

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

3:13-15. 17-19

Peter said to the people: ‘You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. ‘Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

2: 1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, ‘I know him’, and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love
when you speak.
Alleluia!,

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you!’ In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.’ And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, ‘This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.’ He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.’

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B - 13th / 14th APRIL, 2024



Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread. In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGGETT
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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B - 13th / 14th April, 2024

PRAYING FOR:

Mira Bogicevic, Frances Russo,
...and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Desmond Kealy, Donnette D'Rozario,
Ildefonso Chan, Joseph Pereira, Cam Mills,
Myrtle Black, Daniel Paoli,
Jean Claude de Robillard,

....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 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, Higgett** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHiggett>

CHELTENHAM-HIGGETT DISCERNMENT SESSIONS

The dates, times and venues, for the upcoming Discernment Sessions to discuss and plan for the forthcoming formal amalgamation of Higgett & Cheltenham parishes, are as follows:

Session 1: 7–8.30pm on Thurs. 18th April at St Agnes' Hall – 1 Locinda St, Higgett

Session 2: 7–8.30pm on Thurs. 2nd May at Brigid Hall – OLA, 9 Centre Dandenong Rd Cheltenham

The invitation is open to all parishioners of OLA and St Agnes', including the staff of both our parish schools, as well as all school families.

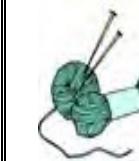
*** Please see enclosed flyer for RSVP details and the TryBooking.com link and QR code.

The detailed '**Implementation Plan**' for the '**Reconfiguration of the Bayside Parishes**', can be downloaded directly from the following link: bit.ly/47JiBhr



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND With great joy the Church of God welcomes those to be Baptised this weekend:

Otis Brown, Violet Brown,
Leo Barrett, Tilly Barrett,
Billy Hellier and Max Hellier.



OLA KNITTING GROUP will next meet on Tuesday 16th April at 1pm, in the Church Meeting Room. All are welcome. *In the rhythm of the needles, there is music for the soul.*



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2024 Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

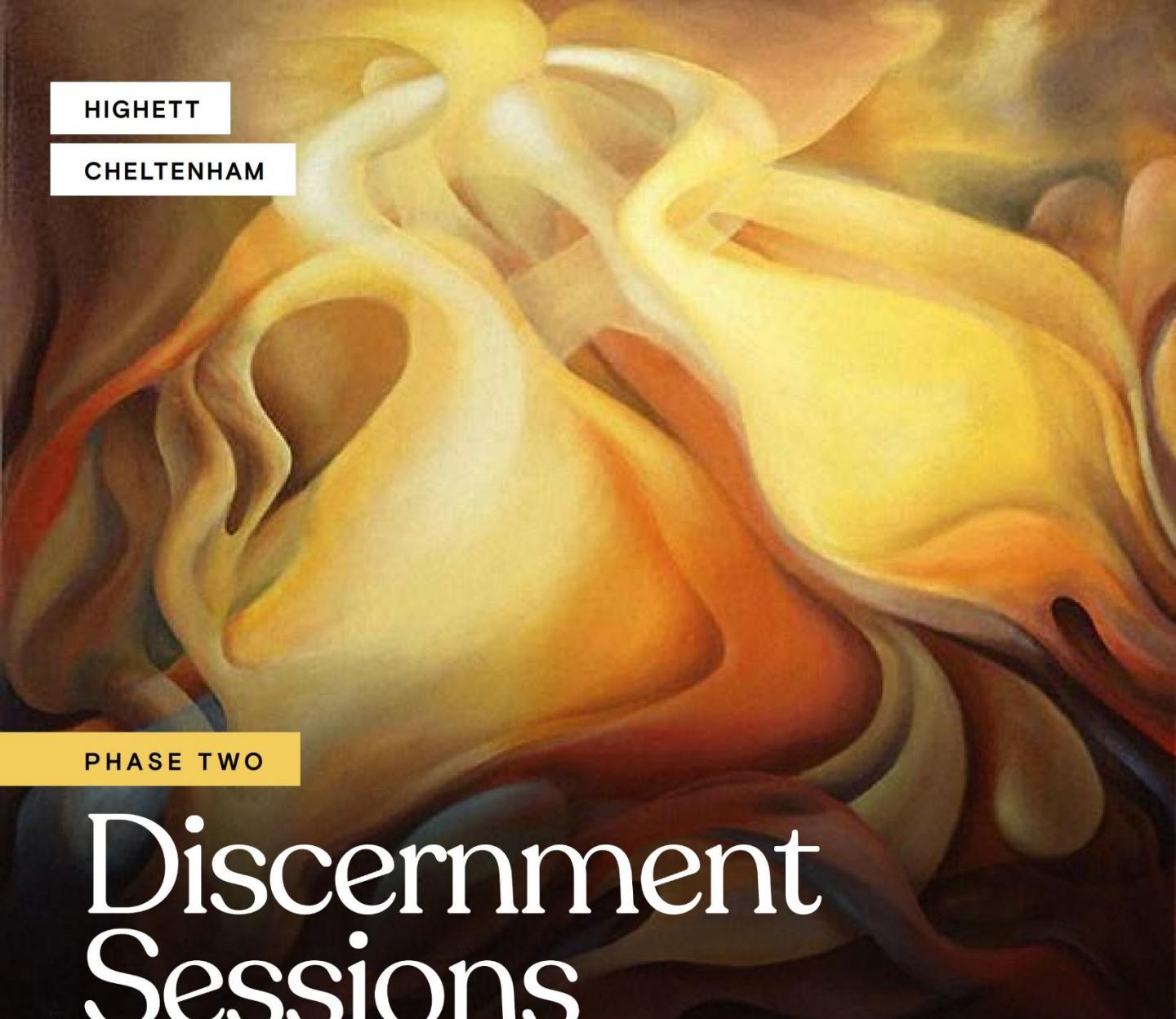


UPCOMING FUNERAL

Funeral Mass
Thursday 18th April at 11.00am (OLA)
Frances Russo (RIP)

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

PRAYER RETREAT ON THE SPIRIT OF VATICAN II The first lecture and retreat is next **Saturday 20th April at Resurrection Parish, 402 Corrigan Rd, Keysborough** in the Little Chapel from **11am-12.30pm** - BYO Lunch from 12.30pm-1.15pm. **Lecture on the HOW and WHY of Vatican II by Fr Max Vodola from 1.15pm - 3pm** Bookings are essential by Thursday 18th April. T: 9701 5899 (Resurrection) or T: 7064 3999 (St Anthony's) or email: keysborough@resurrectionparish.org.au



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PHASE TWO

Discernment Sessions

SESSION 1 Community Aspirations
Thursday 18 April
7-8.30pm
St Agnes Hall
1 Locinda St
Highett

SESSION 2 Community Values & Behaviours
Thursday 2 May
7-8.30pm
Brigid Hall - OLA
9 Centre Dandenong Rd
Cheltenham

How can we create a new community where everyone living in the existing parishes can feel they belong? Come and join us to discern the missionary vision of our new community.



Please RSVP at
trybooking.com/CQYIM
or scan this QR code



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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY FORMING PARISH COMMUNITY