

FIRST READING

**A reading from the first book of the Kings
19:9. 11-13**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the
Romans 9:1-5**

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



**MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY
OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Tuesday the 15th of August
St Agnes: 9am**

Our Lady of the Assumption: 6pm

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 12th / 13th AUGUST, 2023



Life itself is a mountain experience of God and as wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea. A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9583 6161
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OUR SCHOOLS:
Our Lady of the Assumption 9584 9488
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Principal: Mr Lachlan Foott
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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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
12th / 13th August, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

William Ralph, James Monaghan,
Christine Phelan, Rosina Poci, John Cloak,
Merle Sunderland, Jean Samfat, Leila Smith

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

John Borg, Maria Dib, Pina Gori,
Dennis Zalameda, Noreen Carroll,
Lena O'Reilly, Lucian D'Olivera,
Dagmar Puccetti, Joanne Day, Noel Austin,
Ana Frankovic, Barry Jones,

....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

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.

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>

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPTON
REGIONAL COUNCIL – 2023 FESTIVAL
MASS AND GATHERING** This weekend
we welcome representatives of the 16 local St
Vincent de Paul conferences that make up the
Hampton Region, to our Saturday evening
Mass at St Agnes', for the Commissioning and
Re-commissioning of Conference Members,
Associate Members and Volunteers.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASSES †

Wednesday 16th August at 10.30am (OLA)

James Monaghan (RIP)

Thursday 17th August at 12.30pm (St Agnes')

Christine Phelan (RIP)

*May their souls and the souls of all our
faithful departed, rest in peace.*



**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY
APPEAL** This weekend the **CatholicCare
Victoria Sunday Appeal** will take place.
CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals,
families and communities to build strength,
resilience, and empowerment to reach their full
potential. Your compassionate generosity will
help the most vulnerable members of our
community – those facing unemployment and
homelessness, those experiencing mental health
challenges, families struggling with relationship
problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly
arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief
and trauma. Please donate to the CatholicCare
Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion
and generosity will help the most vulnerable
and marginalised in our community. You can
donate using the appeal envelope available
or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au
or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and
above are tax deductible. **CatholicCare
thanks you once again for your ongoing
generosity.**


IMPORTANT PARISH CONSULTATIONS
Archbishop Peter has invited both our parish
communities to participate in a process of
consultation and discernment re. the future
configuration of our region of the
Archdiocese. Two consultation sessions have
been scheduled: **Tuesday 22nd August from
7pm – 9pm in Brigid Hall, OLA, and
Tuesday 5th September from 10am – 12pm
in St Agnes' Hall.** Please consider being a part
of one of these sessions, so that the diverse
needs and hopes of our parishioners can be
heard, and subsequently inform future
decision making, not only at the local level,
but also at the Archdiocesan level. **RSVP via
the following TryBooking.com links:**

22/8 @ OLA - www.trybooking.com/CKPNE

5/9 @ St Agnes - www.trybooking.com/CKPNH

Alternatively, please see the flyer, and utilise
the QR codes relevant to each meeting.

I hope as many parishioners as possible will
participate in this consultation process, so I
strongly encourage you to come along to one
of these sessions. – Fr Alan

 **RCIA** *Are you curious about
the Catholic Faith?*
A JOURNEY IN FAITH *Are you interested in
becoming a Catholic? Are you keen to support
people on their journey of Faith?* Shortly, our
Parish team will be beginning a Journey of Faith
for those in our community interested in
becoming a Catholic. It is a journey of
discernment with a group, and usually reception
next Easter. We are open to all needs! The
'process' is called - The RCIA ~ The Rite of
Christian Initiation for Adults. It is comprised of
those wishing to be baptised as Catholics, those
wanting full communion with the Catholic
Church but baptised in other faiths and those
community members aiming to deepen their
faith. If you are interested please contact Moira
at 9583 4628. We also need members of our
Parish community to be involved, thank you.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

Consultation Sessions

How can we create parish communities that are centred on Jesus Christ and are well resourced spiritually, ministerially and materially? Come and join us for a discussion on the life and future of our Highett and Cheltenham parishes.



Options for Future Configuration

Tuesday 22 August, 7-9pm

for the Highett and Cheltenham parishes

Brigid Hall, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
9 Centre Dandenong Rd
Cheltenham VIC 3192



Please book at
www.trybooking.com/CKPNE
or scan the QR code.

Options for Future Configuration

Tuesday 5 September, 10am-12pm

for Highett and Cheltenham parishes

St Agnes' School Hall
1 Locinda St
Highett VIC 3190



Please book at
www.trybooking.com/CKPNH
or scan the QR code.