

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw

and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

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 John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

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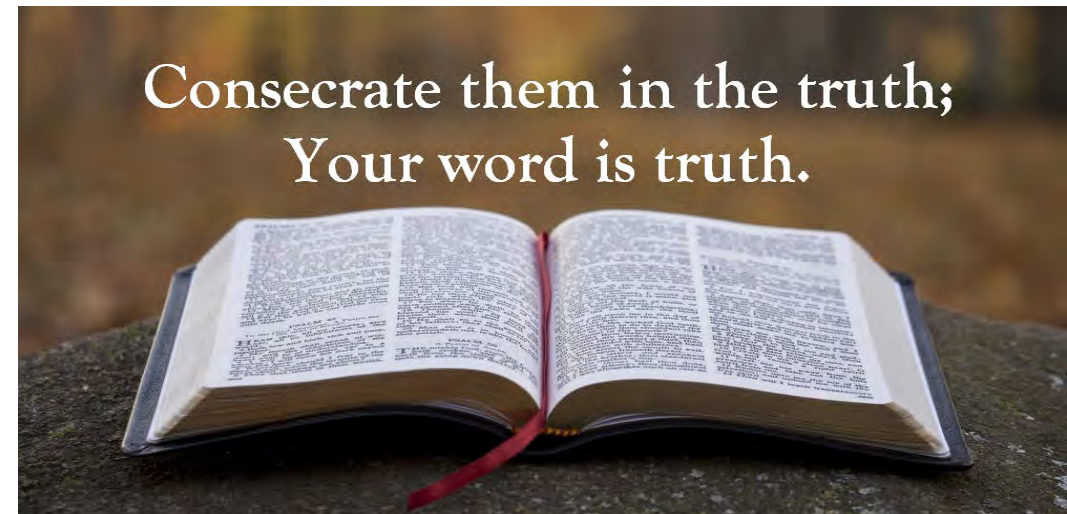
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B - 4th/5th MAY, 2024



This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. Several important themes appear in this prayer. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity and that it is through Christ that we are united with one another and with God Our Father. Reading this prayer of Jesus during the Easter Season, through the lens of his Resurrection, we know that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of sin and death in our world. In the opening line of this prayer, we hear Jesus pray that his disciples will be kept in the name that he was given by God. We know that salvation is given to us in the name of Jesus, and that his name—"God saves"—announces his mission on our behalf.

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B - 4th/5th May, 2024

PRAYING FOR:

Baby Arabella Grace Gouel,
Peter Kopczynski, David Robinson,
Greg Smith,
...and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Kathleen Corbett, Celia Moran,
Lorelle Walker, Elizebeth Mampallil,
Jason Pantins, Gladys Walters,
Harry Lambert,

....and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

...additionally we keep in our prayers all who are currently unwell.

Readings for this liturgical year from Advent 2023 to Christ the King 2024 are taken from

Year B 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>

CHELTENHAM-HIGHETT DISCERNMENT SESSIONS

Thank you to all those parishioners who participated in one or both of the Discernment Sessions to discuss and plan for the forthcoming formal amalgamation of Highett & Cheltenham parishes. Documents referred to in these sessions can be accessed on the OLA website News Page:

<https://olacheltenham.org.au/2024/04/19/discernment-sessions-phase-2-documents/>

If you are interested in accessing the detailed **'Implementation Plan'** for the **'Reconfiguration of the Bayside Parishes'**, it can be downloaded directly from the following link: bit.ly/47JiBHR

OLA FETE - NOVEMBER 2024 DONATIONS / SPONSORSHIPS

OLA school fete is on Saturday 23rd November, and the fete committee are busy preparing for what we hope will be an amazing event. We are currently seeking donations and sponsorships to make our fete a huge success. We ask you or anyone you know who runs a business and would like to donate, or sponsor, the OLA Fete to please contact either Antonella or Liz via email:

biv_js@hotmail.com

liz.grace.dawson@gmail.com

In exchange for donations, we will provide your business with exposure via social media accounts and in the school newsletter. Let's all work together for our beautiful parish school to make this year's fete at OLA another successful one.



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

FYI: THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN MASS COUNT commences this weekend and will be conducted each weekend, across both our parishes, throughout the month of May.

OLA & ST AGNES' FAMILY BOOKS

Each of our churches have 'Family Books' in their respective foyers, where parishioners and visitors have the opportunity to inscribe the names of recently deceased family members or friends and/or their anniversaries of death. These books assist in the preparation of our Prayers of Intercession for the approaching weekend. As handwriting can be difficult to read, coupled with our obligations to meet privacy laws, **ALWAYS** include your Name and Telephone Number, as the person requesting the inclusion of a loved one's name in our prayers and bulletin. We appreciate your cooperation.



CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

This weekend is the **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal**. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelopes available or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call: (03) 9287 5513. **CatholicCare thanks you once again for your ongoing generosity.**