

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of  
Deuteronomy

26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, (that is the faith we proclaim), is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough,

however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.

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king of endless glory!

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2022



*The account of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness connects Jesus with ancient Israel. The wilderness had been the place of Israel's testing (cf. Deut 8:2). This account shows that unlike that ancient people, Jesus did not fail his test. The length of Jesus' fasting also has ancient Israelite significance. The two men who represented Israel's law and prophets, Moses and Elijah respectively, fasted for forty days and forty nights. Moses fasted as he wrote the ten commandments on tablets of stone (cf. Exod 34:28). Elijah fasted as he walked to Horeb (cf. 1 Kgs 19:8). The temptations themselves occurred in three different places: the wilderness, on a high mountain; on the parapet of the temple in Jerusalem. In each instance, Jesus is challenged to prove that he is the Son of God. Jesus never directly addresses the question of his divine sonship, but he always shows himself to be faithful as Israel was not.*

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.

**First Sunday of Lent– Year C**  
5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

**PRAYING FOR:**

Margaret Bourke, Pat Sutherland,  
Kathleen Kealy, Anne Salamito

*...and all who died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Kevin Linehan,

*....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>



**ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**FETE** is coming up on Saturday  
19<sup>th</sup> March: 10am – 3pm.



**INVITATION TO AN ONLINE FORUM FOR PARISHES: IMPLEMENTING LAUDATO SI'** This **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 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 again this weekend. 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 are available, 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



**ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

**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)

**OLA & ST AGNES SENIORS GROUP**

**Where:** OLA meeting room

**When:** Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-1pm.

See flyer in church foyer for more information.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE**

Pick up your free copy in the church foyer.



After a long hiatus, **this 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.

**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.

