

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah  
2:3; 3:12-13**

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom  
of heaven is theirs.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians 1:26-31**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
Your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 5:1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for  
what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the  
cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
‘Happy are you when people abuse you  
and persecute you and speak all kinds of  
calumny against you on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will  
be great in heaven.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2023



To follow Jesus means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching. The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation and it is clear that each and every beatitude invites us to turn our standards and our way of life upside down and inside out. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Year A - 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

**PRAYING FOR:**

Joseph Scicluna, Anthony Maccora,  
Jennifer Didulo, Clarito Castillo,  
Elrich Pope, Bried McKeever,  
Lawerence Fernandes, Tom Lillis,

...and all those who have died recently.

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Joe Ingles, Timothy Dodgson, Ree Burgess,  
Pacífico Chan, John Driscoll,  
Maurie Corkill, Mirek Andrysik,  
Conor O'Malley, Dominie Usher,

...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](http://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>



**ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH**

The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be at 12 noon on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, at the Highett RSL. All are most welcome. RSVP by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January to: Karen Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350 or via email: [karen.mitri@gmail.com](mailto:karen.mitri@gmail.com)



Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa after the 9am & 11am Masses, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



**UPCOMING FUNERALS**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10.30am  
(St Agnes' Church)

**Joseph Scicluna (RIP)**  
Funeral Prayers

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 10.30am  
(OLA Church)

**Anthony Maccora (RIP)**  
Funeral Mass



**OLA KNITTING GROUP** will next meet on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm in the Church Meeting Room. All are welcome. We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Barbara Torley for her tireless dedication to the group and its valuable fundraising for St Vincent de Paul. We wish Barbara and Bill all the very best for their upcoming move to Tasmania.



**AUSTRALIAN REFLECTIONS ON SYNOD'S WORKING DOCUMENT PUBLISHED**

You may be interested to read that the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) have published a working document in preparation for two Synod of Bishops assemblies, set for October 2023 and October 2024. More information can be found at the following link: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Australian-reflections-on-Synod-s-working-document-published>



**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](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)



**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS** For all the latest news of what's happening in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, including the announcement that the Archdiocese will be hosting the 'Australian Catholic Youth Festival' in 2024, please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news>

Readings for this liturgical year from Advent 2022 to Christ the King 2023 are taken from Year A in the Lectionary cycle [universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass](http://universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass)