

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the Second Book of the Kings**  
**4:8-11. 14-16**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Forever I will sing  
the goodness of the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
**6:3-4. 8-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**You are a chosen race, a royal  
priesthood, a holy people.**  
**Praise God who called you out of  
darkness and into his marvellous light.**  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
**10:37-42**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



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

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2023



The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

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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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
Year A - 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Nora Hammon, Josip Buhaneć, Jane Healey,  
Rosa Trantino, Hazel Harold, Casey Levers,  
Gary Liddell, Philip Gurry, Patrick Barry,  
Earl Edwards,

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Neliya Edema, Salvatore Di Pietro,  
Leo Barry, Joseph Rocha, James Brooks,  
Anthonius Tetteroo, Eileen Dillon,  
Robert O'Connor, Nellie Andrews,  
Cynthia Rocha, Mick Sullivan,  
Mavis D'Souza,

....and all whose anniversaries occur about  
this time.

Readings for this liturgical year from Advent  
2022 to Christ the King 2023 are taken from  
Year A in the Lectionary cycle  
Should you wish to view the Scripture  
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical  
Calendar) please visit:  
[universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass](http://universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass)

**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>

 **OLA KNITTING GROUP** The  
Knitting Stall will be held at OLA  
this **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** after the 9am  
and 11am Masses. All Blankets are \$20 with  
proceeds going to SVDP 2023 Winter Appeal.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
VICTORIA AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL  
SERVICES AUSTRALIA** invite you to join  
them in a Webinar Series on the:

*'Indigenous Voice To Parliament – Moments  
for healing this country'.*

Date: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Venue: via Zoom (link will be provided)  
Enquiries: Kate Stilwell: [office@css.org.au](mailto:office@css.org.au)  
Book here: [trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799)

**NAIDOC WEEK** (2-9 July 2023) provides  
an opportunity for all Australians to join in  
celebrating the culture and aspirations and  
hopes of Indigenous and Torres Strait  
Islanders. And to listen to their voice. The  
theme of NAIDOC Week this year reaches  
out to all Australians as we prepare for the  
Referendum on the Voice. It invites us to  
reflect on and respect Our Elders. This is a  
cause that joins First Nations peoples and  
other Australians in a celebration each of our  
own roots and in respect for our own wise  
persons. It draws our attention to the wisdom  
figures who represent the deepest, purest  
streams of our culture and not its gutters.  
They also hold the living truth of our history.  
NAIDOC Week is about more than protest  
and a demand for respect. It is about making  
a more just and decent Australia in which all  
people can be proud of the society that they  
have built, in which justice, equality and a  
fair go are not just words but are expressed  
in the way people are treated. That is a shared  
pride. It is what our Elders want. They  
contributed richly to the Uluru Statement  
from the Heart. We should honour them by  
ensuring that the Referendum is passed.

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

† **UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS** †  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am (OLA)  
**Nora Hammon (RIP)**

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

A total of \$968.15 was raised across both  
parishes for the Peter's Pence collection last  
weekend. Thank you for your generosity and  
support of the Holy Father's universal  
mission.



**HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR  
SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL  
FORMATION**

**TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 10am-4pm.**

Ageing offers new possibilities in my life now:  
spirituality; what is giving my life meaning?;  
relationships; gratitude; death – mystery;  
intimacy and delight in God's presence. This  
popular reflection day is led by Sr Nicole Rotaru  
RSM.

**WINDOWS ONTO GOD**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 10am-3pm.**

The windows explored are incarnation, darkness,  
abundance and self- acceptance. Incarnation,  
seen in the broad sense of God being in the world,  
takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there  
is the experience of darkness, which is also part  
of our human reality. Abundance picks up the  
theme of incarnation. It reminds us that God is  
lavish with her/his gifts and wants us to enjoy  
them. Self-acceptance is linked to these themes  
since it means accepting both the darkness and  
the light in ourselves. An interactive event  
allowing time for reflection and sharing,  
facilitated by Br Tim Lockwood cfc.

Cost \$60 (BYO lunch).

Book via: [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

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