

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostle

2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was

bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!,**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - 29th / 30th APRIL, 2023



The central idea and series of images used by Jesus in the Gospel is that of the intimate knowledge that should exist between a shepherd and sheep: he knows his sheep, they recognise his voice and willingly follow his call. Jesus contrasts a 'good shepherd' like this with others who come only to steal, harass, and ultimately destroy sheep that do not belong to them. Jesus identifies himself not only with the shepherd but also with the Gate of the sheepfold: 'I am the Gate of the sheepfold.' This adds a fresh dimension. If the sheep are to flourish, they have to come and go through the gate of the fold; if they stay within the fold, they will decline for lack of pasture. If they do not return to the fold but stay out in the hillsides all night, they will be at risk. So daily they have to come and go through the gate, which then becomes their means of access to both protection and growth. By describing himself as 'the Gate of the sheepfold' Jesus is indicating that only through vital and continual interaction with himself will members of the community find life and growth. In this sense he 'has come that they may have life and have it to the full', that is, beyond life as mere existence, to have the 'eternal life' that is a share in the undying life of God.

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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 OF EASTER Year A - 29th / 30th April, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Br John Ryan CFC, Gary Clarke,
Joe Piccolo, Allan Campbell Mills,
Judith Hoogen, Barry Humphries,
Al Taskunas, Cameron Torcasio,

...and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Sylvia Dib, Adele Gori, Lauryn Clark,
Jack McHugh & Lyn McHugh.

...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

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



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/ for more information about the program.

There will be a meeting at **10.15am** next **Sunday, 30th 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



YOU'RE INVITED to OLA School's Grand Opening of its refurbished Learning Spaces, on Friday 19th 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 by Monday 1st May 2023.



Next Sunday 7th May, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



Corpus Christi College & Catholic Theological College GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians.
ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/



OLA KNITTING GROUP will next meet on Tuesday 2nd May at 1pm in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome.



“SYNODALITY: CAN IT WORK IN MELBOURNE?” Fr Peter Matheson will give a talk at the Hampton RSL on Wednesday, 17th May for Spirituality in the Pub. Bookings are essential by Friday 12 May. Meals from 6.00pm, followed by Fr Peter's presentation at 7.30, conversation and conclusion about 9.00pm. Sharing a meal is an important part of the evening. For bookings and enquiries contact Michele michelekennan@presvic.org.au or mobile 0415 956 107, or Catriona devlinc@bigpond.com or mobile 0419 109 830.

OLA / ST AGNES' CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME GROUP

warmly invites you to a **'From the Heart Workshop'** on **Sunday 21st May** from **2pm-3.30pm** in the **OLA Church Meeting Room**. Learn more about the issues that the 2017 *'Uluru Statement from the Heart'* invites all Australians to consider before the Referendum later this year. We hope you will join us for an afternoon of prayer, videos, discussion, and afternoon tea. Enquiries: Adrian Foley on: 0497 780 233, or Email: ade.foley@gmail.com

OLA & ST AGNES' FAMILY BOOKS

Each of our churches have 'Family Books' in their respective foyers, where parishioners and visitors have the opportunity to inscribe the names of those who are recently deceased and/or whose anniversaries of death occur about this time. These books assist in the preparation of our intercessory prayers for each upcoming weekend. As handwriting can be difficult to read, coupled with our obligations to meet privacy laws, always include your name and telephone number as the person requesting the inclusion of a loved one's name in our prayers and bulletin. Thanks.