

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Genesis

18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which
makes us God's children, and in that
Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."'

...Gospel reading continued overleaf

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 23rd / 24th JULY, 2022



While still on his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus offers his disciple a model of prayer. God is addressed in the same personal, trusting way that a child has, with utter confidence in its parent. In traditional Jewish manner, the prayer begins with the sanctification of God's holy name and the longing that God's reign would soon break into this world. The disciple is then taught to pray for a sustenance that only God can provide; that each day we may receive what we truly need for our journey. In this teaching, Jesus reveals that the essence of prayer lies in our relationship with God. Our utter neediness makes an irrefusable claim on God. What hinders prayer is a forgetfulness that God is our creator and that all we are, and all we have is gift. In prayer, we acknowledge who we are and who God is for us, and such habits of prayer are the basis for a constant sense of being in relationship 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 (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.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C**
23rd / 24th July, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Barry Morton, Prudence Jackson,
John Doherty, Patricia Brincat,
and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Mario De Gregorio, Arthur Goepfert,
Tom Whitelaw, Adam Katic (1 month),
Cecilio Rivera, Marie Wilson, Sheila Fury,

*...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 #60: 20th July, 2022) are available online
at: melbourne.catholic.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>

We extend a warm welcome to **Fr Robert
McCulloch SSC**, who will celebrate the
11am Mass at OLA this weekend.



**OLSH COLLEGE
BENTLEIGH**

Join us for Open Morning
Tuesday 26 July, 9.15am
Register now at www.olsh.vic.edu.au

Enrolments for Year 7 2024 close 19 August 2022

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

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online unit via zoom
**AGEING PERSONS & PASTORAL
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Six Saturdays: 30th July;
13th & 27th August;
17th September; 8th & 22nd October:
10am – 12pm plus 2pm – 4pm
To enrol or for further information:
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Gospel reading continued...

He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. ‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’