

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, ‘You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. ‘If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. ‘If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only

throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them
and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 28th / 29th OCTOBER, 2023



Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved. We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them and so we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour. Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
28th / 29th October, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Carmelo La Rocca, Leo Healey,
Roger Dillon, Cath Mackintosh,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Mario De Gregorio, Michael Piccolo,
Piotr Völkel, Maria Wielgus,
Beverley Smith, Amelia Smith,
Irena Kowalczyk,

....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>



CATHOLIC MISSION: A
huge **THANK YOU** for
your generous support for
last weekend's Catholic
Mission Appeal. Your gifts are helping those
working in the Church's mission to provide
life-saving treatments, offer access to
resources on health and well-being, as well as
offer access to education and training
programmes.

† **UPCOMING FUNERALS** †

Funeral Mass
Tuesday 31st October at 10.00am (OLA)
Ted Donovan (RIP)

Funeral Prayers
Thursday 2nd November at 12pm (St Agnes)
Carmelo La Rocca (RIP)

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



CATHOLIC
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**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE Online Information
Session for 2024 Study Options**
When: Monday 30th October, 2023
Time: 7.30pm (AEDT)

Register online via our website:
ctc.edu.au/information-session



**Next Sunday 5th
November,** you're
invited to stay and join
fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 9am
& 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting
Room.



OLA KNITTING GROUP will
next meet on Tuesday 31st
November at 1pm, in the Church
Meeting Room. All are most
welcome.

**BAYSIDE AREA PARISHES – NEW
CONFIGURATION** Archbishop Comensoli
has written 'To the priests and parishioners of
the greater Bayside area', detailing the
reconfiguration of the parishes in our area. This
letter, with a map, can be downloaded here:

olacheltenham.org.au/news/

There are also a few printed copies available in
each of our church's foyers.

MASS FOR ALL SAINTS DAY
OLA Church Wednesday 1st Nov. at 9.15 am

MASS FOR ALL SOULS DAY
OLA Church Thursday 2nd Nov. at 9.15 am



MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Remembering Our Dearly Departed
The Cross of Remembrance

You are invited to inscribe the names of your dear
loved ones who have died. A cross is located near
the Altar in each of our churches.

November Offering envelopes are available in
our church foyers and at the Remembrance
Crosses, for those who would like Masses offered
for deceased loved ones.

**GROWING VITAL PARISHES: Vision,
Leadership and Collaboration: A regional
gathering with Ron Huntley.** Based in
Canada, Ron Huntley works internationally
with Church leaders to achieve fruitful parish
missionary renewal. When: **Thursday 23rd
November 2023**, from **7–9pm** at **St Peter's
Church, 844 Centre Rd, East Bentleigh.**
Though ticketed, this gathering is free to attend.



Bookings are essential as
numbers are limited: Go to the
following Trybooking link:
www.trybooking.com/CMUOP or
scan the QR Code.