

FIRST READING

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
13:14, 43-52**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
7:9, 14-7**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 10:27-30**

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

7th / 8th May, 2022

*Gracious God,
bless our mothers,
that their love may be
deep and tender,
and that their prayer for us,
their children,
will help us to
know and do what is good,
encouraging us to love You
and one another.*

Amen.



The characterisation of Jesus as the Good Shepherd points to the relationship Jesus has with those who follow him, as well as the relationship he has with God. The image of Jesus as shepherd implies intimate knowledge on the part of both Jesus and his followers and unquestioning trust on the part of the followers. Jesus promises that he will give eternal life to his sheep, and that he will not allow anyone to take them away from him. He can promise eternal life, because he has power over death. Jesus consistently calls God Father, the Trinitarian designation that signifies distinction in divine union. It is clear that all that Jesus says and does is the actual embodiment of God's will and not just behaviour that is in conformity with it. The shepherd who cares for the sheep is indeed one with God.

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Yr C
7th / 8th May, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Leo Manongdo, Katie Rocke, Judy Wood,
Maria Campbell, Gladys Van Arkadie,
Margaret Geri
...and all who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Frank Duffy, Rinaldo Cortese,
Tim Bukasongo, Michael McGannon,
MaryRose Heriot, Lorelle Walker,
Judy Ennis, Lucy Moloney, Frank Barrett
....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 #58: 22nd April, 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>

OLA THANKSGIVING / STEWARDSHIP
Please note that those who contribute to the
OLA Thanksgiving / Stewardship Programme
via envelopes, are asked to collect their set of
envelopes from the foyer of OLA church.

 **ST AGNES' PARISH PRIMARY
SCHOOL OPEN DAY Wednesday
18th May.** Come along any time from
9am for a tour and a chat with our Principal:
Lachie Foott.

 **OLA KNITTING GROUP** will
next meet this Tuesday 10th May at
1pm in the Church Meeting Room.
All are most welcome.

 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS**
Pope Francis writes:

*'There can be no greater joy than to
risk one's life for the Lord! I would
like to say this especially to you, the
young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's
call. If he calls you to follow this path,
do not pull your oars into the boat, but
trust him.'*

Let us pray for the young people in our
community, in our families and circle of friends.
May our prayers help them to be open to the
Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

For more information please visit the Catholic
Vocations website: www.vocationsmelbourne.org

UPCOMING FUNERALS (OLA Church)

Thursday 12th May at 11.30am
Maria Campbell (RIP)

Friday 13th May at 11am
Gladys Van Arkadie (RIP)

Tuesday 17th May at 11am
Margaret Geri (RIP)

**CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE and
CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL**



Your (tax deductible)
donation will support
the living arrangements
and education for the
Corpus Christi College
seminarians. Donate via:



ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal



**MASS TO COMMEMORATE
THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
DURING THE COVID
PANDEMIC 11am on Sunday 22nd May.** In
recognition of the significant impact of
COVID in our families and communities,
Archbishop Peter Comensoli will celebrate a
memorial Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral for
all those who have died during the COVID
pandemic and could not be mourned properly
due to pandemic restrictions.



Join us for Open Morning
Tuesday 17 May, 9.15am

Register now at www.olsh.vic.edu.au

Enrolments for Year 7 2024 close 19 August 2022