

FIRST READING

A reading from the First Book of the Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he

would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

6th / 7th November, 2021



In the gospel, Jesus condemns ostentation. Some men wore religious robes in public, hoping that people would consider them prayerful. Others sought the most important seats in the synagogue or at banquets. Still others made sure that their temple offerings were acknowledged. In contrast to this, Jesus pointed out the offering of a poor widow. She offered the smallest coins in circulation at that time, but she gave out of the generosity of her heart. Jesus spoke of the source of the offering. The wealthy donated from their surplus, what they did not need. The woman gave what she herself needed. Her total giving implied absolute trust in God. The passage that opened with a condemnation of the false piety of the unscrupulous, closes with praise of the genuine piety of the simple.

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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
Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

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.

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B
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PRAYING FOR:

Marie Dunne, Maria Contrabona,
Caterina Columbrina, Fr Joe Doyle,
Lorna Exton, Peter Carroll, Robert Cox

...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Lorna Melia, Nataschia Iacovelli

....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 #52: 26th 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>

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS Please note:
from Monday 8th November, OLA Parish Office
will be open on Mon., Tues. Thurs. & Fri. from
9am – 3.30pm and Wed. 9.45am – 12 Noon.

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT
OLA & ST AGNES':** Over the next few weeks
we will be celebrating the Sacraments of
Confirmation and First Eucharist.. Please keep our
young candidates in your prayers over this time.

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME
Forum for Parishes:** Inviting a personal and
parish response, on **Tuesday 16th November
2021 from 7.30 – 9pm.** You are invited to
this free online forum on Pope Francis'
encyclical letter *Laudato Si: On Care for our
Common Home*, to strengthen care for the
Earth and the Poor. The forum will be
presented by the Care for our Common Home
Group of St Agnes' and Our Lady of the
Assumption Parishes, with the Justice and
Peace Group of St Dominic's Parish,
Camberwell. For more information and to
register visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUWFP>



OLA KNITTING GROUP
meets at Exodus Hall fortnightly
on Tuesdays at 1.00pm. The next
meeting is on 9th November. All
are welcome, and we look forward to
meeting new members.



**MARY MACKILLOP
HERITAGE CENTRE
'Cuppa with Mary' -
MMHC is reopening on
Monday 8th November 2021 from 9am -5pm.**
Come visit the Museum that tells Mary's, and
the Sisters of St Joseph's story, and do a
walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage
trail including Mary's place of birth. Special
times have been set aside for Parish groups to
have a 'Cuppa with Mary' which includes a
presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the
Chapel where Mary prayed. Cost is \$20 per
person. For group bookings contact Kate on
Tel: 9926 9300.

**THE FULL MASS TIMETABLE HAS
BEEN REINSTATED** Based on the DQ4
restriction, **St Agnes'** church is limited to **150**
fully-vaccinated people, and **OLA** church is
limited to **175**. **Bookings are essential for the
Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

With the upward revision of numbers, bookings
are no longer necessary for weekday Masses.

**CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF
MELBOURNE** Peter A. Comensoli, invites
you to the online launch of Greg Craven's
latest book, **Shadow of the Cross** in which he
argues that Catholic social teaching remains
an important resource for addressing the
challenges of Australian politics. The launch
features former prime ministers Kevin Rudd
and Tony Abbott. **Thursday, 18th November
2021 from 8.00pm – 9.30pm.** To register go
to: [melbournecatholic.org/events/book-launch-
shadow-of-the-cross](http://melbournecatholic.org/events/book-launch-shadow-of-the-cross)



**QR CODES - Mandatory use of
the Victorian Government QR
Code Service:** We are required
to use this service. As we 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 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.



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Australians about the suffering Church? If
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