

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

Mon 26th Dec, 2022 to Sun 1st Jan, 2023

Mon 26th St Stephen, the first martyr
Tue 27th St John, apostle, evangelist
Wed 28th The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Fri 30th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sun 1st Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mon 2nd Jan to Sun 8th Jan, 2023

Sun 8th The Epiphany of the Lord

Mon 9th Jan to Sun 15th Jan, 2023

Mon 9th The Baptism of the Lord
Sun 15th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 16th Jan to Sun 22nd Jan, 2023

Tue 17th St Anthony, abbot
Fri 20th St Fabian, pope, martyr
St Sebastian, martyr
Sat 21st St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Sun 22nd 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 #55: 23rd December 2021) are available online at:

<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>

Dear parishioners of St Agnes' and Our Lady of the Assumption,

Another year nears its end, and we say once again, 'Where has the year gone!' I thank you most sincerely for your continued support, in so many ways, throughout 2022. I think of the many liturgical and pastoral events of the last year and I'm aware of many significant times we've known as individuals and families within our parishes. For some there has been the gift of new life, and others the sorrow that accompanies bereavement. We've prayed for many who were sick, some who are now doing well, others who continue to struggle with the consequences of their illness. Our Parish communities are, in the true sense of the word, communities that share these highs and lows, these joys and sorrows. Thank God we continue to find the courage and the conviction to be the Body of Christ, the Church, the ongoing presence of God's Son, empowered with God's Holy Spirit, in these challenging and engaging times. As you may have heard me say on one or more occasions, 'we are not simply called to be a people in whom Christ is present, rather, we are called to be a people in whom Christ is recognised'.

On behalf of the Parish staff thank you for your many Christmas cards, greetings and gifts. We extend to you and your families, our sincere best wishes for the Season of Christmas. May this Christmas be a happy time, where we can gather to celebrate the significance of the faith we share, and give thanks to our God for all that we've been given in the beauty and sheer splendour of His creation. The Father's goodness to us is at the heart of what we believe, including, His ultimate gift to us His people, His Son Jesus Christ, the one whom we remember, in this Holy Season, as the Babe of Bethlehem, the King of Kings, Wonder Counsellor and Mighty God. May the Star of Wonder continue to guide us to God's perfect light.

And may God continue to bless us, and all with whom we share His wonderful gift of life and love, today and always .
- Fr Alan

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**Weekends of 24th / 25th December, 2022
– 21st / 22nd January, 2023 (inclusive)**

Merry
Christmas
& Happy New Year

Readings for this liturgical year are from Year A

To view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit:
<https://www.universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/>

24th / 25th December, 2022 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Readings - Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14.

31st December 2022 / 1st January, 2023 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Readings - Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21.

7th / 8th January, 2023 – The Epiphany of the Lord
Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.

14th / 15th January, 2023 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34.

21st / 22nd January, 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Is 8:23– 9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23.

PARISH PRIEST: CHELTENHAM / HIGHTT
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9583 6161
Mon -Fri. 9am – 3pm
Parish Secretary: Vino Krishnan
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OUR SCHOOLS:

Our Lady of the Assumption 9584 9488
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St Agnes' Primary School 9532 0344
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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHTT

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

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 the 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.

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RECENTLY DECEASED...

Elric Garcia, Thelma O'Riley,
Roberto Silva, Ian Munro, Jean Savyell,
Jane Childs,

*...and all those who have died recently,
and those whose anniversaries
occur around this time.*

† ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH †

Week beginning: Sun. 25th December, 2022

Patrick Owens, Sr Eugenie Zimaris FMM,
Sr Catherine Donovan, Malcolm Davidson,
Kathleen Hollier, Nerissa Abello, Jim Ryan,
William John O'Reilly, William Joseph
O'Reilly, Barbara Thompson, Philip Dunne,
Manuel Wink, Robin (Bob) Sharpe, Alma
Hardman.

Week beginning: Sun. 1st January, 2023

Sr Margaret Kenny MSS, Moira Kelly,
Annie Smiles, Po Trung Cu, Po Trung Tam,
Nguyen Thi Hoa, Seb Faulkner, Mai
Molloy, John Whitehouse, Margaret
Whitehouse, Basil Kitto, Vincent Oswald,
Dennis Alderton, Bonnie (David) Jackson.

Week beginning: Sun. 8th January, 2023

Cornelio Rovira, Constance Brooks,
Barbara Callaghan, John Salvano, Kathleen
Fowler, Bernie Duffy, Ellen Melia, John
Shanley, Len Rodgers.

Week beginning: Sun. 15th January, 2023

Kevin Andrews, Mick Johnston, Len Mc
Inerney, Annette Clarke, Monica Harris,
Moya Therese Milesi, Maggie Charters,
Ananda Krishnan, Marie Appleby.

Week beginning: Sun. 22nd January, 2023

Robert Prosser, Mary Andrews, Thomas
Smith, Holly Brennan, Lucy Abrami.



Office
Hours

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS / JANUARY PERIOD

Please note: the Parish Office will close
on Friday 23rd December @ 12 noon, and
re-open at 9am on Monday 9th January,
2023. The Office will open with the
limited hours of 9am to 12pm on both
Monday 9th and Monday 16th January.
Regular office hours of 9am – 3pm
resume on Thursday 19th January.
Should you need to get in touch outside
of these hours, please phone the
Presbytery on: 9555 3557.

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE CHANGES

Due to the closure of the Parish Office, and
the observances of Public Holidays on
Monday 26th December and Monday 2nd
January, there will be No Communion
Service on either of these Mondays.

EVANGELISATION SUMMER SCHOOL

Are you looking for an encounter with Jesus?
Start your year on a retreat with the Lord. Join
other young adults between 18-35 years old
for prayer, fellowship, worship, catechesis,
and the sacraments. **January 15-22, 2023** at
Glenmore, VIC. Book before 26 Dec for Early
Bird Rates! Register at ssemelbourne.org.au

RETURNING COMMUNION

PYXES Any parishioners who
have volunteered to take
Communion to the sick in the past,
and still have a parish pyx in their possession,
are asked to please return it to the OLA Parish
Office. Thanks.



YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION

ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Register online at www.ytu.edu.au or via
phone: 03 9890 3771. 2023 Handbooks
are available at OLA Parish Office.



HEART OF LIFE Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation

is now receiving applications for
their 2023 formation programs.
Programs include:

Siloam Program – for the formation of spiritual
directors.

Emmaus Supervision Program – for the
formation of professional supervisors.

Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program – for
the formation of spiritual leaders.

Let the Heart Listen Program – for people
involved in listening to and supporting others in
life's journey.

These programs, among a number of other
programs, can be undertaken full-time in-person,
or part-time in-person or online. For more
information visit: www.heartoflife.melbourne

May we live 2023...

Compassionate of heart,
Clear in word,
Gracious in awareness,
Courageous in thought,
Generous in love,
With Jesus at our side.

(Adapted from John O'Donohue,
Benedictus, p.26)