

FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
1:2; 2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

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.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in

that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 12:13-21**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 30th / 31st JULY, 2022



Approached by a man who wants him to act as arbiter between himself and his brother, Jesus points out the futility of a life spent in amassing material possessions. In the parable, the rich man is not censured because of his wealth. Nor is he criticised for not attending to the needs of those less fortunate than he. His foolishness is much deeper; it is the attitude of greed that underlies his actions. Such an attitude determines how he values his wealth and what he will do with it. The man's death is not a punishment for his greed. It is simply the end of his life of excess. Jesus draws out the moral of his story: It is foolish to devote one's life to the amassing of goods and to be bereft in what matters to 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 (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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C
30th / 31st July, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Miro Smrdelj, Aureliya Edwards,
Bernie Flood, Maureen Phillips
and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Jorge Chacon, Angeles Esquivel,
Marco Paoli, Samantha Mizzi,
Margaret Kelly, Norma Berg,
Desma Jackson, Paul Flood,
Ruby Holloway, Maureen Noonan,
Dorothy George, Richard Calleja,
Peter Home

*....and all whose anniversaries occur about
this time.*

*...and we keep in our prayers all who are
currently unwell.*

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 #60: 20th July, 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 2nd August at 1pm, in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome.

RCIA – Curious about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you interested in supporting those on their journey of Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an established 'Journey of Faith' that has parishioners accompany discerning adults, i.e. those seeking to become Catholic, on their path to Sacramental initiation into the life of the Church, at Easter. The RCIA gives those preparing for the Sacraments an opportunity to explore many facets of the Christian life. An invitation is extended to anyone seeking Baptism, as well as to those Baptised in another denomination who may desire full communion with the Catholic Church, to get in touch. If you know of someone who'd be interested in taking up this journey, or you'd like to be a part of their accompaniment, or would like any more information, please contact the Parish Office on: 9583 6161



We extend a warm welcome to the Prep students of St Agnes' School and their families who are joining us for the 6pm Mass, this weekend.



UPCOMING FUNERAL (OLA Church)

Wednesday 3rd August at 12.30pm
Miro Smrdelj (RIP)

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:
universals.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass



Next Sunday 7th August, 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

The OLA Fete Committee is seeking expressions of interest from any corporate sponsor for our Fete this November. Do you work for, or know someone who works for an organisation that would like to partner with the parish and school to make this year's fete a success? On offer is digital exposure across Facebook, Instagram and website links, physical billboard presence, and flyers to be displayed in local shop fronts and distributed to local kindergartens and community groups.

If so, please contact Tim on: 0417 886 627.

Alternatively the Committee can be contacted via email:

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HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION

TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS

Saturday 20th August 2022, 10am-4pm.

Ageing offers new possibilities in my life now: spirituality; what is giving my life meaning?; relationships; gratitude; death – mystery; intimacy and delight in God's presence. This popular reflection day is led by Sr Nicole Rotaru RSM.

Cost \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 12th August via: www.heartoflife.melbourne

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