

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

Mon 27th Dec, 2021 to Sun 2nd Jan, 2022

Mon 27th St John, apostle, evangelist
Tue 28th The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Sat 1st Mary, Holy Mother of God
Sun 2nd The Epiphany of the Lord

Mon 3rd Jan to Sun 9th Jan, 2022

Fri 7th St Raymond of Penyafort, priest
Sun 9th The Baptism of the Lord

Mon 10th Jan to Sun 16th Jan, 2022

Thu 13th St Hilary, bishop, doctor
Sun 16th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 17th Jan to Sun 23rd Jan, 2022

Thu 20th St Fabian, pope, martyr
St Sebastian, martyr
Fri 21st St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Sat 22nd St Vincent, deacon, martyr
Sun 23rd 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 #55: 23rd December 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>

Dear Parishioners of OLA & St Agnes',

Another year nears its end, another most extraordinary year, it must be said, and we ask once again, 'Where has the year gone!' I thank you most sincerely for your continued support, in so many ways, throughout 2021. I'm very blessed to call two parish communities home.

I think of the many liturgical and pastoral events of this last year and I'm aware of many significant and challenging times we've known as individuals and families. For some there has been the gift of new life, and others the sorrow that accompanies bereavement.

We've prayed for many who were sick, some who are now doing well, others who continue to struggle, some who have gone to their rest. Our parishes are, in the true sense of the word, communities that share these highs and lows, these joys and sorrows.

Thank God we can continue to find the courage and conviction to be the Body of Christ, the Church, the ongoing presence of God's Son, empowered with God's Holy Spirit, in these challenging times. Because, as followers of Christ, we are not simply called to be 'a people in whom Christ is present', rather, we are, above all, to be 'a people in whom Christ is recognised'.

On behalf of the administrative and pastoral staff I'd like to thank you for all your Christmas cards, emails and gifts, and offer you our sincere best wishes for Christmas and 2022. May this Christmas be a joyous one, savouring the opportunities we have to gather as families and friends, thanking God for all the blessings we've come to know, including, above all, the gift of His Son, the One whom we remember, at this time, as the little babe of Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

May God bless you and your families, in this holy season.

– Fr Alan

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**Weekends of 25th / 26th December, 2021
– 22nd / 23rd January, 2022 (inclusive)**

*Merry
Christmas
& Happy New Year*

Readings for this liturgical year are from Year C

To view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit:
<https://www.universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/>

26th December, 2021 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

Readings: - 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52.

Saturday, 1st January, 2022 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (9am Mass - OLA)

Readings - Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21.

2nd January, 2022 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.

8th /9th January, 2022 – The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22.

15th / 16th January, 2022 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11.

22nd / 23rd January, 2022 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21.

PARISH PRIEST: CHELTENHAM / HIGHTT
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9583 6161
Mon., Tues. Thurs. & Fri. 9am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 9.45am – 12 noon
Parish Secretary: Fatima De Ponte-Gill
Accountant: Maureen Ryan

OUR SCHOOLS:
Our Lady of the Assumption 9584 9488
Principal: Mr Richard Jacques
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St Agnes' Primary School 9532 0344
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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHTT
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
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Wednesday 9:45 am
Saturday 9.30 am
i.e. following Mass (COVID-safe protocols apply)

BAPTISMS:
Contact the Parish 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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RECENTLY DECEASED...

Sr Catherine Donovan R SJ

*And all those who have died recently
and those whose anniversaries
occur around this time.*

† ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH †

Week beginning: Sun. 26th December, 2021
Manuel Wink, Sr Eugenie Zimaris FMM, Malcolm Davidson, Kathleen Hollier, Philip Dunne, Robin (Bob) Sharpe, Alma Hardman, Seb Faulkner,.

Week beginning: Sun. 2nd January, 2022
Sr Margaret Kenny, Mai Molloy, John Whitehouse, Margaret Whitehouse, Basil Kitto, Annie Smiles, Vincent Oswald, Dennis Alderton, Bonnie (David) Jackson.

Week beginning: Sun. 9th January, 2022
Cornelio Rovira, Constance Brooks, Barbara Callaghan, Kathleen Fowler, Bernie Duffy, Ellen Melia, John Shanley, Len Rodgers.

Week beginning: Sun. 16th January, 2022
Len Mc Inerney, Kevin Andrews, Mick Johnston.

Week beginning: Sun. 23rd January, 2022
Tom Smith, Mary Andrews, Holly Grace Brennan, Lucy Abrami.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS / JANUARY PERIOD

The Parish Office will close on Friday 24th December, and re-open on Monday 10th January 2022. Should you need to get in touch please telephone the Presbytery on: 9555 3557

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the closure of the Parish Office, and the observances of Public Holidays on Monday 27th December and Monday 3rd January, there will be **No Communion Service** on either of these Mondays.

NEW YEARS DAY MASS

Saturday 1st January, 2022 - Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, at 9am



May we live 2022...

Compassionate of heart,
Clear in word,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love,
With Jesus at our side.

(Adapted from John O'Donohue,
Benedictus, p.26)



QR CODES - Mandatory use of the Victorian Government QR Code Service continues: We are still required to use this service. 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. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



VOLUNTEERING IN 2022: We are seeking volunteers in 2022 to assist with the Baptismal Program across both our parishes, and anyone willing to assist with the Sacramental Program for young parishioners at schools other than our parish schools. If you can assist, please contact the Parish Office. A reminder to all parishioners from OLA and St Agnes: in order for our parishes to comply with Child Safety Standards, it is important that **every volunteer** has a current **Working with Children Check**. When updating your details on the website, please indicate which parish you are volunteering for. For more information visit:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Thank you again for all your support.



HEART OF LIFE - Are you a Spiritual Leader? The Spiritual Leaders Program is an online (via Zoom) one-year, part-time program and will be a mix of selected **Thursday evenings, Saturdays, and a 3-day Intensive**. It is suitable for people in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, such as priests, ministers, members of religious orders, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in **March 2022**, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. **The closing date for applications is 28th January 2022.** Places are limited. Apply to: **Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation**, in Malvern. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. For more information visit: www.heartoflife.melbourne or Tel: 03 9890 1101.