

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the book of Wisdom

18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
11:1-2. 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of

heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when  
the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.  
(continued overleaf...)

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2022



Today's readings remind us that God has chosen us all as his own. They also highlight the importance of our humble faith and trust in God, who calls us to 'joyfully take courage' in the world. The First Reading recalls the night of the Passover, when the Jewish slaves put their trust in God and escaped the oppression of Pharaoh. The Second Reading meditates on the history of Israel, inviting us to imitate people like Abraham and Sarah as models of faith. Faith is the virtue that enables us to keep watching and waiting for the Lord's presence in the ups and downs of our daily lives. The Psalmist celebrates all peoples: women and men who are chosen by the Lord, and in turn, place their trust and hope in him. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that while the Kingdom of God has, in one sense, already arrived, in another it is still to come: it is both a gift and a challenge to us. It is therefore vital that we are awake to meet the Master whenever he returns, committing our hearts to the unfailing treasures of his kingdom. *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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C  
6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Olga Castelblanco, Ross Rowe, Paul Aviles  
*and all those who have died recently.*

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

John Borg, Andrew Borg, Sr Paola Borg,  
Anthony Borg, Marco Paoli, Eileen Rate,  
Sophia Lang, Sarah Christensen,  
Fr John Carnie, Roy Butler, Jack de Luca,  
Patrick Melia, John Melia

*...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 #60: 20<sup>th</sup> July, 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>



My sincere thanks to the many parishioners who reached out in support, offering their well wishes, as I've endeavoured to rest and recover in isolation over this last week, having tested positive to COVID-19 last Sunday morning. My thanks to Fr Peter Matheson who helped with the liturgies at OLA, with practically no notice. To Fr Laurie McNamara and Fr Bary Tobin who, in my absence, are assisting where they can with liturgies across both parishes. I'm very mindful that a number of people have been or are currently unwell, as a consequence of this insidious virus, and my prayers, as I'm sure your prayers, are with them. Currently a number of our parish volunteers and some members of staff are unwell and isolating. Thank you sincerely to Vino Krishnan in the Parish Office, who has done a sterling job managing all number of parish related matters, including helping to coordinate arrangements for several funerals over this time. My thanks too, to the principals and staff of both parishes' schools, for their support and care. My hope is that I'll be 'back in the saddle' in this week ahead, once I've met all the regulatory requirements. Again thank you for kind thoughts and prayerful support. God bless, Fr Alan

You're invited to hear **Fr Robert McCulloch** speak about his health and education work in Pakistan. His talks give great insight into issues affecting the Catholic / Christian minority population in the country.

Date: Monday 15th August

Venue: St Patrick's Church, Mentone.

Time: 7pm Mass (refreshments will follow Fr Robert's talk at the Parish Centre. This is a function of the Knights of The Southern Cross. Contact John Tetteroo (9583 4628) for bookings.

**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?

If so, please contact Tim on: 0417 886 627 or via email: [fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au)  
The Fete Committee are also collecting bottles of alcohol for their lucky bottle stall.



**UPCOMING FUNERALS (OLA Church)**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 1.00pm

**Ross Rowe (RIP)**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am

**Maureen Phillips (RIP)**

**GOSPEL READING continued...**

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. "The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'