

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he
who inherits the kingdom
of David our Father;
blessed is he
who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – YEAR B

20th / 21st November, 2021



The kingship of Jesus is the subject of Pilate's interrogation. 'King of the Jews' was a messianic title of the descendant of David who would inaugurate the reign of God. The Jewish leaders considered Jesus' messianic claim blasphemous. The title made political claims that challenged the absolute authority of Roman control. From the perspective of the Roman occupiers, such revolutionary contentions were dangerous. Jesus is asked: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answers: 'Yes and No!' His kingdom is not of this world. It does not belong to it. However, it is in the world. Both the Jewish leaders and the Roman officials had reason to be concerned about Jesus' claims. Though not of this world, his kingdom would indeed challenge both religious messianic expectations and the political powers of this world.

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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 SERVICE (resumes 6th Dec.)
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Bishop Bill Wright
(Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle),

...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Graciela Alvarez, Marie Malane,
Charles Farrugia, Jane Farrugia,
Cecil D'Souza

....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.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS: General Guidelines from the Archdiocese (Update #53: 18th November 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>

WELCOME NEWS: With the easing of COVID restrictions, i.e. the removal of both density quotients and caps on numbers, bookings for Masses are no longer necessary.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT OLA & ST AGNES': We continue to keep in our prayers all our young candidates who are celebrating their reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist during this time.

FATHERS DAY APPEAL 2021 As COVID restrictions prevented us from gathering for Masses on the first Sunday of September, 'Fathers Day', the annual appeal in support of the Priests Retirement Foundation did not take place. Support for our retired priests remains crucial and so all parishes have been asked to reschedule this collection a.s.a.p. We have rescheduled the appeal for next weekend, **27th/28th November**. Envelopes are available, and all donations of \$2+ are tax-deductable. Thank you to those who have already donated via the appeal envelope included with the sets of Thanksgiving envelopes.

OLA KNITTING GROUP meets at Exodus Hall fortnightly on Tuesdays at 1.00pm. The next meeting is on 23rd November 2021.

Please note: The Knitting group are holding a stall **before and after 9am and 11am Masses** this weekend. Rugs are all half price. All proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul.



QR CODES - Mandatory use of the Victorian Government QR Code Service continues: We are still required to use this service. As we gather for our liturgical celebrations, you're asked to use the **Service Victoria App** on a capable digital device, to register your attendance 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.



BAPTISMS: Congratulations to **Lilly Engert, Flynn Engert, Autumn Ward, Cooper Reay, Rose Frukhtman, Alexander Frukhtman & Matthew Frukhtman**, who are being formally received into God's Church through the Sacrament of Baptism, this weekend.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE" Next weekend you will see our "Giving Tree" as you enter the Church. Although we can provide Food Hampers to needy families in a COVID-safe manner, collecting and distributing toys for the children involves greater risk and will be avoided. Instead, we will be adding Retailers' Gift Cards to help parents purchase toys of their choice. Next week, if you wish to help, there will be envelopes (not stars) to collect, showing the age/gender of each child. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFTS Christmas Cards in support of Caritas' work with the world's most vulnerable, can be ordered online at: www.globalgifts.org.au



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.