

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
You are Peter,  
the rock on which  
I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not  
hold out against it.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



**Next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September,  
'Fathers' Day', 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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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**"I will give  
you the keys  
to the kingdom  
of heaven."**

Matthew 16:19



The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. If Jesus were to pose the question to us today that he posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am?, how would we answer? Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah. Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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
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##### 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.

#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

##### PRAYING FOR:

Caterina Calvo, Maddy Taylor,  
Mary Fitzgerald, Margret Dimech,

*... and all those who died recently.*

##### WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Carmel Sier, Andrew Borg, Joe Muscat,  
Angelo Gauci, Stan Smith, Louisa Rodrigues,  
Mark McLellan, Mollie Taylor,  
Sr Sue Shannon, Antonia Razga,  
Liam Chadwick,

*....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>



#### FIRST EUCHARIST MASS AT ST AGNES' CHURCH

We extend our best wishes and  
congratulations to the following  
children who are receiving the Eucharist for the  
first time this weekend: **Mia Inwood, Harry  
Newington, Mackenzie Duddy, Lachlan  
Dunkley, Luca Pertile, William Lucas,  
Gemma Clark, Isabel Monahan, Isabella  
Timpano-Stratton, Olivia Timpano-Stratton  
and Alfie Clarke.** May Jesus, our Bread of Life,  
nourish and sustain them and us, as together we  
gather in thanksgiving at His table. My sincere  
gratitude to St Agnes' School staff, catechists and  
to all the parents for their support. - Fr Alan

##### CONFIRMATIONS 2023

We also extend our best wishes and  
congratulations to all the children from  
OLA who were Confirmed by Bishop  
Anthony Ireland, on Thursday evening.

##### † UPCOMING FUNERAL †

Funeral Mass  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 11am (St Agnes')  
**Caterina Calvo (RIP)**  
*May her soul and the souls of all our faithful  
departed, rest in peace.*

##### IMPORTANT PARISH CONSULTATION

You're invited to participate in a process of  
consultation and discernment re. the future  
configuration of the Bayside region of the  
Archdiocese. The second of these consultations  
is scheduled for: **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September from  
10am – 12pm in St Agnes' Hall.**

RSVP via the following [TryBooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)  
link: [www.trybooking.com/CKPNH](https://www.trybooking.com/CKPNH)

You're also welcome to email any feedback to  
the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Proclaim  
Office via: [mission@cam.org.au](mailto:mission@cam.org.au)



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

**THE SEASON OF CREATION** extends from  
1<sup>st</sup> September, the World Day of Prayer for the  
Care of Creation, to 4<sup>th</sup> October, the 'Feast of St  
Francis of Assisi'. The 2023 theme takes up the  
cry of the prophets to '*Let Justice and Peace  
Flow*'. At OLA and St Agnes Parishes, we will  
join Christians around the world in renewing our  
relationship with our Creator and all creation  
through celebration, conversion and practical  
actions that we will announce in the coming  
weeks. Let us take up this invitation to reflect on  
the gifts of creation and the mission given us by  
God to care for Our Common Home and respond  
to its needs and crises today.



**FATHERS' DAY APPEAL:** This annual  
appeal supporting the work of the **Priests'  
Retirement Foundation**, which cares for  
priests who have retired due to age or  
infirmity, will take place at all Masses next  
weekend. Fathers' Day Appeal envelopes will  
be made available. You also have the option  
of donating online via PayPal at:

[www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation)

Once again we sincerely thank you for your  
support for our sick and retired priests.

**CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY  
APPEAL** CatholicCare Victoria is deeply  
grateful for the support of our parishes  
during the Sunday Appeal. We raised a total  
of \$1719.10 across both parishes. **Thank  
you from CatholicCare Victoria.**