

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**  
**33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
**13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**God was in Christ,**  
**to reconcile the world to himself;**  
**and the Good News of reconciliation**  
**he has entrusted to us.**  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
**18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

## Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Cheltenham

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR A - 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023**

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**A Mighty River**  
**Amos 5: 24**

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

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Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

*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.

#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

##### PRAYING FOR:

Laura Borg Cardona, Marjorie Hammond,  
Margaret Benham,

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

##### WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Isabell Allars, Harry Lambert,  
Diane Smiles, Jim Sullivan, Ivan Herft,  
Wilhelmeana Herft, Russel Cramer,  
Hilda Zammit,

*....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>

**FATHERS' DAY APPEAL:** A total of  
\$3,611.80 was raised across both parishes last  
weekend. Once again we thank you sincerely  
for your support for our sick and retired  
priests.

##### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We extend our best wishes and  
congratulations to all the children from  
St Agnes' Confirmed by Bishop Anthony  
Ireland, this weekend.

##### PARISH CONSULTATIONS

Any parishioners wishing to provide feed-  
back to the Archdiocese of Melbourne's  
Proclaim Office, following the recent Parish  
Consultation Sessions on the reconfigur-  
ation of the Bayside region, are welcome to  
do so by emailing:

[mission@cam.org.au](mailto:mission@cam.org.au)

For those who requested email addresses for  
Archbishop Peter Comensoli and for Fr Joe  
Caddy, the Vicar General, their email  
addresses are as follows:

[archbishop@cam.org.au](mailto:archbishop@cam.org.au)

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##### BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT (BASP)

For the weekends of  
16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September, we  
are seeking donations of certain types of food and  
cleaning products for refugees and asylum  
seekers. There is still a great need to help asylum  
seekers and refugees, many of whom receive  
little or no government support. Please take home  
one of the leaflets in the foyer of the church for  
details of which items are in demand and leave  
donations in the box/basket labelled **BASP Food  
& Cleaning Products** in the Church Foyer. For  
more information, please contact Adrian Foley at  
[ade.foley@gmail.com](mailto:ade.foley@gmail.com) or on mobile 0497 780 233.  
Thank you.



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**THE SEASON OF CREATION** Let us  
continue the Season of Creation in a spirit of  
celebration, conversion and practical action. As  
Sr Joan Chittister OSB says, "the function of  
work is to complete the creation begun by God  
but meant to be completed by us". We all have a  
part to play in the mighty river of justice and  
peace. If you missed *Ningaloo Nyngulu*, an  
excellent three-part series on Cape Range and  
Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia led by author  
Tim Winton, or want to watch it again, it is  
available on ABC iview. It combines a wonderful  
celebration of the natural world with awareness  
of its fragility.

##### THE REFERENDUM ON THE VOICE AND INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION

Regarding the upcoming referendum on the  
Voice and Indigenous Recognition in the  
Australian Constitution, you may wish to  
read the document: *'Listen, Learn, Love: A  
new engagement with Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait Islander People'* launched  
recently on Social Justice Sunday by the  
Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference  
which offers some points for reflection.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/08/22/social-justice-statement-2023-24/>

##### HEART OF LIFE WAITING AT THE WELL

**4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm  
(in person event)**

offers an opportunity for those waiting to have  
their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to  
explore the depths of wisdom in their own  
heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter  
with another, and to dwell in the Heart of  
Contemplation. For more information, please  
email: [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne)