

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9. 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
You have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

## LIVING GOSPEL

### Shoulder my yoke

*Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.*

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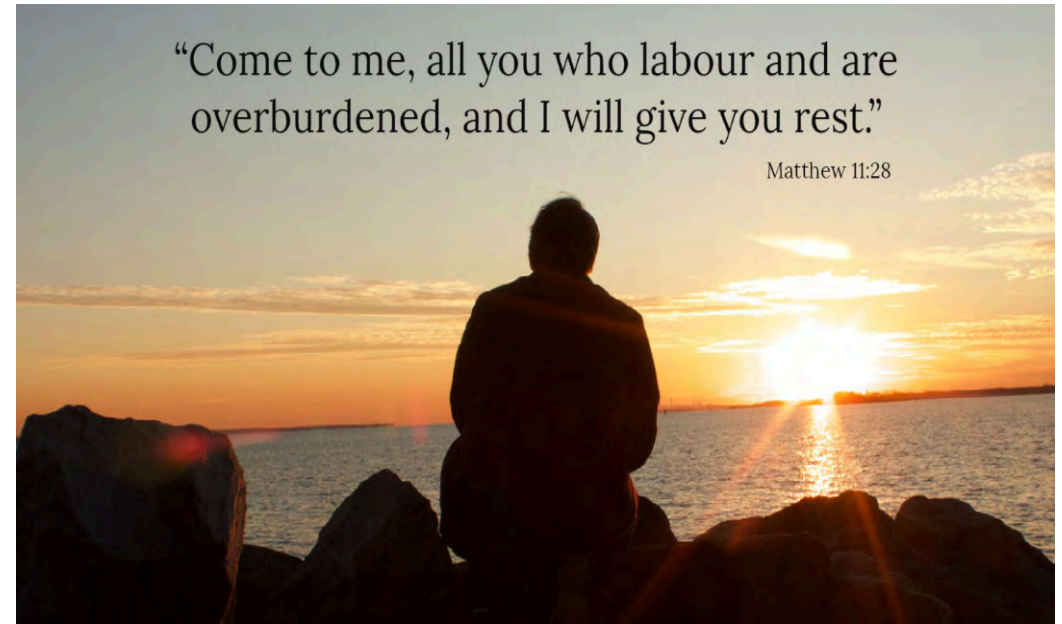
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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023

"Come to me, all you who labour and are  
overburdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



In the gospel reading, Jesus addresses God as Father which reflects the intimate relationship that Jesus shared with God. God is further addressed as Lord of heaven and earth, a title that denotes universal sovereignty. Jesus then appeals to the wisdom tradition saying that the hidden things of God are not revealed to the worldly wise, but to those who are dependent on others and, consequently, receptive. Jesus' invitation is reminiscent of the invitation to submit oneself to Wisdom. He invites his hearers to take on his yoke, to accept the responsibilities that he will lay on them. If they do so, they too will be blessed with the revelation of God.

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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
Year A - 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Damiano Morabito, Thomas Dalglish,  
Joe Exton, Carole Gonzales, Len Donohue,  
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Darryl Wigney, Pat McGannon,  
Francis D'Souza, Gwen Valent, Greg Noone,  
Harold George, Mason Chapman,  
Joe Halloran, Thelma Vallanti,

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

...and we keep in our prayers all who are  
currently unwell.

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 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 \$800. Our next knitting day  
will be at 1pm this Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, in the  
church meeting room. All are most welcome.



Catholic Social Services  
Victoria

**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)



**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND** With  
great joy the Church of God formally  
welcomes: Harvey Murray, Eliza  
Christopher, Maggie Walker, Daire  
Lord and Flynn Lord, whose Baptisms we  
celebrate this weekend.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2023  
WINTER APPEAL** The  
Cheltenham St Vincent de Paul  
Conference would like to sincerely  
thank all parishioners for your generous support of  
this year's Winter Appeal. An exceptional amount  
of around \$11,000 in cash, plus various food items  
were received. In addition, our primary school  
children, their families and staff made substantial  
donations. Not only are our depleted pantry food  
stocks now back to more usual levels, there were  
also dozens of warm beanies, scarves and socks  
that we were able to pass on to our Soup Vans to  
be given to the homeless. Thank you all so much,  
we will take care to use your gifts wisely.

– Rob Hamilton

† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASSES †

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00pm (St Agnes')  
**Rosa Trantino (RIP)**  
Rosary: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am (OLA)  
**Damiano Morabito (RIP)**  
Rosary prior to Mass at 10.30am  
*May they rest in peace.*



**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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