

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Kings 19:16. 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ You are my inheritance,
O Lord.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:1. 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since

self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Speak, O Lord,
Your servant is listening;
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 25th / 26th JUNE, 2022



This Sunday's readings focus on the commitment needed to respond to the Lord's call, a reminder that true faith comes from the heart. The Gospel tells of the wholehearted commitment required by Jesus of his followers – not coercion, as suggested by James and John. Jesus makes the three who come forward aware of what following him really means: it is not to be imagined as a part-time or 'easy' option. Jesus does not want his disciples to hesitate. In the First Reading, Elisha responds quickly to being 'anointed' by Elijah. He shows his desire to serve the Lord by leaving his livelihood and home, empty-handedly following Elijah. In the Second Reading, St Paul emphasises the importance of freedom. However, he warns the Galatians, and us too, that this is not an excuse for self-indulgence. The Spirit will guide us so that we love our neighbours as ourselves. Living in freedom encourages us to take total responsibility for our own lives, rather than blame others for any personal difficulties. If, like the Psalmist, we trust and follow the Lord's path of life, it will lead us to eternal joy. Let's pray this week for the grace of freedom in being able to accept unconditionally God's will for us.

Australian Catholics Scripture Reflection

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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 (except Public Holidays)
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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – Yr C
25th / 26th June, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

... all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Julie Caprackas, Phoebe Wilson, John Rigby,
David Mulhall, Noel Huttley, Salwa Dib,
Alfred Ayoub, Mary Ayoub,
Anthonius Tetteroo, Jesse Bird

...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 #59: 23rd June, 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 5th July at 1pm in the
Church Meeting Room. All are most
welcome. The upcoming **Knitting Stall** will be
held at OLA on Sunday 3rd July after the 9am
and 11am Masses.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

There will be a special collection for the
intentions of the Holy Father this weekend.
The Peter's Pence offerings are designated to
support the Holy Father's apostolic and
charitable activities in favour of the
universal Church and the entire world.
Helping the Holy Father exercise his
universal mission, you join with others
across the world in supporting urgent
projects including emergency assistance to
those in need due to natural disasters,
communities impacted by coronavirus,
conflict, oppression and disease. Our
generosity allows the Holy Father to respond
to those suffering with love and compassion.
Each donation, small or large, also has a
powerful symbolic value – it is a concrete
sign of communion with the Holy Father.



In 2018, shortly after the
conclusion of the Royal
Commission into Institutional
Responses to Child Sexual Abuse,
Australia's Catholic Bishops
launched the Plenary Council to address many
crises within the Church, including developing a
comprehensive response to the sexual abuse
crisis, recognising First Nations Catholics in the
life of the Church, responding to social changes
in marriage and family life, sexual orientation
and gender identification and developing an
integral ecology in relation to the earth and all
life. Over the past four years the Council has
been guided by reports and submissions, with
input from over 220,000 Catholics. The Council
met in October 2020 and will meet for the
second and final time in Sydney from 4 – 9 July.
For more information, please visit their website
at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Next Sunday 3rd July,
you're invited to stay and
join fellow parishioners
for a cuppa **after the 9am
& 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting
Room.

OLA FETE - NOVEMBER 2022

**Calling all plant lovers and green
thumbs!**

The plant stall is one of the most successful and
most loved stalls at our fete. This year we need
your help to make sure it is blooming and bigger
than ever.

We are looking for people who can:

- Donate indoor/outdoor plants, indoor/ outdoor
plant pots (can be creative) or source donations
for the stall; or
- Propagate plants that you may have in your
garden/home to donate to the fete. Even if it is
just a few – every little bit helps;

If you can assist please contact Helen Brennan or
Claire Melican, from the Fete Committee either
at 0402 367 067 or via email:

fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2022
WINTER APPEAL 2nd/3rd JULY**

The Cheltenham & Highett St
Vincent de Paul Conferences are requesting
donations of money (cash/credit card) & non-
perishable food, in support of this year's Winter
Appeal. However, if you wish to donate before
30th June and claim a tax deduction, OLA
Conference members are also in the church
foyer today to give receipts for early donations
in cash or credit card. Appeal envelopes will be
available **next weekend, the Appeal weekend**
for donations. Alternatively, you may wish to
donate anytime via the online portal at:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

