

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the first book of Samuel**  
26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord is kind and merciful.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**  
15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this

earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I give you a new commandment;**  
**love one another as I have loved you.**  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**  
6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

### 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2022



*The disciples are told to act toward their enemies in a way exactly opposite of which they themselves are treated; they are not to retaliate in kind. Their love should not be mere passive acceptance, but an active love. Four examples of such love are given. Whether attacked or insulted by a blow to the cheek, one must resist retaliation. This same extravagance is shown in one's willingness to surrender an undergarment when an outer cloak is taken. The disciples are told to give unquestioningly when asked and not to demand the return of items taken. Such behaviour may appear excessive, but it illustrates the extremes to which one must be willing to love enemies. Finally, the way the disciples treat others will be the standard for the way they are treated by God.*

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Email: [Alan.Fox@cam.org.au](mailto:Alan.Fox@cam.org.au)**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** 9583 6161

Mon., Tues. Thurs. &amp; Fri. 9am – 3.30pm

Wednesday 9.45am – 12 noon

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

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Email: [principal@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au)**St Agnes' Primary School** 9532 0344

Principal: Mr Lachlan Foott

Email: [foott@sahighett.catholic.edu.au](mailto:foott@sahighett.catholic.edu.au)**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.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**PRAYING FOR:**

Lucia Ficarra, Gaby Tanzimat, Carmela Del Rossi, Barry Stow,

*...and all who died recently.***WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Frank Shanley, (Michael) Bernard Dwyer, Jeanette Wicker, Ralph Evans,

Greta Widdicombe, Emir Nunes Moreira, Carlos Bianor Vilalba, Jacob Chacko,

William Wilson,

*....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](https://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 #55a: 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2022) 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>**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA 2022****CHAPLAINCY APPEAL Thank**

**you!** Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parishes. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or would like more information about Chaplaincy services please visit the CatholicCare website: [catholiccarevic.org.au](http://catholiccarevic.org.au) or phone: 9287 5513.

**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](mailto:cheltenham@cam.org.au)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022 - England,**

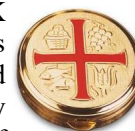
**Wales and Northern Ireland.** Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022, at 1.30pm, Beaumaris Uniting Church, Cnr. Gibbs Street and Dalgetty Road, Beaumaris. Afternoon tea provided. Covid: QR, Masks, Vaccinated. Enquiries: Wendy 0418 363 696.

**ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE** is

coming up on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. **Raffle tickets** will be on sale after Mass each Saturday and Sunday in the lead up to the fete. The organisers would be delighted for you to come up and say hello and purchase a raffle ticket or a book of tickets! Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> 65inch Hisense TV + \$500 Bunnings voucher; 2<sup>nd</sup> Verve photography package (\$1095); 3<sup>rd</sup> Wheelbarrow of wine and beer.

**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 OLA Office on: 9583 6161, for more information.

**ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OPEN DAYS****Mentone Campus** Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> March,**Bentleigh East Campus** Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> March,

Enrolments open to all Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2024. For bookings visit: [stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://stbedes.catholic.edu.au)

**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: [backyourneighbour.com.au](http://backyourneighbour.com.au)

**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: <http://www.trybooking.com/BVHTM>