

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Lord, come to my aid!**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake

of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2022



In a rather confronting Gospel passage this week, we hear how Jesus' message of peace will not always find receptive hearts. The increasing hostility to his message that he encounters will come to a climax as he approaches Jerusalem, the city of destiny. This leads him to see himself as a person who provokes prophetic hostility rather than peace. It seems best to understand the 'fire' that Jesus says he has come to bring to the earth as the gift of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist had prophesied that the coming One would baptise 'with the Holy Spirit and fire' (Luke 3:16). And indeed at Pentecost the gathered disciples will receive the Spirit in the visible form of 'tongues as if of fire' (Acts 2:3). But the Spirit cannot be given until Jesus has faced and gone through the destiny that awaits him in Jerusalem.

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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C  
13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

**PRAYING FOR:**

Nan Quirke, Lucian D'Olivera,  
Carmel Burgess, Maurice Coster,  
Margaret Kelleher, Judith Durham

*and all those who have died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Dagmar Puccetti, Anthony Eke,  
Maria Dib, Pina Gori, Nga Sar,  
Lena O'Reilly, Trisha Ceravolo,  
Mariarose Glandeno, Elizabeth Josephino,  
Barry Jones, Mary Joseph Emmanuel,  
Matea David

*....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: 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>



**MASSES FOR THE  
SOLEMNITY OF THE  
ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August  
**Mass (OLA): 9.15am**  
**Mass (St Agnes): 7pm**

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND** We extend  
our congratulations to: **Emiliano Cauchi,**  
**Owen Cummings, Nova Stiles** and **Lachlan  
Mee**, who are to be Baptised this weekend.

† **UPCOMING FUNERALS** †

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 12pm (St Agnes)  
**Nan Quirke (RIP)**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 1pm (OLA)  
**Margaret Kelleher (RIP)**



**OLA KNITTING GROUP** will  
next meet on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at  
1pm, in the Church Meeting Room.  
All are most welcome.

**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:

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

The fete committee are also collecting bottles of  
wine/spirits/non alcoholic for their lucky bottle  
stall this month. Kindly drop off donations at the  
School Office.



**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY  
APPEAL** This weekend is the **CatholicCare  
Victoria Sunday Appeal**. **CatholicCare  
Victoria** works with individuals, families and  
communities to build strength, resilience, and  
empowerment to reach their full potential. Your  
compassionate generosity will help the most  
vulnerable members of our community – those  
facing job loss and homelessness, those  
experiencing mental health issues, families  
struggling with relationship problems, people in  
hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees,  
and those experiencing anxiety, grief and  
trauma.

Please donate to **CatholicCare**. Your support  
and generosity will help the most vulnerable and  
marginalised in our community. You can donate  
via the special collection at Masses this  
weekend, appeal envelopes are available, or  
online at: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)  
or alternatively call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2  
and above are tax deductible. **CatholicCare  
thanks you once again for your ongoing  
generosity.**



**OLA ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

– We are currently seeking  
volunteers to assist with the  
collection and distribution of  
bread to assist families in need. Volunteers  
would need to be available on one Sunday  
evening a month between 5.00-6.30pm for  
the collection of bread from local bakeries. If  
you can assist, please contact Tony French  
on: 0468 453 156

**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)