

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Take my yoke upon you;
Learn from me,
For I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:1. 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



OLA KNITTING GROUP will next meet on Tuesday 30th August at 1pm, in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 27th / 28th AUGUST, 2022

FOR ALL THOSE WHO EXALT THEMSELVES
WILL BE HUMBLLED, AND THOSE WHO
HUMBLE THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED.

LUKE 14:11

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the Gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying. As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C
27th / 28th August, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Dr Angeles Chan, Barry Merton,
Salvatore Di Pietro,

...and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Fr Frank Martin, Frank Flood,
Quilino Jaime Zanolina,
Stan Smith, Dot Wilkie, Harry Hammon,
Antonia Razga, John Razga,

....and all who we remember 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**
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:

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>



**FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES
AT OLA AND ST AGNES'
CHURCHES** We extend our

best wishes and congratulations
to the children, from both our parishes, who
are receiving the Eucharist for the first time
this weekend. May Jesus, our Bread of Life,
nourish and sustain them and us, as together
we gather in thanksgiving at his table. My
sincere gratitude to the staff of our schools,
our catechists and parents for their support.

- Fr Alan



**LAUNCH OF OUR PARISH
RENEWAL PROGRAM** This weekend

is the LAUNCH of our Parish Renewal
Program, and we would love you to be
involved! As we resume a more normal
parish life after the COVID-19 last two
years, the Program is a wonderful
opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a member
of our OLA and St Agnes' communities. Over the next
three weeks we will consider themes central to parish
life. You will hear from speakers at Mass, and you can
follow on our parish websites and through weekly
updates via the school newsletters, email and SMS.
Stephen Littleton from Parish First is coordinating the
Program and will be with us at all Masses this weekend.
Don't forget to pick up a copy of the special Program
brochure before you leave Mass – a copy is also
available on both parishes' websites.

**THOUGHTS FROM OUR PROGRAM
LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

**Q: Why is celebrating our faith as a parish
community important to you?**

"Being together at Mass enriches the experience. It's
amazing how much we treasure this now after
spending so much time apart in the last two years."

"To worship with like-minded people and to be part of a
parish community celebrating the Risen Lord."



Pope Francis

"The Church must be a place of
mercy freely given, where everyone
can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven
and encouraged to live the good life
of the Gospel"

- Evangelii Gaudium §114



FATHERS' DAY APPEAL Next weekend,
this annual appeal supporting the work of the
Priests Retirement Foundation, which cares
for clergy who have retired due to age or
sickness, will take place at all Masses. Fathers'
Day Appeal envelopes will be available next
weekend. Once again we thank you for your
support for our retired and sick priests.

THE SEASON OF CREATION extends from
1st September: the World Day of Prayer for the
Care of Creation, to 4th October: the feast of St
Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This
is a time to renew our relationship with our
creator and all creation through celebration,
conversion and action. For more information on
the Pope's 4 key points for the Season of Creation
head to: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/the-4-key-points-of-the-popes-message-for-the-season-of-creation/>
Care for our Common Home Group

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS
2022-23 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**
– **Respect: Confronting violence and abuse.**

"Our faith communities and organisations are
among those working in a broad range of ways
to support those who experience violence and
abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of
violence. We thank those who are campaigning
for justice, those who are providing immediate
assistance to people who have experienced
violence and abuse, and those who are
promoting change in attitudes and behaviour so
that our whole community can become more
respectful in all our relationships." The Bishops'
full statement can be accessed online here:

socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/

A big thank you to the Parish school parents
for the work they did in enhancing the garden
beds around the Church and office.

It is very much appreciated.

John Tetteroo, Parish Gardening Coordinator.