

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon 9-10. 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we

have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,

And teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 3rd / 4th SEPTEMBER, 2022



The Burning Bush

Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the Voice of creation SEASON OF CREATION 2022

We are now in the **Season of Creation**, from 1st September through to 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. It is a time for the whole Church to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion and action. The symbol of the burning bush that you will see in the Church, and on slides, is the symbol that will take us through this season, recalling God's presence in creation and the great reverence of Moses standing before God on God's holy mountain. From this is taken our theme: "Listen to the voice of creation". We pray, during this season, to be reconciled with God, each other and the earth.

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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C
3rd / 4th September, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Fr Michael Bogusz PE,
Maisie Moloney,
Erlinda Alba, Bishop Koru Tito,
...and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Maureen Stent, Isabell Allars,
Emir Nunes Moreira, Carlos Bianor,

....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>



**PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM
ENGAGEMENT WEEKEND**
Welcome to the Parish Engagement
Weekend of our Renewal Program!

This week celebrates the role of our parishes as welcoming communities of faith - places of care, support and outreach – with a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel. That means we all have a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others. So please be involved in one of our Groups and Ministries – either for the first time or in a continuing role. Your involvement will be personally rewarding and a great contribution to a vibrant parish life. Copies of the Groups and Ministries form will be distributed at all Masses and available on both parishes' websites. This weekend we will hear from committed parishioners, who will share with us the impact of faith and of our parishes in their lives. We thank them for doing so!

**THOUGHTS FROM OUR PROGRAM
LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

Q: Why is it important to be actively engaged in parish Groups & Ministries?

“My faith has given me so much and being actively involved in our parish is my way of giving back”

“To be engaged with active groups within the parish is at the heart of helping other parishioners and the church.”



*“It is not enough to say we are Christians.
We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.”*

– Pope Francis

PARISHIONER FORUM A reminder of the special Parishioner Forums this weekend at OLA – an important part of the Renewal Program. Hosted by Stephen from Parish First, running for just 25 mins, they will commence immediately after each of the two OLA Masses. Please join us and add your voice to the discussion.

† **UPCOMING FUNERAL** †

Friday 9th September at 10.30am (OLA)
Maisie Jean Moloney (RIP)



ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

FATHERS' DAY APPEAL This weekend, at all Masses, we are asking you to support the annual appeal for the **Priests Retirement Foundation**, which cares for clergy who have retired due to age or sickness. Fathers' Day Appeal envelopes are available both on the foyer tables and within the church. Once again we thank you for your support for our sick and retired priests.



Pope Francis invites us to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the **SEASON OF CREATION**. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and joined progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on 1st September and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, “care of our common home”. As a spiritual work, care of our common home calls us to “grateful contemplation of God’s world”. As a corporal work, it calls us to “simple daily gestures” that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

– Care for our Common Home Group

THE BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT (BASP) is currently seeking donations of certain types of food and cleaning products for refugees and asylum seekers in need. There is still a great need to help asylum seekers and refugees, many of whom receive little or no government support. Please take home one of the leaflets available in our churches' foyers for details of items needed. Please leave donations in the box/basket labelled **BASP Food & Cleaning Products** in each church's foyer. For more information, contact Adrian Foley ade.foley@gmail.com or mobile 0497 780 233. Thank you.