrations, you're asked to use the **Service Victoria App** on a capable digital device, to register your attendance via **our location specific QR codes**, just as you're asked to do at other venues. This service enables more effective contact tracing, and verifies a person's vaccination status. This app, once configured correctly, will display both a confirmation of one's check-in to our places of worship, and a link to a person's COVID-19 Digital Certificate, as proof of their vaccination.



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