

**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO
JERUSALEM
Mt 21:1-11**

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back directly."

'This took place to fulfill the prophesy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your king comes to you: he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, and they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting:

'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face

against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the
Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, To the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

**Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross**

**Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

**THE PASSION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

(Mt 26:14-27:66)

Please refer to handout...

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
YEAR A - 1st / 2nd APRIL, 2023**



**"Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!"**

Matthew 21:9

In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us. We have not been saved through military might, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon? Our Saviour was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. Our Saviour first offered himself for us and continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. The Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples because we know the end of the story!. Jesus' disciples were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, however we know that out of this darkness, light and hope will emerge!

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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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Year A - 1st / 2nd April, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Fr Sam Dimattina PE, Fr John Tollan,
Rick Cacoutas, Giuliano Pertile,
Eugene Sier, Ann Powell,
and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Ken Holloway, Vera Grima, Olivia Capule,
Jacques Buttie, Saverina De Gilio,
Emmanuel Ajomale, Cora Robinson,
Natalie Bonnefin, Femili Turkalj,
Elsie Longmuir, Bruce Longmuir,
...and all who we remember at 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: 12th October, 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>

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



HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTRIES / VOLUNTEERS

There are still a few vacancies for the various liturgical roles in the Holy Week rituals/liturgies, as readers, special ministers, commentators, PowerPoint operators, people to have their foot washed, etc. Please write your name on the Sign-up sheets located in the foyer of the church, if you can assist. Those who have put their name down can consult these sheets to confirm your participation.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Copies of the Holy Week Liturgical Timetable are available on the tables in both our churches' foyers.



This Sunday 2nd April, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses,** in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

For those who contribute to our parishes via envelopes, new boxed sets of envelopes for the year 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

The Knitting Group would like to thank everyone who supported our stall last Sunday. We have passed on to St Vincent de Paul, (OLA Conference) the wonderful sum of \$500. Our next knitting day will be at 1pm this Tuesday 4th April, in the church meeting room. All are most welcome.

RCIA: Please continue to pray for both our Catechumens, **Jessica Cox & Paulette Stutterd,** as they prepare for their formal reception into the Church at the Easter Sacraments.



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

Please consider donating to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL †

Funeral Prayers on
Wednesday 5th April at 12pm
at St Agnes' Church for
Giuliano Pertile (RIP)

ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH

The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be at 12 noon on Thursday, 13th April, at the Highett RSL. All are most welcome. RSVP by Monday 10th April to:
Karen Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350
or via email: karen.mitri@gmail.com

YOU'RE INVITED to OLA School's Grand Opening of its refurbished learning spaces, on Friday 19th May 2023. **Mass at 10am,** followed by a blessing, cutting of the ribbon and morning tea. Please RSVP to office@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au by Monday 1st May 2023.