

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:54-58**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6: 39-45**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

**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.

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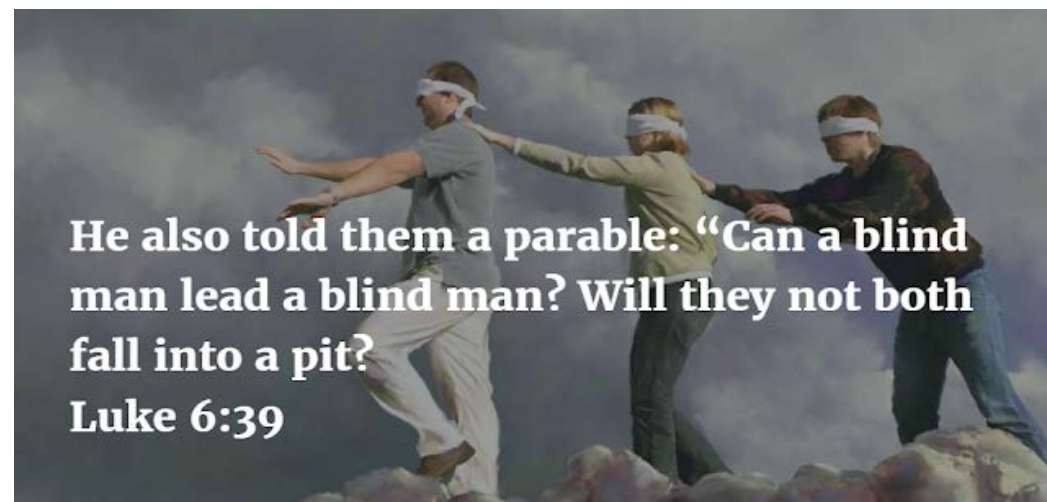
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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**



*Somewhat curiously and perhaps unnecessarily, since it was not an issue in Corinth, as for example in Galatia, Paul adds a passing shot at the Law. He seems to have always been on guard lest his converts from the Gentile (non-Jewish) world would be enticed to submit themselves to the practice of the Jewish law. In light of the paschal mystery Paul sees the law ranged on the side of the old era of sin and death that has been overtaken by God's action in Christ. Paul's long instruction about the resurrection ends on a strong note of encouragement. 'Keep on working', he says, 'at the Lord's work, knowing that in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.' Though so often we seem to be getting nowhere and are tempted to give up, the hope of resurrection means that nothing is valueless, nothing – even failure and seeming defeat – is wasted. It is all part of a great design in which the power of the risen Lord is at work in us, overcoming the forces of death and negativity to reclaim the universe for life and for humanity.*

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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

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**  
**OLA** 9.15AM  
**ST AGNES** 7.00PM

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

**BAPTISMS:** Contact 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.

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**  
26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

**PRAYING FOR:**

Ronaldo Leonardo, Stephen Exton,  
Rappai Thattil,

*...and all who died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Adam Wanless, Jack Holloway,  
Tom Duke, Kerry King, Clara Rappai,

*....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 #56: 24<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>

 **ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**  
**LENT** Lent begins this coming **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Masses will be celebrated at **9.15am at OLA Church**, and **7pm at St Agnes' Church**. We welcome Auxiliary Bishop Tony Ireland, who'll lead us in the 7pm Mass at St Agnes'.

**2022 LENTEN PROGRAMME** commences this Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. If you are unsure which group you are attending please contact Chris Dunne: 0415 150 688. The leader of each group has the booklets, and they can be purchased for \$8 each.



**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.



**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>

**PARISH CENSUS 2022** A parish census, across OLA and St Agnes' will be conducted at all Masses this, and next weekend, after the Homily. This will enable us to update both parishes' records – adding new members of our communities, and noting changes to addresses, emails, and phone numbers. Census cards and pencils will be placed at the end of the pews/seats prior to each Mass, and you are requested to return your completed cards and pencils to the designated baskets at the exits of our churches. Your support for this important process is very much appreciated.

- Fr Alan



After a long hiatus, **next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.

**OLA KNITTING GROUP** will meet in OLA Church meeting room on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1pm. All welcome. The upcoming **Knitting Stall** will be held at OLA on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April after 9am Mass.



**Caritas PROJECT COMPASSION AUSTRALIA 2022** Please consider taking home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season, and I doing so, help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **'For All Future Generations'**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



**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)