

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostle

2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Lord, you will show us  
the path of life.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home.

Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love  
when you speak.**

**Alleluia!,**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive.

*(Gospel reading continued overleaf...)*

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A – 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2023



Perhaps the most important part of this week's Gospel reading is the first sentence about two disciples walking to Emmaus. These disciples had been told by Jesus, 'Wait in Jerusalem' and here they are, with their backs to Jerusalem, walking out on him. They've given up. As they later explain to the stranger who walks with them, they 'had hoped' that Jesus would be the great saviour, but things haven't turned out how they wanted.

Jesus explains in this journey that God's plan wasn't the same as the disciples, that in fact their 'had hopes' were unreal. Jesus' way of being the saviour, in some mysterious way included the event of his execution. God's plan went way beyond mere political freedom which his disciples had wanted.

These disciples have all the necessary information. They know of Jesus' death, they have heard about the empty tomb and the declaration that, 'he is alive'. But intellectual information is not the basis of faith. Jesus comes to these two men, unrecognised. He journeys with them and opens up the scriptures in such a way that their vision of God is expanded. In their view, a suffering and dying Messiah was incompatible with God's action. They could not see God in the recent events. Jesus opened their eyes to the possibility that God could be present even in suffering and death. Listening to his words, their hearts burned within them. They shift from intellectual information, to an inner conversion of heart. This change of heart is the basis of faith, and in this new faith perception their eyes were opened to see that the stranger was Jesus.

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MASS TIMES - CHELTENHAM & HIGGETT

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Year A - 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Bruce Oglethorpe, Renee Henry,  
Fr Robert 'Bob' Maguire PE AM RFD,

...and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Rosie Muscat (Malta), Elenora Bukasongo,  
Rosa Melici, John Wilson, Ildefonso Chan,  
Mark Connolly

...and all who we remember at this time.

...and we also 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 #62: 26 November 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 the current 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)

**UPCOMING FUNERAL** The Funeral Mass for **Bruce Oglethorpe (RIP)** will be celebrated at **11am on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**, at **OLA Church**. **Rosary** will be recited prior to the Funeral Mass commencing at **10.30am**.



Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia

**COMMUNITY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP**

The Australian Commonwealth Government has introduced a refugee migration program on a trial basis, where community groups sponsor a refugee family to settle in Australia. Under the scheme, a group of about 10 people in a community agree to sponsor a refugee family and take responsibility for helping the family to settle in the local area, until they find their feet. See: [refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/](http://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/) for more information about the program.

There will be a meeting at **10.15am** next **Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April** in OLA's **Exodus Hall** (note change of venue) to discuss the program in more detail. All are invited and most welcome.

Enquiries: Adrian Foley on: 0497 780 233, or Email: [ade.foley@gmail.com](mailto:ade.foley@gmail.com)



**YOU'RE INVITED** to OLA School's Grand Opening of its refurbished Learning Spaces, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023. **Mass at 10am**, celebrated by **Bishop Anthony Ireland**, Regional Bishop for the Southern Region, followed by a blessing, cutting of the ribbon, and morning tea. Please RSVP via email: [office@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au) by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.



**GOOD FRIDAY - COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES** Thank you for your generous support of the annual Holy Places collection taken up on Good Friday. This year **\$1400** was raised and forwarded onto the Franciscan 'Holy Land Commissariat' for the preservation of sacred sites and churches, in and around the Holy Land.

*Gospel reading continued...*

Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



**KILBREDA COLLEGE PAST PUPILS OF DISTINCTION DINNER**

You are invited to celebrate our Past Pupils of Distinction inductees and nominees for 2021 and 2023. The Dinner will take place on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May** at the **Beumaris Motor Yacht Squadron**, commencing at **6.30pm**. **\$65 per person**, includes a 3-course meal. Please secure your tickets by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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