

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.


Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

 **QR CODES - Use of the Victorian Government QR Code Service continues:** You're asked to use the **Service Victoria App** on a capable digital device, to register your attendance at our churches. This app, once configured correctly, will confirm one's check-in to our places of worship. Thank you for both your understanding and your cooperation.

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 12th / 13th February, 2022



Jesus singles out four life situations that make people blessed. He then identifies their opposites and declares them as being woeful. The blessed are those who are poor, hungry, sorrowful, or persecuted, while the woeful ones are the rich, the satisfied, the joyful, the respected. Jesus has overturned the standards of this age and has established new standards, those of the reign of God. Perhaps the heart of this teaching is found in the last beatitude and the last woe. The followers of Jesus will be hated and marginalised and scorned; they will be like the prophets of old. Conversely, the disciples should be wary when they are accepted and esteemed; this could mean that they enjoy approval because they deliver a message that contains no call to conversion..

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OUR SCHOOLS:**Our Lady of the Assumption** 9584 9488

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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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C12th / 13th February, 2022**PRAYING FOR:**

Benigno Lapita, Margaret Lang,

...and all who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Brian Bluet, May Connelly, Jim Carew,

Daniel McGannon, Molly Sundberg,

Dolores Aviles, Osmund Robis,

....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

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>

**CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA 2022****CHAPLAINCY APPEAL**

This weekend the annual Chaplaincy Appeal will be taken up across the parishes of the Archdiocese. This special collection aids the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's love, mercy and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to those facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief, and death. Donations can be made using the envelopes available, alternatively via the CatholicCare website: catholiccarevic.org.au or phone: 9287 5513.

70 YEARS! This week **OLA Parish Primary School** celebrated the milestone of 70 years since the school's commencement at Cheltenham on 6th February, 1952. In charge were two Brigidine Sisters, Mother Mercedes, as Principal and teacher of older children, and Sr Brigida who taught Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2. The sisters, who lived at Kilbreda Convent in Mentone, caught the Melbourne bound train from Mentone to Cheltenham and then had a ten minute walk to school which was part of a vast empty paddock. It is exciting that the original building will be renovated this year, due to begin in March, and we look forward to its opening later in the year.

**LENTEN PROGRAMME 2022**

LENT Any parishioners interested in participating in this year's Lenten Programme, are asked to please indicate day and time preferences on the sign-up sheets available in our church foyers. For more information contact the Parish Office on: 9583 6161, or via email at: cheltenham@cam.org.au

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

If you're aware of anyone who is unwell, unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive Holy Communion at their place of residence, please contact Chris Dunne on: 0415 150 688, or via the Parish Office on: 9583 6161, for more information.



OLA KNITTING GROUP resumes this Tuesday 15th February, at 1.00pm, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



New members are most welcome.

BACK YOUR NEIGHBOUR The **BACK YOUR NEIGHBOUR** campaign is run by the 'Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum', a group of local councils and organisations from across the country who are speaking up for the more than 5000 people living without support, while their claims for refugee status are being processed. Some people have been waiting almost a decade for a final decision. Among the supporters of 'Back Your Neighbour' are: Kingston City Council, the Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum, the Jesuit Refugee Service and Jesuit Social Services. For more information, or to sign the online petition visit: backyouneighbour.com.au

INVITATION TO AN ONLINE FORUM FOR PARISHES: IMPLEMENTING LAUDATO SI'

Tuesday 8th 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>

FREE MULCH Following recent tree pruning around the North-Western perimeter of OLA school's recreation area, the contractors have left two sizeable mounds of mulch on the school oval. Please feel free to help yourselves to as much, or as little organic matter, as you'd like.