

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus  
15:15-20**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
You have revealed to little ones  
The mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37**

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

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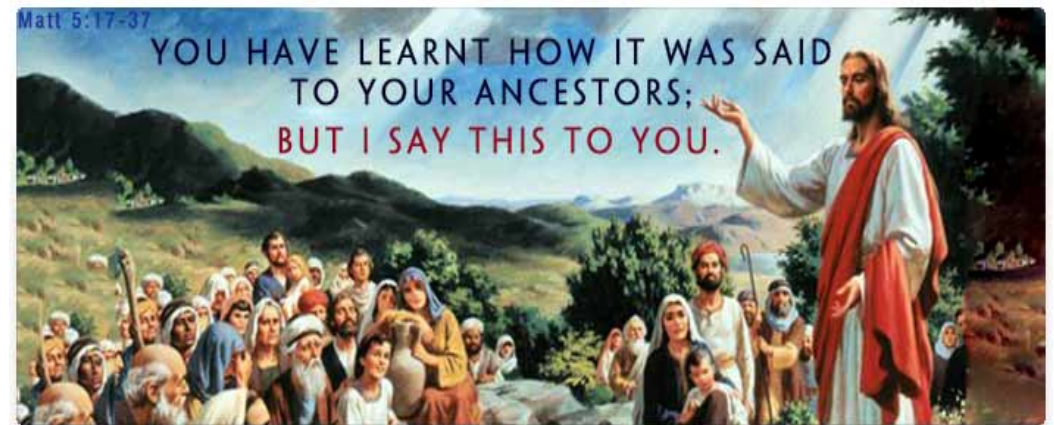
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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023



The readings focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action and directs us in our interpretation of the law. The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary. True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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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
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##### 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.

#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A - 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

#### PRAYING FOR:

Sr Julie Thomas CSB

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

#### WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Lucia Ficarra, Bernard Dwyer,  
Jeanette Wicker, William Wilson,  
Gaby Tanzimat, Brian Bluett

*...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>

**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)



**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND** We welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend, **Chloe Dong, Sophia Zoumbas, Gabriella Constantinou, Anastasia Chalmers and Nathan Leahy.**



**PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023** This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal (previously known as the 'Chaplaincy Appeal'). Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.



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#### CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Please join Catholic Theological College to celebrate 50 years of theological education at the

#### Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer

Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO

Chancellor of University of Divinity

Date: **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023** at 3.30pm

Location: St Patrick's Cathedral

For more information contact:

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**LENTEN PROGRAMME 2023:** Any parishioners interested in participating in this year's Lenten Programme, are asked to please indicate day and time preferences on the sign-up sheets available in our church foyers. For more information contact the parish office on: 9583 6161 or email: [cheltenham@cam.org.au](mailto:cheltenham@cam.org.au).



#### ST BEDE'S COLLEGE MENTONE CAMPUS OPEN DAY On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**2023.** Enrolments are open to all Year 5 students who will be entering Year 7 in 2025. All are welcome to view the College. For bookings visit: [stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://stbedes.catholic.edu.au). Tour bookings are essential.



#### CONGRATULATIONS SR MARGARET

At a recent Regional Festival Mass for St Vincent de Paul, an award was presented to our very own **Sr Margaret Pelly CSB** for her fifty years of service with 'Vinnies'.

Over the years, working alongside other members of St Vincent De Paul, Sr Margaret has served many parish communities in different roles. The visitation of homes in pairs can be very interesting and sometimes confronting. For the past twenty years Sr Margaret has been a member of 'Our Lady of the Assumption Conference', a vital part of the parish's outreach to those in need. During the past fifty years, Sr Margaret has appreciated very much, those who have been a part of her journey and who have inspired her by their generosity and commitment. These people have certainly followed Sr Mary of the Cross Mackillop's motto:

*'See a need and do something about it.'*