

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord is my light and my salvation

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:20a – 4:1

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear

friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud

the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

12th / 13th March, 2022



The gospel report includes the actual transfiguration of Jesus and the conversation between him and the two men from heaven. The symbolism in the account suggests that the significance of this event is less in its historicity than in its theological meaning. Both Moses and Elijah, the glorified men who represent the law and the prophets respectively, also had encounters with God on mountains. While he is in a glorified state, the men speak with Jesus of his imminent 'exodus'. Thus Jesus' death was not a tragic mistake, something that he was unable to avoid. Rather, it was known beforehand by those who represented the entire religious tradition of Israel. It will take the actual unfolding of the events of Jesus' death for the disciples to understand its meaning. Dianne Bergant CSA

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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 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.

Second Sunday of Lent- Year C
12th / 13th March, 2022

PRAYING FOR:
Kathleen Kealy, Ruby Edema, Paul Smiles,
...and all who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:
Salvatore Algeri, Doris Zahra,
Darren Edgar, Mary McGannon,
Gus Valent, Kit Martin, Gerald Lannan,
Edmund (Lou) Noone,
....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 #56: 24th 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>

 **ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE**
is coming up **next Saturday, 19th March:**
Locinda St, Highett, 10.00am – 3.00pm.
*Food & Market Stalls, Mini-Golf, Carnival Rides,
Trash & Treasure, Plants, Face Painting, Cakes,
Devonshire Tea, Live Entertainment, etc.* All
welcome. Come along and support St Agnes'
Parish Primary School.

**ST AGNES' PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPEN DAY** Come along any time **from 9am
on Wednesday 30th March**, for a tour and a
chat with our Principal: Lachie Foott.

 **Caritas PROJECT COMPASSION**
AUSTRALIA Please consider donating to
Project Compassion 2022 and help people
living with disabilities in India gain access to
education and clean water, empowering them
with skills to build a better future for all.
Together, we can help vulnerable
communities face their challenges today and
build a better tomorrow '*For All Future
Generations*'. You can donate through Project
Compassion donation boxes and envelopes
available from the church foyers, by visiting
lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PARISH CENSUS 2022 across St Agnes' and
OLA. If you missed out over the last couple of
weekends, please fill in a census card and put the
card in the box near the exits of our churches. This
will enable us to update both parishes' records –
adding new members of our communities, and
noting changes to addresses, emails, and phone
numbers. Thanks for your support. - Fr Alan

 **ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY**
Come along to the Bentleigh East
Campus on **Wednesday 16th March**
Enrolments now open to all Year 5
students who will be entering **Year 7 in 2024.**
For bookings visit: stbedes.catholic.edu.au

 **OLSH COLLEGE, BENTLEIGH**
Come along and join us for our **Open
Morning** on **Friday 18th March**, at
9.15am Now accepting enrolments for
Year 7 in 2024. Register at: olsh.vic.edu.au

 **SENIORS SOCIAL**
(formerly Seniors Group)
*...the New Normal ...a New
Name!* A cordial invitation
is extended to all seniors at
Calling All Seniors! OLA & St Agnes'. The
next Seniors Social meeting will take place on
**Monday, 21st March, 2022 from 10am –
1pm**, in the **Meeting Room at OLA Church.**
There are still places left for those interested
to join. **New seniors need to find their own
transport as we do not have transport
volunteers.** Consider Carpooling if you have
2-3 interested seniors.

Volunteers needed: Seniors Social need 2-3
volunteers to assist with the functions of the
day every second Monday – Enquiries and
enrolments: contact **Jill on: 0428 114 815** or
Christine on: 0415 150 688

OLA KNITTING GROUP next meets at OLA
Church Meeting Room on **Tuesday 15th March
at 1pm.** All are welcome.



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