

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Kings

5: 14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
Because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

† UPCOMING FUNERALS (OLA) †

Tuesday 11th October at 10.30am
Norma O'Connor (RIP)

Wednesday 12th October at 1.00pm
Jack Wishart (RIP)

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

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 8th / 9th OCTOBER, 2022



The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the Gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power and the saving grace of God. After healing comes gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday's Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord. Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living.

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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C
8th/9th October, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Jack Wishart, Amparo Arguilles,
James Bennett, Royston Primm,
Brenda Wright, Raymondo Le,

...and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Brian Hodgson, Sophia Melia,
Marjorie Joseph, Paul Gamble, Daniel Paoli,
John Puccetti, Giuseppe L'aquidara,
Emir Nunes Moreira, L.Gloss,
Irena Kowalczyk, Peter Carroll-Held &
Rick Miller

....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>

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND We welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend, **Ashton Orchard, Ethan Orchard, Nina Revere, Harmony Chasca, Bram Hoare and Mia O'Mahony.**



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.



OLA KNITTING GROUP would

like to thank everyone who donated wool and supported our stall last weekend. We have passed on to St Vincent de Paul, (OLA Conference) the wonderful sum of \$615. Our next knitting day will be on Tuesday 11th October at 1pm in the Meeting Room. All are most welcome.



OLSH COLLEGE, BENTLEIGH

Join us for Open Morning on **Tuesday 25 October, at 9.15am.** Limited places for Year 7 2024. Pick up a flyer in the church foyer.

OLA FETE - 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.

PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS
for the repose of the soul of
Most Rev Hilton Forrest Deakin AM DD
Thursday 13 October 2022, 10:30am
St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne