

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ God mounts his throne
to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all. Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always,
until the end of the world.
Alleluia!**

(Gospel reading overleaf...)

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GOD BLESS Mothers

Mother's Day Prayer

Almighty God, you compare your love of all people with the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on our mothers, give them joy in all they do for us their children, and comfort them in moments of difficulty or sorrow. Listen to their prayers and bless them in all their endeavours. May they share everlasting happiness in your kingdom. We ask this grace and blessing through Christ our Lord. Amen

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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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Myrtle McKenzie, Bruce Garvin,
Benison Lu,
...and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Marie Grainger, Eduardo Oropeza,
Michael McGannon, Domenico Testa,
Eulogio Lucas, Vladimir Gazdik,
Ross McIlroy, Stephen Coulson,
Glenn Smith, Denzil D'Souza, Hilary Palman,
Tom Kelly, Billie McKenzie,

*....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

Further to the recent Discernment Sessions
where the forthcoming formal amalgamation of
Highett & Cheltenham Parishes was discussed,
the **Report on Phase 2 of the Parish
Amalgamation and Renewal Process** has
been prepared. This report and other documents
referred to in the sessions can be accessed via
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 **'Reconfig-
uration of the Bayside Parishes'**, it can be
downloaded here: bit.ly/47JIBHr

OLA FETE - NOVEMBER 2024 DONATIONS / SPONSORSHIPS

OLA school fete is on Saturday 23rd
November, and 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_is@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.

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

FR ROB McCULLOCH, a Columban priest,
will provide an update on Catholic projects in
Pakistan. He'll celebrate Mass at St Patrick's
Church, Mentone, on Monday 1st June at 7pm.
Supper to follow in the Community Centre and
an opportunity to meet Fr Rob. RSVP John
Beruldsen on M: 0429 693 030 or Email:
johnberuldsen@gmail.com for catering purposes.

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark 16:15-20**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to
them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the
Good News to all creation. He who believes and
is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will
be condemned. These are the signs that will be
associated with believers: in my name they will
cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues;
they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be
unharmd should they drink deadly poison; they
will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'
And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to
them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right
hand of God he took his place, while they, going
out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with
them and confirming the word by the signs that
accompanied it.

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** CatholicCare Victoria is deeply
grateful for the support of our parishes during
the Sunday Appeal. We raised a total of
\$2,557.20 across both parishes. Thank you
from CatholicCare Victoria.