

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the Book of Genesis

18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians** 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I

can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia Alleluia!**

**Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke** 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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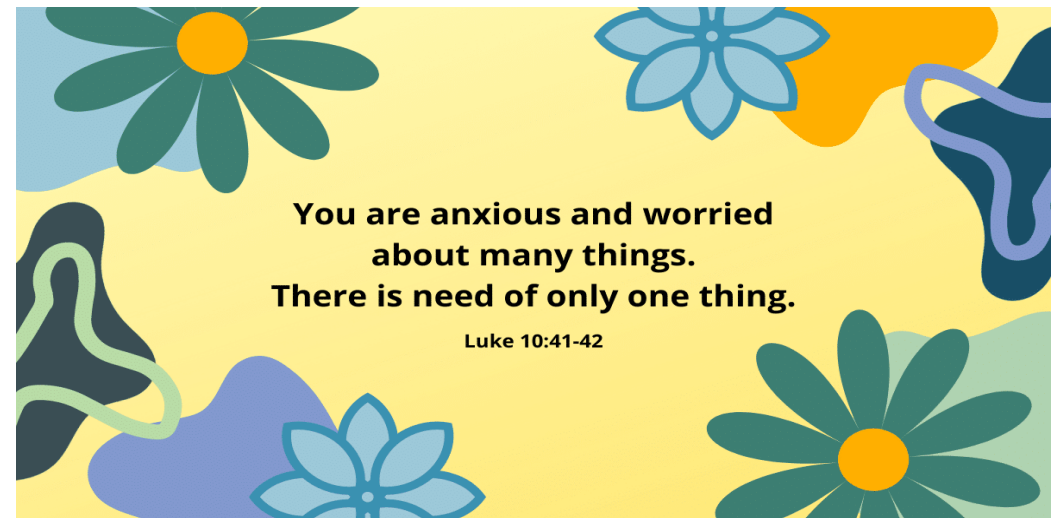
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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022



Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings? First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits. We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** 9583 6161

Monday - Friday 9am – 3.30pm

Secretary: Vino Krishnan

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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.

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME – Yr C**

**16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Darryl Wigney, Josephine Waite,  
Anka Zgela, Andrew Cole, Eric D’Cruze,  
Craig Dickson, Patricia Connelly,

*& all those who have died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Gwen Valent, Josip Mandic

*....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](http://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: 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022) are available online at: [melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines](http://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** would

like to thank everyone who donated wool and supported our stall two weeks ago. We have passed on to St Vincent de Paul, (OLA Conference) the wonderful sum of \$925 for their 2022 Winter Appeal. Our next knitting day will be on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm in Exodus Hall** All are most welcome.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND** We extend our congratulations to: **Portia Mota** and **Dulcie Mota** who are to be Baptised this weekend.



**HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION**

Spiritual Nourishment for Carers, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022, 1pm-4pm, attend via Zoom or in-person. Cost \$30 per session. Enquiries to: Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern  
Email: [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or book and pay online via: [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)



**Join us for Open Morning**  
**Tuesday 26 July, 9.15am**  
Register now at [www.ols.vic.edu.au](http://www.ols.vic.edu.au)

Enrolments for Year 7 2024 close 19 August 2022

**PLEASE NOTE:** During the week 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, the Parish Office will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 12pm. If unattended, please leave a message on 9583 6161.

**FUNERALS THIS COMING WEEK**

**Darryl Wigney:** Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm (OLA)

**Anka Zgela:** Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm (OLA)

**OLA FETE - NOVEMBER 2022**

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

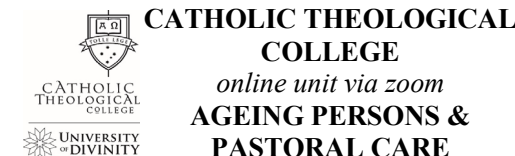
The plant stall is one of the most successful and most loved stalls at our fete. This year we need your help to make sure it is blooming and bigger than ever.

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](mailto:fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au)



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Six Saturdays: 30<sup>th</sup> July;  
13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August;  
17<sup>th</sup> September; 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October:  
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