

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from

their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

gospel focus

God's Love

What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

14th / 15th May, 2022



“Love one
another:
just as I have
loved you.”

John 13:34

The small section of John 13 that we read this week lies at the heart of the Johannine Gospel message 'Love as I have loved'. To be a Christian is to live and to love, with Jesus as the measure of what life and love look like. The Gospel mentions Judas and if we are to understand what Jesus means by love we need to remember that up until this stage in the Gospel Judas has been present. He is one of Jesus' own who gather for his final meal. Judas has had his feet washed by Jesus and received from Jesus' hand the morsel of bread. Jesus willingly gives of himself even to one who will betray him. This is Jesus' definition of love – a giving of self even when that will not be reciprocated, even when that love will be rejected and betrayed.

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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 EASTER - Yr C 14th / 15th May, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Joan Owens, Margaret Geri,
Sr Yvonne Harte RSJ,

...and all who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Mary Roberts, Billie McKenzie,
Stephen Coulson, Vladimir Gazdik,
Malcolm Hogg, Enlogio Lucas,
Hilary Palman, Doreen Stevens,
Alexander Stevens

....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. For more information please
contact St Agnes' Primary School on 9532 0344.

 **OLA KNITTING GROUP** will next
meet on Tuesday 24th May at 1pm in
the Church Meeting Room. All are
most welcome.

UPCOMING FUNERALS (OLA Church)

Tuesday 17th May at 11.30am
Margaret Geri (RIP)

Thursday 19th May at 10.30am
Joan Owens (RIP)



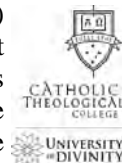
LAUDATO SI' WEEK (16-24 May) is a
celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical
Laudato Si' and a call to action for Catholics
around the world to care for our common
home. You can participate through prayer,
action and reflection with the new resources
for parishes, schools, organisations and
individuals created by the ACBC Office for
Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to:
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

THE ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT
continues this weekend and for the next 2 weeks.


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.

A banner for OLSH College Bentleigh. The top part has the college name and logo. Below is a photo of three young women in school uniforms. The bottom part has text: 'Join us for Open Morning Tuesday 17 May, 9.15am Register now at www.olsh.vic.edu.au' and 'Enrolments for Year 7 2024 close 19 August 2022'.