

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
And grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A – 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022



The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the gospel of Matthew. Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

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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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Yr A**  
**26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Slavica Madarevic, Thomas Boulter,  
Jill Murphy, Sr Theophane Forster,  
Perpetua Rozier,

*...and all those who have died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Vjekoslav Madarevic, Adam Madarevic,  
Leonie Cole, Elsie Seymour, Colleen Taylor,  
Winnie Melia, Perce Rate, Marco Paoli,  
Antonia & Antonino Fucile, Emir Nunes  
Moreira, Graciela Alvarez, Jules Balancy,  
Bev Holloway & Kath Devine.

*....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 #61: 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022) are available online at:

[melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines](https://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 2022 to Christ the King 2023 are taken from Year C in the Lectionary cycle**  
[universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass](https://universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass)



**OLA ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**Christmas "Giving Tree"**

This weekend you may have seen our "Giving Tree" as you entered the Church. Although we can provide Food Hampers to needy families in a Covid-safe manner, we will again be adding Retailers' Gift Cards to help families with children purchase toys of their choice. If you wish to help, by gifting a Retail Gift Card, there will be envelopes (rather than stars) to collect, showing the age range & gender of each child. You may return the envelopes into the box labelled 'Christmas Hampers Gift Cards'. Your contribution will be much appreciated.



**ST AGNES'**  
**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**Christmas "Giving Tree"**

Next weekend you will see our "Giving Tree" as you enter St Agnes' church. We are asking for food, (not necessarily Christmas fare), that we can distribute throughout the holiday season. If you wish to contribute a gift card or a monetary donation, that would also be welcome. We are not providing hampers this year, but distributing Woolworths vouchers to our companions we have visited in the last twelve months.

*Thank You!* A sincere thank you to all who have supported and contributed so generously to the OLA Parish Fete. The Fete's success reflects our wonderful community spirit. For those who purchased raffle tickets, the results of the raffle ticket draw will be published in the Bulletin next weekend.

**YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION**  
**ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR 2023**

Register online at [www.ytu.edu.au](http://www.ytu.edu.au) or via phone: 03 9890 3771. 2023 Handbooks are available to pick up at OLA Parish Office.



Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa after the 9am & 11am Masses, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.

**ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER**



Archbishop Comensoli has issued a Pastoral Letter entitled 'Welcome Home' on the lifting of the general dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day obligations. It is available online at:

[https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/15Nov22-Pastoral-Letter\\_Welcome-Home.47.pdf](https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/15Nov22-Pastoral-Letter_Welcome-Home.47.pdf)

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** Come, join us to sing Carols before and during Christmas Eve Mass. We will begin a short weekly practice session at 10am in the Church from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November until Christmas. All are most welcome! For enquiries contact:  
Helen: 0432 866 039 or Tony: 0468 453 156



**MONTH OF NOVEMBER**  
**Remembering Our Dearly Departed**  
**The Cross Of Remembrance**

You are invited to inscribe the names of your dear loved ones who have died. A cross is located near the Altar in each of our churches.

November Offering envelopes are available in our church foyers and at the Remembrance Crosses, for those who would like Masses offered for deceased loved ones.

**ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH**

The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be at 12 noon on Thursday, 1st December at the Highett RSL. All are most welcome. RSVP by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to Karen Mitri on 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350 or via email: [karen.mitri@gmail.com](mailto:karen.mitri@gmail.com)