

FIRST READING

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
15:1-2. 22-29**

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

**A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23**

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING (see overleaf...)

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

21st / 22nd May, 2022



**"Peace I
leave with
you: my
peace I
give you."**

John 14:27

The gospel emphasises the link between love and obedience, and it speaks of the presence of God with the one who loves. It provides us with a partial view of the internal relationships within the Trinity. It also reports Jesus' farewell wish of peace. Self-sacrificing love is the fundamental message of Jesus. Those who love as Jesus did will in turn be loved by his Father. This passage provides us a glimpse of the intimacy between Jesus and his Father. Jesus was sent by his Father and it is to his Father that he will return. Jesus proclaims the word of his Father and his Father sends the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Jesus' words end on a note of assurance. He bequeaths his peace. This is more than a wish, it is a blessing that includes all of the benefits of the resurrection.

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Yr C 21st / 22nd May, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Valentino Puccetti, Stanislav Czech,
Maria Rossi, Willy Kennett,
Adrian Taranto, Mary Halloran,
Patricia Anderson
...and all who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Doris Borg, Dennis Butler, Marco Paoli,
Carmela Del Rossi, Damel Paoli,
Vjekoslav Madarevic, Adam Madarevic,
Eduardo Oropeza, Joe Charters, Don Yates
*....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 KNITTING GROUP will next
meet on Tuesday 24th May at 1pm in
the Church Meeting Room. All are
most welcome.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

Thurs. 26th May at 11am at St Agnes' church
Patricia Anderson (RIP)
Friday 27th May at 11am at OLA church
Maria Rossi (RIP)



**BRING HOPE TO
NEELA AND HER
FAMILY** This week
Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be
part of a life-changing program which aims to
help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies
and young children, and help disadvantaged
families provide food for their loved ones. The
Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the
local Church and community in Emdibir,
Ethiopia. When established, the Centre aims to
provide nutritious goats milk for families in
need, like Neela's, so that babies like Ajani can
be healthy and strong. **Please give generously
today** to help kickstart this life-giving program
**by using the appeal envelope provided or by
giving online at:** catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia
Your gift will also help many other similar
Church-run mission programs around the world.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT
continues this weekend and next weekend.

ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH
The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be
at 12 noon on Thursday, 2 June, 2022 at the
Highett RSL. All are welcome. RSVP by 30th
May to Karen Mitri 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND We extend
our congratulations to Marlowe Olive Bell and
Fraser David Bell who are to be Baptised this
weekend.



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

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 14:23-29**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves
me he will keep my word, and my Father
will love him, and we shall come to him and
make our home with him. Those who do not
love me do not keep my words. And my
word is not my own: it is the word of the one
who sent me. I have said these things to you
while still with you; but the Advocate, the
Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in
my name, will teach you everything and
remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I
bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift
to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or
afraid. You heard me say: I am going away,
and shall return. If you loved me you would
have been glad to know that I am going to
the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I
have told you this now before it happens, so
that when it does happen you may believe.'