

FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
35:12-14. 16-18**

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the

pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ,
to reconcile the world to himself;
And the Good News of reconciliation
He has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of humankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C - 22nd / 23rd OCTOBER, 2022**



**“For all those who exalt
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LUKE 18:14

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the Psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened. Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

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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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C
22nd / 23rd October, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Mary Geraghty, Leticia Briones,
Noel O'Brien

...and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Dora Barry, Carlos Castelblanco,
Marisol Izquierdo, Carlos Pohl &
Timothy Richards

...and all who we remember 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: 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>

**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

**BUILD
BRIGHTER
FUTURES
FOR FAMILIES
IN EMDIBIR** CATHOLIC MISSION
This week Catholic Mission will share the continued vision of Fr Habte and how, through the Goat Rearing Centre, many other families living in poverty are able to access agricultural training and employment that they would otherwise be unable to. **As shared by Fr Habte, when established, the Centre will not only provide nutritious milk but job creation and agricultural training for farmers and community members.** Please give generously this weekend to help continue this program by using the appeal envelope or going online at catholicmission.org.au/families. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

For those who contribute to our parishes via envelopes, new sets of envelopes for the period 8th/9th October, 2022, through to the weekend of 11th/12th March, 2023, are available for collection from our respective church foyers. Thank you once again for your ongoing practical and financial support for the mission of both our parishes.



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is a “journey” designed for people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to participate in the RCIA with your questions, your insights and your faith story. If you're aware of anyone who may wish to know more about the faith we share, within the Catholic Church, please consider inviting them to take up the ‘journey’ to the Easter Sacraments. For more information, please contact the **Parish Office on 9583 6161.**

OLA FETE – 26th NOVEMBER 2022

CAN YOU DONATE?

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.



OLA KNITTING GROUP will next meet on Tuesday 25th October at 1pm, in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL 'A light into the city' – 125th Anniversary of Consecration 1897-2022. Most Rev. Peter A. Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, warmly invites you to join in the celebration of St Patrick's Anniversary Mass on **Thursday 27th October at 1pm.** For more information on anniversary concerts and celebrations extending from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th October, visit:

www.facebook.com/StPatricksMusicMelbourne