

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ I will sing of your salvation.

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect

and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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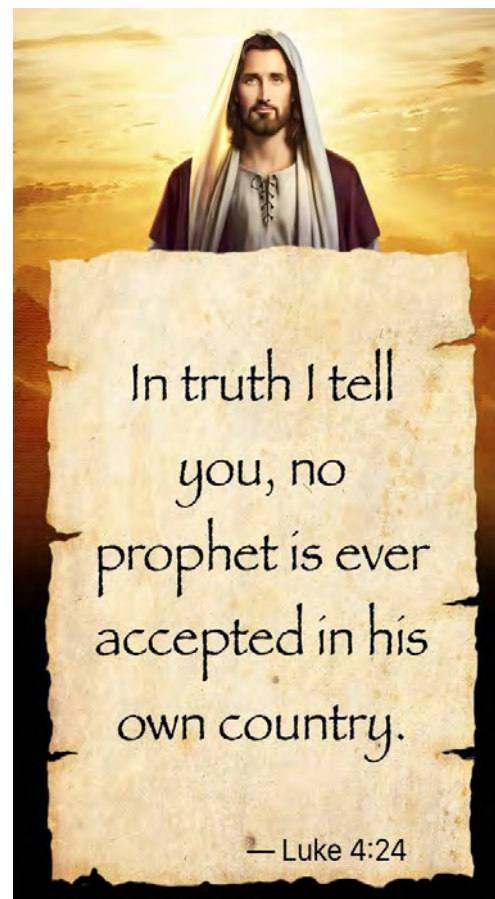
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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 29th / 30th January, 2022



**FOCUS ON THE WORD** In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

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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  
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.

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

#### PRAYING FOR:

Bruna Kinkela, Moya Milesi, James Lee,  
Fr Noel Mackay, Harry Joyce,  
Annette Clarke, Norma Moloney,  
*...and all who died recently.*

#### WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Joe Ingles, Antonio Cesario,  
Dorothy Longmuir, Patricia Longmuir,  
*....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  
2021 to Christ the King 2022 are taken from  
Year C 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](http://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 #55: 23<sup>rd</sup> 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>



**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.*

**INVITATION TO AN ONLINE FORUM FOR PARISHES: IMPLEMENTING LAUDATO SI' – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 – 9.30pm** You are invited to this free online forum on Pope Francis' encyclical letter "Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home". The forum will consider models and resources available to parishes for implementing the Laudato Si' message. Three excellent speakers, Genevieve Mougey (Washington Archdiocese), Kerry Stone (Catholic Earthcare Parish Co-ordinator) and Jacqui Remond (Vatican Ecology Taskforce) will join us. The forum will be presented by the Justice and Peace Group of St Dominic's Parish, Camberwell, with the assistance of the Care for our Common Home Group, Parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, Cheltenham and St Agnes, Highett. For more information and to register for the forum, visit:

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

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION KNITTING GROUP** is restarting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The Group meets in the OLA Church Meeting Room at 1.00pm. All welcome.



**COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS**  
We are hoping that 'Communion to the Sick and the housebound will be able to resume shortly.

Current lists will be distributed to our team of volunteers in the next couple of weeks. If you know of anyone who is sick and unable to attend Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion at their place of residence, please contact the Office on 9583 6161. For more information please contact Chris Dunne via the Office, or on: 0415 150 688. Thank you to all who give of their time to this most valued ministry.



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST REFUGEE STUDENTS: MERCY CONNECT** Mercy Works

Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement. For more information visit:

[www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

**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.

