

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

45:1. 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



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SYNOD THAT CAN CHANGE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (October 4th – 29th at the Vatican). To learn more about this momentous initiative of our universal Church, and how we learn to listen and walk together, download the document: "[Pope Francis Opens the Synod that can Change the Catholic Church](#)". The document is available on OLA's and St Agnes' websites.

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 21st / 22nd OCTOBER, 2023

"Master, we
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Matthew 22:16



God cares about and cares for all people and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world and we are all called on to praise God. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility. Today's readings suggest that it is service of others that helps to break down the walls of prejudice. Social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st / 22nd October, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Denis Foley, Ted Donovan, Peter Ladds,
Peter Seymour, Leodegario Tan,
Edmond Galea, Neil Waters,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Neliya Edema, Sylvester Rigby,
June Rigby, Betty Duke, Tony Grima,
Mary Malek, Patricia Carter,
Margaret Lohan, Mary Lohan,
Greta O'Donnell, Timothy Richards,

*....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: Hearts on Fire, FEET ON THE MOVE

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program – The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. **The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for many in need. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.** Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope or going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL †

Funeral Mass
Friday 27th October at 11am (OLA)

Denis Foley (RIP)

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

2024 OLA FETE CHAIR OR CO-CHAIRS Biannually we look forward to our famous fun filled OLA Fete. We have tentatively booked the **2024 Fete** on **Saturday 23rd November**. To ensure this special event can take place, we are calling on (a) member/s of our community to lead the Fete Committee for 2024. In the 2022 Fete two people co-chaired this great event and shared the workload. This can be a fun way of raising thousands of dollars for our OLA community. Our last Fete raised enough money to purchase the furniture in the new Library. We will need to confirm that we have a lead person or team of leaders by Friday 27th October. You're welcome to speak with me in person or via email. Thanks, Richard Jacques.
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BAYSIDE AREA PARISHES – NEW CONFIGURATION In both church foyers you'll find copies of Archbishop Peter Comensoli's Letter 'To the priests and parishioners of the greater Bayside area', with an attached map detailing the reconfiguration of the parishes in our area. This document can also be downloaded from our parishes' websites. The letter is available on OLA's news page:

olacheltenham.org.au/news/

The decision has been the fruit of much discernment and consultation with our parish communities and myself as your Parish Priest. I am grateful to all of you who contributed to this process and I am pleased we now have some clarity about our shared future.

Following a number of discussions with Archbishop Peter, I am ready to support his decision, and am looking forward to working with both our communities to bring it to fruition. More information about the next steps will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. – Fr Alan



HOW WOMEN CAN FIND A PLACE IN TODAY'S CHURCH

There will be a talk at the Hampton RSL on **Wednesday, 25th October** for Spirituality in the Pub by **Eleanor Flynn & Agnes Dodds**. Bookings are essential by Monday 23rd October. Meals from 6.00pm, followed by the presentation at 7.30pm, conversation and conclusion about 9.00pm. Sharing a meal is an important part of the evening. For bookings and enquiries contact Sr Michele Kennan PBVM: michelekennan@presvic.org.au or mobile 0415 956 107, or Catriona: devlinc@bigpond.com or mobile 0419 109 830.



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