

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the book of Daniel

7:9-10.13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord is king,  
the most high over all the earth.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the second Letter of St Peter

1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy

and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
This is my Son, my beloved,  
In whom is all my delight:  
Listen to him.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

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

17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2023



Jesus takes his most trusted disciples up a high mountain to allow them to share in what he knows is about to occur. It is a clear teaching moment in which Jesus hopes his disciples will grasp the truth about him. As the disciples stand by, Jesus is transfigured before them – suddenly bathed in light, his clothes become dazzlingly white. Moses and Elijah are standing and talking with Jesus. Together, they represent the Law and the Prophets. Moses and Elijah both experienced the close presence of God at a time in their lives when they were called to take a difficult path. Both also experienced the comforting presence of God on Sinai. In this scene of the Transfiguration, while in one way presenting Jesus in his divine glory, we also glimpse his genuine humanity, as he pauses to face the consequences of the decision to go up to Jerusalem. We read how he takes time out, calls aside his friends and enters into prayer. When we struggle with our decisions, when we feel afraid and weak, may we too seek and know the comforting presence 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.

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

#### PRAYING FOR:

Fr Des Panton PE, Christine Phelan,  
Brian Titford, Marg Dickson, Elisa Vervi,

... and all those who died recently.

#### WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Paul Aviles, Denis Seymour, Alice McCarthy,  
Justin McCarthy, Peter Home, Roy Butler,  
Sarah Christensen, Sophia Lang,  
Jack de Luca, Eileen Rate, Delza Santos Lapa,

....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.

**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>

**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY  
APPEAL** Next weekend is the  
**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal**.  
CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and  
services to support families, children, young  
people and individuals to help everyone  
reach their full potential. The services  
include counselling and mental health  
services, specialised support for children and  
teens, refugee and asylum seeker help,  
pastoral care in hospitals and prisons,  
support for separating families, social  
housing and homelessness support. Please  
donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday  
Appeal. Your support and generosity will  
help provide caring and compassionate  
support for struggling individuals and  
families in our community. You can donate  
using the appeal envelopes available next  
week or donate online at  
[www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287  
5513. **CatholicCare thanks you once again  
for your ongoing generosity.**



#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL HAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL – 2023 FESTIVAL MASS AND GATHERING

Incorporating the celebration of 70 years of  
St Agnes Highett Conference.

**When:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Where:** St Agnes' Church, Highett



You're invited to join  
fellow parishioners for a  
cuppa **after the 9am &  
11am Masses, this weekend**, in the OLA  
Church Meeting Room.



**OLA KNITTING GROUP** will  
next meet on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at  
1pm** in the Church Meeting Room. All  
are most welcome.

**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 are  
planned. **'SAVE THESE DATES'** – The first  
is scheduled for **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from  
7pm – 9pm in Brigid Hall at OLA**. The  
second will be held at **St Agnes' Hall on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September from 10am – 12pm**.  
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. Further information/  
literature, as well as TryBooking.com links to  
RSVP for each of these sessions, will be  
available from next weekend. 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



*Are you curious about  
the Catholic 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.