

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Amos 6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." "The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 24th / 25th SEPTEMBER, 2022



The Burning Bush

Ex 3:1-12

**Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022**

World Migrant and Refugee Sunday encourages us to ask how we can build a better future together. As with other large goals such as addressing climate change, this can seem overwhelming. The task is enormous and the resources are few. In all worthwhile human enterprises though, small is beautiful and we need to find a patch of rock at which we can chip away and go from there. There are many ways in which we can give to refugees our time, our resources, our voice and our heart. We can take refugees into our heart by supporting them in our own communities and taking practical steps to advocate for issues affecting their lives and futures. Reading their stories, listening to them speak, allowing time to imagine what it must be like to flee fearing for your life and desperate to find food and a night's shelter for your family are some of the ways we can also connect with them. Through using our voice, heart, time and resources – we have the opportunity to advocate for actions we can take now that will help build the future we want: an Australia that welcomes people seeking asylum and treats them with humanity and compassion.

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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C
24th/25th September, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

James White,
...and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Celie McDonald, Sylvie Kimtia,
Frank Kimtia, Jules Balancy, Alix Balancy,
Leogard Balancy, Bill Wilson, Jack Moloney

...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>



THE SEASON OF CREATION.

In today's Gospel, the rich man fails to hear the Cry of the Poor and misses the opportunity to help the poor man Lazarus. On this 4th week of the Season of Creation, we remember that the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth are inextricably linked. When we, the rich nations, abuse Mother Earth and her resources, it is the poor nations who are disproportionately affected and who suffer the most. Let's take some time to slow down every day to feel, experience and connect with the awe and wonder of the natural world. Paying attention to, and caring for, the plants and wildlife that live around us is a form of prayer, a communion with God through the Earth. Let's listen to the voice of creation. May it transform our hearts and minds toward greater love of God, each other, and creation. Let us act in ways that nurture communion through healing and renewing our common home. Together, let us play our part in the protection and restoration of Mother Earth.



OLA KNITTING GROUP will next meet on Tuesday 27th September at 1pm, in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome. The **Knitting Stall** will be held at OLA on Sunday 2nd October after the 9am and 11am Masses. All proceeds will go to the St Vincent De Paul Cheltenham Conference.

THE BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT (BASP) Trivia Night Friday 7th October: 7.30pm – 9.30pm. St Mary's Parish, Hampton is organising another Trivia Night by Zoom to raise funds for asylum seekers and refugees supported by BASP. You can join in the quiz from your own home, or catch up with friends to play together. You can register your own team, or join the 'OLA Cheltenham' team when you register. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$30 per team member. To register, go to cohdig.au/trivia or contact Adrian Foley at ade.foley@gmail.com or mobile 0497 780 233 for more information.

PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM 2022

For those who contribute via envelopes, interim envelopes covering this weekend and next, are available for collection from our respective church foyers. Following the conclusion of the Program, new sets of envelopes for 8th / 9th October onwards, will be available from next weekend.

OLA FETE - NOVEMBER 2022

THE OLA PARISH COMMUNITY FETE IS ONLY TWO MONTHS AWAY!

It's time to start getting excited. Spring has arrived and with just 60 days to go, the OLA Fete is well and truly taking shape.

CAN YOU DONATE?

Donations help to make our fete special and maximise the proceeds of fundraising back to the school and parish community. Any donations to the following stalls will be greatly appreciated:

CHOC-O-BLOCK AND CUPCAKE DECORATING STATION:

We need chocolate blocks (any size or flavour), lollies (for decorating cakes) and wrapped lollies (eg minties, sherbies, starburst etc), Betty Crocker vanilla frosting, cupcake toppings (sprinkles, sour straps, mini marshmallows etc). Please drop your donation into the choc o block box in the school office.

PLANTS

Donations of potted plants for the hugely popular plant stall are always welcomed.

PRESERVES

Can you make jam, preserves, sauces, or oils for the preserves stall? This is always so popular but we'd love a few more contributions. Please contact Kara on 0409 353 957 if you can contribute.

OLA FASHION OP SHOP

Good quality second hand clothes for the OLA Fashion Op Shop. There's inspiration to do a wardrobe clean out over the holidays. Just drop your pre-loved clothes at the school office.