

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel 12:1-3

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/: Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before
the Son of Man.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. ‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

13th / 14th November, 2021



The whole of chapter 13 in the Gospel of Mark is devoted to a discourse about the future. In the section preceding this week's passage, Jesus has foretold the destruction of the Temple and the fall of Jerusalem. He has also predicted war on a massive scale and the persecution of his followers. Now, in this passage, Jesus predicts the return of the Son of Man and the fulfilment of the kingdom of God. Why does the gospel include such an extended description of the collapse of the world as it was? Because that's exactly what was going on around the community of this gospel writer! This gospel is understood to have been written somewhere in the period 70-75 CE. In the year 70 CE the city of Jerusalem was besieged by Roman troops who stormed the city and destroyed it. As a sign of complete disdain for the people of Jerusalem and a mark of overwhelming victory, the Romans burnt and completely destroyed the Temple in the heart of Jerusalem. For the entire Jewish community, this was absolute devastation. The destruction of the Temple surely marked the coming of the end times – the day of judgment and completion of this world.

The community gathered around this gospel writer were no less affected. In the midst of this despair and fear, the followers of Jesus are challenged to remember the teachings of the one they follow. This passage is written for them as an encouragement to not give up in the face of what appears to be overwhelming odds. It is a call to hope.

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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:

Contact 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B 13th & 14th November, 2021

PRAYING FOR:

Sylvia Nicholls,

...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Geoffrey Miller, William Bywaters,
Thomas Cronin, Allan Fry, Peter Wallis,
Eileen Charters, Geraldine Grimes.

....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>

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT
OLA & ST AGNES':** We continue to keep in our
prayers our young candidates who are celebrating
their reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation
and First Eucharist over these few weeks.

WELCOME BACK TO OLA COUNTERS

We are 'up and running', so would you please
check your rosters. We would also appreciate
quite a few more counting volunteers. Please
contact John Tetteroo on: 9583 4628 if you
could possibly help out. Thank you.

ARCHBISHOP PETER A. COMENSOLI,
has written to all members of the Catholic
community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne
expressing grave concerns about the State
Government's proposed new legislation, the
*Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions)
Amendment Bill 2021*. Archbishop Comensoli
writes, 'I do not believe it is in anyone's interest in
the long term for a secular power to make such a
determination for religious organisations. The
role or importance of faith in a faith-based
organisation cannot be relegated to a bureaucrat
or a secular court.' Download the letter here:
melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/9Nov21_Letter-to-the-People-and-Clergy-of-Melbourne_2021-11-09-064747_qlcq.pdf



As part of a two-year process
culminating in the Synod of Bishops
gathering in Rome in October 2023
the Church in Melbourne joins the
rest of the world in embarking on an intentional
process of mutual listening that will span two
years and engage people in a journey of
communion, participation and mission. Please
join in the diocesan consultation sessions being
held in the coming week: **Discernment Focus:
Mission Tuesday November 23rd, 2pm –
3.30pm & Thursday November 25th, 7.30 –
9pm** (repeated sessions) Sessions will be hosted
online (via zoom) and registration is essential:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXX> To learn more or
provide an individual submission, visit the
Melbourne Catholic Website Synodality page.

OLA KNITTING GROUP meets at
Exodus Hall on Tuesdays at
1.00pm. The next meeting is on
16th November 2021. All are
welcome, and we look forward
to meeting new members. **Please note:** The
Knitting group will be holding a stall on
**Sunday, 21st November 2021 before and
after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses.** Rugs
are all half price. All proceeds go to St
Vincent de Paul.



**MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE
CENTRE - 'Advent with Mary
MacKillop'** The Education Team
at MMHC will be delivering an
online Advent reflection program
consisting of 4 one-hour sessions that will
be held on **Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm on
24th November and the 1st, 8th and 15th
December.** The sessions will be based on
the Advent readings and will be combined
with reflections on St Mary of the Cross.
Each session will incorporate aspects of the
program *Blessed*. To register please visit:
mmhc.org.au/advent-with-mary-mackillop/ Access
to sessions will be via a Teams link provided
by MMHC after registering, where
participants would be able to join using a
computer, tablet or smart phone. Please also
consider donating \$7.50 per session or \$25
for the 4 sessions.



**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 vaccination.