

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians Phil 3: 8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
For I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

HOLY WEEK 2022 TIMETABLE

Please see the Bulletin insert.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

2nd / 3rd April, 2022



There is hypocrisy in the actions of the scribes and Pharisees. These were the scholars of the Jewish Law, perhaps the equivalent of today's lawyers. Firstly, they only bring along one of the guilty parties, the woman, while the male partner is free from public condemnation. Secondly, their concern is not really with this woman. She is a pawn in their real purpose, which is to find something against Jesus. In this, they have no real respect for the Law they claim to uphold. And finally, as Jesus points out, they too are sinners. Why might this story be so important for the early Christian communities, so that even though there is uncertainty about its location there can be no doubt about its inclusion within the good news Jesus offers? Perhaps John's or Luke's community needed to be reminded that for all our Christian ideals and desires, we are all frail followers of Jesus, but sin is no barrier to discipleship. The only barrier is the despair that comes from self-condemnation and a failure to trust in God who refuses to condemn. Jesus does not condemn the woman even as he encourages going and striving to live without sin. As the journey of Lent moves to its end, let us place our confidence in the loving mercy of God.

Mary Coloe PBVM

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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent– Year C

2nd / 3rd April, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Fortunata Morabito, Concetta Cernaz,

Ted Melotte, Graeme Christopher

...and all who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Enrico Alba, Saverina De Gilio, Vera Grima,

Martin Piccolo, Filomena Perotte, Franjo Fajic,

Bruce Longmuir, Elsie Longmuir, Simo Dedic,

Mrika Dedic, Paule Celic & Mara Celic.

....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 #57: 11th March, 2022) are available online at: 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>

PROJECT COMPASSION  **Caritas AUSTRALIA**



Shaniella 23,

grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

ST AGNES' PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 27th April and **Wednesday 18th May.** Come along any time from **9am onwards** for a tour and a chat with our Principal: Lachie Foott.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

Concetta Cernaz: Funeral Mass for the late Mrs Concetta Cernaz will be celebrated on Tuesday 5th of April at 11.30am at St Agnes Church, Highett.

Fortunata Morabito: Funeral Mass for the late Mrs Fortunata Morabito will be celebrated on Wednesday 6th of April at 11.00am at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Cheltenham. Note: Rosary will be recited prior to the Funeral Mass at 10.30am.

HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTRIES / VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for the various liturgical roles from Palm Sunday through Holy Week to Easter Sunday, as readers, special ministers, commentators and PowerPoint operators. A Sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of the church.



You're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after both 9am & 11am Masses**, this weekend, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



SENIORS SOCIAL (formerly Seniors Group)

The next Seniors Social meeting will take place on **Monday 4th April** *Calling All Seniors!* from **10am – 1pm**, in the **Meeting Room at OLA Church.** Enquiries: Jill: 0428 114 815 or Christine: 0415 150 688

OLA CHOIR The OLA Choir is looking for new people to help us lead the singing on Good Friday afternoon and Easter Sunday morning. We are meeting at 10am on Sundays 3rd & 10th of April for a practice in the Church. Enquiries: Helen: 0432 866 039 or Tony: 0468 453 156



ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Mentone Campus
Wednesday 18th May, 2022

Bentleigh East Campus
Wednesday 1st June, 2022

Enrolments are open to all Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2024.

For bookings visit: stbedes.catholic.edu.au
Mentone Campus: 2 Mentone Parade, Mentone
Bentleigh East Campus: 156 Bignell Road, Bentleigh East. For further information contact: T: 9582 5999 E: stbedes@stbedes.catholic.edu.au



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
Don't forget!! Daylight Savings ends this Sunday 3rd April. We turn our clocks back 1 hour.