

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now

the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!,**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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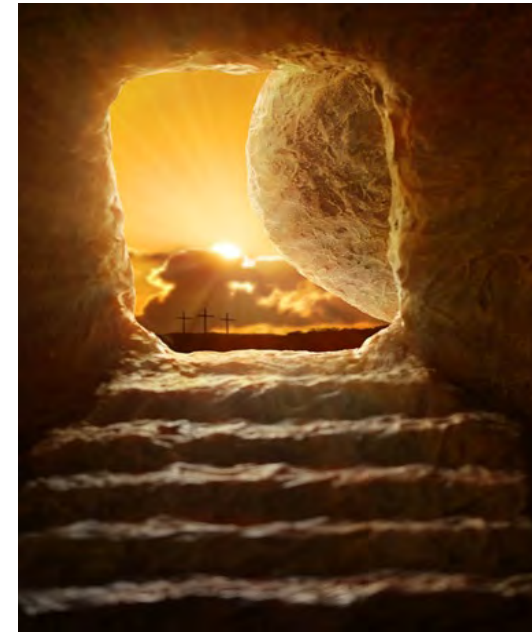
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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD YEAR A – 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2023



John's Easter story is closer to our real experience than many of the other Resurrection stories. Here we have no angels announcing 'He is raised'; no Jesus present to change sadness into joy. Resurrection is more subtle in this Gospel. Mary and Peter miss the signs. They remain locked in grief still carrying the painful burden of Golgotha. It is the disciple named 'beloved' who first experiences resurrection in his openness to believe in God's power to raise Jesus. Easter calls for faith. Those who know the loss and pain of death know too well the hard, long search to find signs of life. We don't experience a sudden glorious moment of life returned. Like the anonymous disciple, we often stay some time within the tomb before finding grace to turn and enter into life. Such grace is found in simple signs of a love that does endure. Perhaps this is why 'the beloved' disciple first reaches Easter faith.

*Mary Coloe PBVM*

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**OUR SCHOOLS:**

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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.

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
Year A - 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Rey Oaks, Jim Cevac,  
Patricia Creamer,

*and all those who have died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Desmond Kealy, Grazia Cincotta,  
Concetta Cincotta, Giuseppe Paimo,  
William Smith, Mesake Ravu,

*...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: 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)

*'May the Light of Christ, rising in  
glory, dispel the darkness  
of our hearts and minds.'*

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Agnes',

In these holy days we have contemplated the love the Lord Jesus offered those around him, the ultimate sacrifice he made in love, and on this Easter Day we celebrate with great joy Christ's rising from the dead. Light has overcome the darkness of our world, and new life has been won for us all. Resurrection faith is more than an affirmation of Jesus' victory over death and of his exaltation and enduring presence. It is a summons to us all to return to the words and deeds of Jesus in the Gospel.

My sincere thanks to the many people that gave of their time and effort to our Holy Week liturgies. We can all appreciate that things don't just happen by themselves. It takes the generosity of a number of people to make possible the richness of our liturgical celebrations.

Ordinarily, I wouldn't single out any individual, however I would like to thank in particular, Maree Holmes, who for many, many years, has contributed her evident artistic talent to the liturgical art, banners and displays in Our Lady's church. Maree will be moving out of the area in coming weeks and we'll certainly miss her inspirational contributions. We wish Maree and her family, every blessing for the future.

My sincere thanks also go to the parish staff, our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, musicians and choir, computer operators, to those who cut down palm branches and helped decorate our churches, to those who assisted with the number of set-ups and clean-ups for our different liturgies, and for all who consistently show such generosity of time and spirit. Thank you so much.

I sincerely wish you, your families and all connected with our parish communities, a very happy and holy Easter.

Fr Alan



**CONGRATULATIONS** We extend our warm congratulations to **Paulette Stutterd, Jessica Cox, Sophie Cox, Lewis Cox and Ruby Cox.** who were all formally received into the Church through the Easter Sacraments. We wish them every blessing for their ongoing development in the life of faith.



**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!** Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **'For All Future Generations'.**



**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH**



The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be at **12 noon on**

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April**, at the **Highett RSL.** All are most welcome.

**Please RSVP by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April to:**  
Karen Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350  
or via email: [karen.mitri@gmail.com](mailto:karen.mitri@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**, followed by a blessing, cutting of the ribbon and morning tea. Please RSVP to [office@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au) by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023.