

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now

the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

Alleluia!,

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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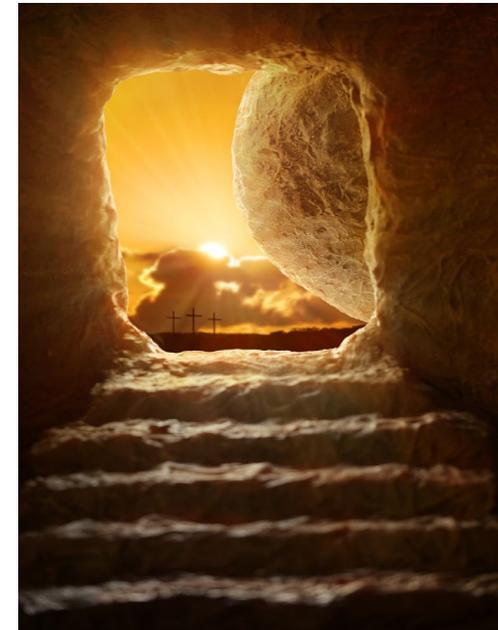
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EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR C 16th / 17th April, 2022



John's Easter story is closer to our real experience than many of the other Resurrection stories. Here we have no angels announcing 'He is raised'; no Jesus present to change sadness into joy. Resurrection is more subtle in this Gospel. Mary and Peter miss the signs. They remain locked in grief still carrying the painful burden of Golgotha. It is the disciple named 'beloved' who first experiences resurrection in his openness to believe in God's power to raise Jesus. Easter calls for faith. Those who know the loss and pain of death know too well the hard, long search to find signs of life. We don't experience a sudden glorious moment of life returned. Like the anonymous disciple, we often stay some time within the tomb before finding grace to turn and enter into life. Such grace is found in simple signs of a love that does endure. Perhaps this is why 'the beloved' disciple first reaches Easter faith.

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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.

Easter Sunday – Year C

16th / 17th April, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Sam Maccora, Susan Jordan

...and all who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

John Martin, Kathleen McPherson,

Mespke Ravu, Loata Ravu, Ildenfonso Chan,

Marie Catherine Dungan,

....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>



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.

THANKSGIVING/STEWARDSHIP Please note that those who contribute to their respective parish's Thanksgiving/Stewardship Programmes via envelopes, are asked to collect their sets of envelopes from the foyer of both St Agnes and OLA churches.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



THE ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY is offering a new

online training program for **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. These online classes start on the 27th April. For further information see our website

acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training

Alternatively you can contact the Centre on (02) 9701 4751 or email the Centre:

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May Christ, our Risen Saviour, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

Dear parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Agnes',

At the door of the tomb, the realm of death, the women hear an affirmation of life: 'He is not here, but he has been raised.' Echoing down through the centuries, this is the foundation of Christian belief, yet each Evangelist scores it with different notes.

From his initial proclamation at Nazareth until his death, Jesus is a prophet who brings God's word, but destined to be rejected, as were John and the prophets of old. His prophetic words are now fulfilled. Only after remembering these words do the women at the empty tomb become heralds of the resurrection. The enduring power of the words of Jesus reverberates through the resurrection appearances, as the risen Christ himself breaks open the Scriptures for his followers.

Resurrection faith today is not simply an affirmation of Jesus' victory over death and of his exaltation and enduring presence. It is a summons to return to the words and deeds of Jesus in the Gospel.

My sincere thanks to the many people that gave of their time and effort to our Holy Week liturgies. We can all appreciate that things don't just happen by themselves. It takes the generosity of a number of people to make possible the richness of our liturgical celebrations. Special thanks to our many Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, computer operators, singers and musicians, to those who cut down palm branches and decorated our churches, to those who assisted with the number of set-ups and clean-ups for our different liturgies.

I sincerely wish you, your families and all connected with our parish communities, a very happy and holy Easter.

– Fr Alan